

Commercial Township
Special Meeting
December 18, 2023, 5:00 pm

Mayor Vizzard called the meeting to order. This meeting has been advertised two times, once in the SJ Times and once in the Daily Journal. And is in full compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

In Attendance:

Mike Vizzard, Mayor
Joseph Klaudi, Committeeman
Ronald Sutton
Heather Miller, Clerk

Mayor Vizzard announced this is a meeting with Ronald Sutton to discuss the Re-organization meeting, 2024 appointments, designation of department heads and any other organizational concerns going into 2024.

Final appointment approvals will be memorialized at the Re-organization meeting on January 3, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

Ron Sutton stated that Senator Mike Testa would be swearing him in at the Re-org. meeting. He wanted to have this meeting to discuss the re-organization meeting and had some suggestions for the new year.

Attendees discussed department heads for 2024. After several disagreements, ultimately the following was agreed upon.

Mike Vizzard: Finance, CFO, Construction, Housing/Zoning, Code Enforcement, and Recreation.

Joseph Klaudi: Clerks office, Public Works, Building & Grounds.

Ron Sutton: Tax Collection, Tax Assessor, Animal Control, and Emergency Management.

Ron Sutton made the following suggestions going into the new year.

1. Construction and inspections to go to the state. Would be a savings to the township.

Mayor Vizzard did not agree. It would be a disservice to the residents.

2. Would like to increase code enforcement presence. Suggest talking with the Judge for stricture penalties.

Mayor Vizzard and Joe Klaudi did not feel that the courts were the problem. It's non-compliance by the residents in violation.

3. The Tax Assessor is doing a poor job. Wants to see the sand barges taxed. Suggested amending the master plan to incorporate the barging to be taxed.

Mayor Vizzard isn't sure how that would work. Could be looked at.

4. Doesn't agree with the way the renovations were designed and the structure of the office's layout.

Mayor Vizzard disagreed.

5. Suggested that the township meeting times be changed to 5:30.

Joe Klaudi said he would not be able to make it earlier than 6.

6. Suggested the departments be limited to spending at a \$500 cap and anything over that to require department head approval.

Mayor Vizzard and Joe Klaudi didn't really see that there was a problem, but it could be considered.

Ron Sutton asked Mayor Vizzard if he wanted to remain Mayor. He said that he would and suggested that Joe take Deputy Mayor. Joe agreed and said he was fine with that.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Miller, Township Clerk