

Minutes of the Agenda Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on March 16, 2015 at 6:00 P.M., at the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ

Those present:

Judson Moore	Mayor
Fletcher Jamison	Committeeman
Ronald L. Sutton Sr.	Committeeman
Thomas Seeley	Solicitor
Hannah E. Nichols	Township Clerk
Edward Dennis	Engineer
Clint Miller	Public Works Supervisor
Heather Sparks	Deputy Clerk

Mayor Moore presided and called the meeting to order with the announcement that the meeting had been advertised, that it was being electronically recorded and that meeting was being held in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act. Mayor stated this is our agenda, workshop meeting where we review various items and decide what will be placed on the regular township committee meeting. He stated we also have a public portion and anyone wanting to speak regarding any items we discussed or any issues you might have will be allowed to bring them to the committee.

Mayor stated we do not have any state police here this evening, I'll call on Ed Dennis our Engineer for this report.

Mr. Dennis said the township will be accepting bids for the second phase of Laurel Lake Drainage tomorrow, the 14<sup>th</sup> and hopefully we'll get a good price on that and we'll be able to award a contract on Thursday night and pass a resolution. Mr. Dennis said project is to start in April and hopefully will be completed by Fourth of July. He said the next three projects on the list and the first one on the second page have all been closed out and Pam and I have been going back and forth with paperwork and I hope to have everything sent in by the time we have our next meeting and then we can get them off of our report. He said the DEP Shore Protection Program at the Bivalve Station we have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning with one of the manufacturers of one of the products we'll be using down there, so we'll meet with them before our bid opening, so I'll be down there at 10:00 a.m. and that's another project that we want to have our in the spring and get that built before the summer and the last capital project on the list is Raymond Drive, the drainage work has been completed out there and the road has been staked out so they are getting ready to pave. Mr. Dennis said he called the contractor because there is a section of Raymond Drive between Spring Garden and Keron that is holding some water and I want him to check the grade to see if we can correct it with the new paving or do we have to put in another inlet while we're out there, so that might be an extra that we might have to consider, I'll have more information before the meeting. He said the balance is miscellaneous items, the Unimin land donation was approved by the land use board and at this time I do not have any updates on the final items on the list, these are items that we are waiting on the committee to make determinations as to when you want to proceed.

Mayor said he has correspondence from the USDA that they have the engineer's packet and that they will go over everything.

Mr. Dennis said two things, number one we do have a kick off meeting tomorrow for the feasibility study for Port Norris the USDA grant and the other item you reminded me of is the report on the basketball court. He said if you look at the way they priced it they did an option one, which is the public works department preps the site and they come in and paved it, that's \$11,400. Number two is an option that they will do everything, prep it, grade it, pave it and that is basically doubling the price. He told the committee, look at your budget and decide how you want him to handle that. If it is something that you want to do then make your decision and we can get a change order on the agenda for Thursday night.

Mayor Moore said he has a picture of water laying on Raymond.

Mr. Dennis said it's the area that I just talked about, I called the contractor to take a look at it and see if additional paving will correct it so the water runs around the corner or if an additional inlet is necessary.

Mayor Moore said he wants to list the solicitor's report under the engineers.

Mr. Seeley said at this time we have litigation on a Bayshore Housing Grant and the bank is saying that a Subordination Resolution was adopted. He said so far he has not found where a subordination agreement was filed, he said there was a resolution that was adopted but I have not found an agreement approving same so we'll file a response and see where this will take us in getting \$11,300 back. Mr. Seeley said Liverpool Homes had filed six state tax appeals but through negotiations he feels a lot of money was saved for the township in legal fees and that the in lieu of taxation agreement with the help of Harry Renwick of Renwick Associates will benefit the township in the long run, total taxes \$17,000 that will be paid quarterly. Mr. Seeley said we have done several land donations and this requires investigation, title searches and a lot of correspondence where people don't sign the documents and then it has to be sent back, these are time consuming and some can be costly. He said some gifts can end up costing the township a lot of money if it has been a gas station in the past and might have an underground fuel tank that current owner was not aware of so that's why we do an investigative search on each property that is proposed to us. He said the property that Wells Fargo is turning over to us is in good shape, and I feel the township will be able to put it in your land sale and sell it for a profit.

Mayor Moore said he saw a voucher from Dominion title and he wondered why the title searches varied in cost.

Mr. Seeley stated that it depends on what is found during the title search. A 40X100 property is owned by one person but left to three children, and one of them has been paying the taxes and doesn't want to do it anymore. The other children have to sign off before that property can be turned over to the township and if they died, their children have to sign off, it can get involved. He said the committee might want to reconsider the accepting of property and just let the owner quit paying the taxes and the township foreclose, or township might want to make property owner foot the bill for legal expenses and filing of new deed. Mr. Seeley said we just got final judgement on our In Rem which means that we can add these properties to our land sale which certainly benefits the township by getting tax free properties back on the tax rolls. He said a cell tower company wants to do a phone proposal with the committee at their agenda meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. He asked if the committee would want to have a phone presentation at one of their regularly scheduled meetings.

Mayor and committee told Mr. Seeley to inquire as to what a California company is proposing for our tower in New Jersey and get back to them prior to next agenda meeting. Mayor Moore thanked Mr. Seeley and said we have several letters of correspondence.

Mayor Moore said we have received written notification from the state tax court that the six state tax appeals of Liverpool Homes have been dismissed.

Response: Mayor said to put on the regular meeting agenda he said Mr. Seeley did a very good explanation during his report.

Mayor Moore said Bay Day will be held on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and the Bayshore Center is looking for volunteers, individuals can contact Chase Jackson 856-785-2060 Ext. 108.

Response: Committee said to put on the agenda of the regular meeting, hopefully some people might be interested in applying.

Mayor Moore said Tax Collector Leslie Kraus gave committee report for 2014, total Tax collections \$6,399,330.79 with a 93% tax collection rate.

Response: Mayor said tax collector did an excellent job, but take report off of the agenda.

Mr. Kim Curtin has inquired about purchasing Block 198, Lot 4 or a five acre portion in order to install solar panels for the elementary school.

Response: Committee said there was not enough information furnished with the request and they would contact the school, but to remove it from the agenda. Mayor asked Engineer, Mr. Dennis if he wanted to check and see if there might be a joint thing that could go on by contacting Mr. Curtin, or the school.

Mayor said maybe there's a possibility that it is a project that could be beneficial to both us and the school.

Mr. Dennis said a lot of times the township doesn't sell the property but will have an inter-local agreement between the school and the township and do some type of sharing of the benefits or what they could do is put out power purchasing agreement RFP and you'll have solar companies come in and they will all bid a rate and whoever has the lowest rate will offer it to the school. There will be an agreement between the township and the school, the township would allow the developer to put, you will not transfer ownership of the land, the panels on the property, he'll sell power to the school and the township would have to benefit somehow financially based on the savings.

Committeeman Sutton said we want to look at this for the township hall.

Mr. Dennis said some areas do it township wide, the more involved the better rate you get.

Mayor asked Mr. Dennis if he had contacted the company that had contacted the mayor.

Mr. Dennis said he had and the man was supposed to get back to him with information.

Committee received a memo from JIF regarding outside organizations that want to use our township facilities for recreational purposes. JIF recommends that township consider purchasing safety net policy for sport organizations not covered under township liability policy.

Response: Committee suggested that Mints Insurance be contacted and see what the cost of such a policy would cost. Committee felt that since we allow outside organizations to use our ballfields and facilities that this would be a good investment. A motion was made and seconded to authorize clerk to look into the matter and to authorize \$250. for premium.

Mayor Moore said we received a letter from DEP stating that there are grants available to local governments and non-profit organizations to apply for funding under New Jersey Recreational Trails Program.

Response: Committee will forward information to other organizations, remove from agenda.

Mayor Moore said township received notification that individuals are being fined \$100 for not filing their financial disclosure statements for 2014. Some are members of land use board and some are fire commissioners.

Mayor and committee said to put on the agenda of regular meeting and to stress the importance of the individuals filing, he said it is difficult to get people to volunteer and serve on the various boards and this is going to make it even more difficult.

Mayor Moore said we have several items for discussion, first one being changing banking institutions. Mayor said right now we are paying approximately \$8,000 in banking fees and currier services and that he has contacted other banks and feels the township should look into making a change.

Committeeman Jamison and Committeeman Sutton said we have been through this before, this involves a lot of work, each department has their own accounts, escrow accounts, checkbooks, do you know how much work is involved with this.

Committeeman Sutton stated he has talked with Pam, CFO, and until she can meet with our current banking institution and see what they might do, and then get PDF's from others, let's just wait and see, let's wait and see what Pam says.

Mayor Moore said item 2. Dominion Title Searches, Mr. Seeley explained the various charges during his report.

Response: Remove

Mayor Moore said on the Basketball Court relocation has Mr. Dennis gotten a price.

Mr. Dennis said the contractor did an inspection and for the township to do the preparation of the site the cost to blacktop would be \$11,400. If the contractor did the whole project the cost would be approximately double \$22,800.

Mayor asked Committeeman Jamison if the road department could do the preparation of the site.

Committeeman Jamison asked Clint Miller, Public Works Supervisor what kind of schedule he has and if he was going to have the time, men and equipment.

Mr. Miller stated he could.

Response: Mayor said put on the agenda to approve \$11,400 for regular meeting.

Mayor said with the decrease in DOT grant funding, the township is going to have to start thinking about a capital improvement plan and start putting money in the budget for road improvements. He said he has received some complaints regarding Ferry Road, he said the whole road would cost ten to fifteen thousand but he would like to take \$5,000 and get the road started. He said he knows Clint has had complaints.

Committeeman Sutton said he feels that the committee needs to do an onsite inspection of the roads and see where we stand, Olive Road has a two foot hole, some of the roads were paved twenty years ago and they are falling apart. Mr. Sutton said this part of Ferry Road is like a private drive-way, it is not used by anyone except the people that have houses that run off of it and last year we talked about vacating it and giving half and half to the people that live back there. What do we need it for.

Committeeman Jamison said this is something we need to talk about in executive session. He said on township taking on road projects, you're talking twice the work, twice the people, more equipment and is our road department capable.

Mayor Moore said he will take Ron's suggestions back to people that live off of Ferry Road.

Response: Schedule onsite inspection of roads and come up with a plan so we can fix some of the problems. At this time we will put the Ferry Road paving on hold.

Mayor Moore said on item 5, I'm meeting tomorrow with the Sheriff's Department at 9:00 A.M. and if both of the committee would like to attend, they can. He said something came up at the crime watch meeting, I attended this week, and last year I had a discussion with the sheriff in regards to maybe we could contract with the sheriff or the City of Millville Police Department for some type of dedicated patrol, maybe four hours a day, this does happen in other towns, so I'm to setup this meeting and I will bring you back some information but I'm telling you that there's a serious crime issue particularly in the Laurel Lake area and a lot of breaking and entering, thefts, so maybe we should look at some type patrolling up there.

Committeeman Sutton said we do have a crime problem, everybody has a crime problem and that is what we have to focus on but if we do it in a local with the sheriff's department or with Millville Police, all we're going to get is what we are getting now and the troopers are really doing it heavy and that is getting the people harassed because they are getting stopped every time they are leaving to go somewhere. We don't want to add to that, state troopers are doing a good job, I watch them every day and at least three times a day they have someone pulled over there, we don't need to harassed our residents any more of that. We need crime protection, we need for them to go out and look for crimes, drugs, breaking and entering, we don't need them to stop vehicles and harass the good people that are on their way to work or home. Now I'm saying that is what they are going to do, I'm not saying that is what you want them to do.

Mayor Moore said and that is exactly what I intend to express to them tomorrow, I plan on meeting with them, I don't know if an inter-local will be feasible, I think we need to be more proactive and aggressive with this and see what we can do. Yes there will be a cost to our budget and I don't know how much but we've got to do something.

Committeeman Sutton said if it is strictly stopping vehicles then I'm totally against it, we need it where they are out there looking for people committing crimes, breaking and entering, selling drugs, people can't leave their houses to go to work without someone breaking into their homes.

Response: Mayor Moore will meet with sheriff's department at 9:00 a.m., on March 17<sup>th</sup> and express Committeeman Sutton's comments.

Mayor Moore said union contract.

Mr. Clint Miller, Shop Steward said the final copy of the union contract will be here on Thursday and you can sign it after you approve it at the meeting.

Respond: Mayor and Committee adopting Resolution to approve and sign union contract at regular meeting.

Mayor Moore said on the solar panels at the school, we have covered that with engineer.

Respond: Edward Dennis, Engineer, will contact Mr. Curtin regarding solar at the school.

Mayor Moore said we have items for the regular meeting and they are as follows:

VI. ORDINANCES: For March 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting

Introduction of Salary Scale ordinance of 2015

Introduction of Yard Sign Ordinances

VII. RESOLUTIONS: For March 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting

1. Introduction of 2015 Municipal Budget, Zero Tax Increase for 2015
2. List of Uncollectible Taxes
3. Authorizing Correction Of An Added Assessment & Taxes Block 31, Lot 8580
4. Change Order #1, Capri Construction-Credit \$371.18
5. Change Order #2, Capri Construction-Charge \$607.40
6. Change Order #3, Capri Construction-Charge \$8158.73
7. Approving Coin Toss Schedule for 2015 Laurel Lake Volunteer Fire & Rescue
8. Land Use Board Appointments: Debra Karp, Member, Christina Cannon, Alternate
9. Fred Hundt, Emergency Management Coordinator (3 Year Appointment)
10. Change Order #2, Asphalt Paving, Raymond Drive \$11,400
11. Adopting JIF Transitional Duty Policy

12. Awarding Contract For Laurel Lake Drainage Phase II Project
13. Listing of All Union & Non-Union Employees 2015 Salary
14. Separation From Downe Township From Joint Municipal Court
15. Awarding Contract To Engineers in Amount of \$2500 For Official Map
16. Authorizing Housing/Zoning Officer Place Lien on Block 211, Lot 1, Non-Compliance
17. Authorizing Housing/Zoning Officer To Place Lien on Block 241, Lot 11, Cleanup

Mayor Moore said Mr. Deans third request we will hold until an onsite inspection can be done be.

Mayor asked for reports of officials.

Committeeman Jamison said the road department did another fine job during the winter months and right now they are jumping on repairing the potholes that are out there. He said they have responded to several issues that have come up and in the clerk's office, I talk to Hannah and she has everything under control.

Committeeman Sutton said he would like a full report on the cat issue, according to the newspapers we're against, then we're for it, and I want to make it clear, Fletcher and I are not against getting a grant to help fix the cats, we cannot make Jud or anyone do a grant, we are not against Jud doing a grant but we can't make him or anyone for that matter apply for grants. But again I saw it in the newspaper again that we are against it and I want to make it perfectly clear that, that information is totally false.

Mayor Moore said if the guys would like to join him that he will be meeting with the sheriff and hopefully with the deputy sheriff, because he is the mayor of Millville and I can also talk with him. He said we have a meeting on our Small Cities Grant at 11:00 a.m. and we will be with Nick Graviano, NJ Future Search Grant at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the sewer grant and some of the things that we have to settle for that, this is paperwork. Also mayor said he will speak with Patricia Belmont, Tax Administrator, regarding our rate of 124% market value, we're the highest on our assessments in the county and I want to know what is the formula for our residents to pay the county tax because of what I'm hearing the county is going up another seven points, they went up four points last year, now it is seven and they are saying it is because of the lost ratables in the county. So if you guys want to go with more me, it will be tomorrow morning. He said we are trying to bring our website into reality. Mayor said he will be meeting with Atlantic City Electric to discuss LED street lights, some towns have gone to this, it is a capital cost up front, it pays out over a five year period but it is a lot better than the light bulbs that we have right now. We pay \$60,000 per year for street lights, so I'm just gathering information and I will bring it back to you but if you want to meet me the meeting is 1:30 p.m., on Thursday and then at 3:00 P.M., Senator Van Drew invited us down to Dennis Township to meet with state representatives of DEP to talk about funding for the mouth of the Maurice River, and try and get this started, this is also opened to other township's in the area. He said at 1:30 he will be meeting with Congressman Frank LoBiondo to talk about funding for the mouth of the Maurice River along with several representatives of Maurice River Township, this is a joint program about going to the Army Corp of Engineers for the big dollars which we're thinking that it is going to be around fifty million dollars to fix this mess down there but I'm telling you we're in some sad shape with the mouth of the Maurice River, it is bad and then on the 24<sup>th</sup> I plan to go to a freeholders meeting to discuss Open Space changes and believe it or not they are open to the idea that it not just be for farmland but include recreation and historic building to the open space tax and that could generate some money for us.

Mayor Moore asked for motion to open meeting to public.

Christina Cannon asked about the solar lights and that this would be a ten year payback issue and also she said on route 55 they use solar power to light the billboards.

Carol Hickman, Daffodil Road, Laurel Lake, I have Non-profit Carol's Cats. I'm here on behalf of my non-profit, but also who would I talk to about having another rabies clinic in Laurel Lake because of the bad weather that we had it was a rather small turnout.

Committeeman Sutton said you won't be able to get a second clinic here but there are several and there will be one at the Cumberland County Fair Grounds, and last year I went there and waited in line for two and half hours, it was so over crowded. He said the state had a problem with their serum and told the township's to cancel their clinics but the county of bought the serum for the clinics, he said they are going to charge Vineland Residents \$10.00 in they attend any of the county clinics because Vineland won't let anyone outside of Vineland to get rabies shots at their clinic.

Mrs. Hickman said she had an issue where the same people that have a problem with the Bamboo has a problem with cats in the area, sitting in trees climbing in and out of windows, I've been there a couple of times to offer the people information regarding the spaying and neutering but they will not answer the door. I haven't seen that many cats around and the neighbors have called animal control and they came. I want to touch base with you on this, on February 14<sup>th</sup> you were on Jack Hummels radio show regarding the cat issue and you said we don't have 20,000 cats, strays running loose in the township, you said there were 44 cats surrendered to the SPCA, 158 that went through animal control, there were four calls come into the clerk's office and you have a budget set aside of \$34,000, for animal control and problems and two hundred registered in the clerk's office. According State Department of Health, which are involved with a lot of problems with animal control, there are over seven million cats, feral and free roaming cats in the United States alone, one male and one female cats and their off springs over seven years produce 420,000 cats, that's six thousand cats a year. If you have seven cats over seven years produce over two million nine hundred and forty thousand cats. So I don't know how anyone and say that there isn't a cat problem in this township and the only way to end this is spaying and neutering and not by shooting them because that is against the law and the guy that said he was your friend needs to be dealt with because what he is doing is against the law. It is also against the law for people to dump the cats in the game reserve which consists of 4500 acres, the motorsport track has cats coming from the game reserve and cats are coming into Commercial from the game reserve and the only way to curb the cats is through TNR, trap neuter and release. This is a long time solution and are you going to help us with the grant.

Mayor Moore said I want to say thank you for your passion for cats and Debra and Christine are cat ladies and Kathy and I think you're doing a great service to try to help this township and I applaud you for your efforts. As far as my saying on the radio that there's not a cat problem I still stand by that but there are areas that have cat problems, the Mike Panzino said he has cats, I have them across from my house, Fletcher's had them but if there were 20,000 cats running around in this township we'd have to call the national guard and have them do something because I've calculated that would be ten cat's for every household. If they were at the magnitude that you state I would think that the committee and I would have many calls regarding the cats and we have very few. He said as far as the grant goes, I said I worked on it last year, I got intouch with Petsmart and there was some numbers that they needed from us, tax ID numbers but it was some other governmental number and I believe at the time Heather helped and then we got the numbers and then we had the ordinance and things fell apart and it didn't go the way we wanted it to, we had meetings with Mr. Seeley, we worked hard on the ordinance and then when we did the ordinance it didn't satisfy everyone so it was not adopted and that's the way it is. At the November and December meeting I get on the internet and try to get information from petsmart and then I find out that you can't even do anything with it until January 15<sup>th</sup> and then in that time things come out in the Ben column, or on facebook and this came out, that said in a phone call two days later after that was mentioned in the times that Sutton called the reporter and said the plan called for more running of the program than getting paid for and that's what we were against and Hickman said that Moore believed that it was her and not Sutton who called the paper, this was in Ben's column the other day. When something like that comes out and people see this and they think there's Jud Moore and he's writing this grant and he's going to get the money, nothing was ever talked about money, the

grant is for the veterinarian to get paid, it was done by the township because it would be a township grant it would not be given to you, it would not be given to no one else and the way I figures the way it would go was we would set up an account with several vets and there's an organization in Cape May that does spaying and neutering and we would have an account with them and you would go in and fill out and make it legit that it was someone from our township and the vet would send us the bill and we would pay it and that's how I thought the grant was going to be run, no administrator, no paid position and I don't get paid for doing the grants and if I did it would go through a private business of mine and I'd have to abstain from things and go out for bid, and everything would have to be laid out and I try to stay away from that because of the clouds of someone saying something so when this came out I said you know what, and then supposedly you called me a liar, and this crap hit overload with me and I said I think I had just better step out of it and just not do it. I went to bat for you for the van, that got twisted around, and then I went to the state to see if we couldn't do anything and then Tom and I went back and forth on that and it was decided that we would go on govdeal. So I tried to reach out and do something but when all these other things are said I just got to a point where I said I have to step aside and take a backseat to this, maybe in a few months I'll look at this again when I have more time, if I have more time but I feel that there's just too many things going on and I talked with Ron and Fletcher before the meeting and we felt that we wanted to put this thing to bed and we're getting sick and tired of seeing it in Ben's column and that's how we all feel about that.

Mrs. Hickman said there was something that she wanted to make perfectly clear, I did not at anytime on facebook call you a liar, however since you brought it up I would like to make it a part of public record I sent you a 111 communication and in that 111 communication I told you that last year in 2014 you had told me on many occasions when I inquired of you about the status of the grant, and I'm sure that is normally here will know what I'm talking about because I asked on many occasions have you found out anything about the grant and you had replied they haven't turned us down and you said that's good and when we were at the community building and I said it is taking a long time to get this grant and you said well we still haven't heard anything and you said no news is good news and then a month later then you told me that you had not even applied for it. Now you had been telling me all along from February 2014 all the way up to November 2014 and I'm waiting to find out the status of this grant that you supposedly already filed for you didn't say look into you said already applied for okay, now I don't know how anybody else thinks but that's lying to me and that hurt. I did not call you a liar on facebook, I brought that up on 111 because you brought it up and now it is public knowledge.

Mayor Moore said it was in the Ben column and that's why I brought it up.

Mrs. Hickman said I didn't put it in the Ben column.

Mayor Moore I brought it up because it was made public out there, I don't know what happened out there, I tried to apply, I was in communication to petsmart, I made several attempts to call petsmart but no I did not apply for the grant so if you think that I did and I said something, I apologize to you. I tried to apply, I got busy and it just didn't happen, it just didn't happen.

Mr. Gary Hickman said it was at the National Night out and I asked how's the grant coming along and you said you hadn't heard anything about the grant.

Mayor said maybe I said it in reference to I hadn't heard because I was trying to call them but I wouldn't have told you that I filed the grant because I hadn't filed the grant, I was working on it but never filed it and really as township committeeman that's really going beyond the responsibilities, usually you get a grants person.

Mr. Hickman said we asked you as a favor.



Mr. Hummel said he contacted the SPCA today and I asked them if there is a cat problem in Commercial Township and I have them on tape, an overall cat problem and they said yes. So that's two people that says there's a problem and they would know more than anyone else other than Carol Hickman. If Carol Hickman says there's a problem and they say there's a problem, they said to me work with Ron Sutton because even though Ron Sutton is in Norma he lives in Commercial Township and he cares about Commercial Township and they never had a problem working with him so I come here tonight Ron and I ask you is there a cat problem in Commercial Township.

Committeeman Sutton said and I'll put it to you straight, there's the same problem in Commercial Township that is in every township, to say that it is any bigger than any other one, no, you can't compare it with your cities, your normal townships like Maurice River, us, Downe Township it's all relatively the same even though Downe is smaller, there's a problem in every township but it's not any bigger here.

Mr. Hummel asked but there is a problem.

Committeeman Sutton said there is a problem but there is a problem in every township.

Mr. Hummel expressed his opinion that Mr. Moore should file an application or that Mr. Sutton should and Mayor not interfere. He said Mr. Sutton was very upset the morning he called because the mayor put the problem on the committee. Mr. Hummel said when Carol Hickman said you were a liar, did you say that you were all done with it, yes or no.

Mayor said I don't think I said that.

Mrs. Hickman the same day that I saw it in the paper he called and he said if this is the way you feel, I've been going to bat for you and I'm going to tell them to sell it on govdeal and I'm not going to get involved in that situation anymore, this has been blown all out of portion and I'm done.

Mayor Moore said if Carol said that's what I said then that is what I said. He told Mr. Hummel that there is no retaliation among the committee, they are all concerned about the cat issues and I never said there wasn't any cat problem, I don't think there's a cat problem at Carol's magnitude.

Mr. Hummel said how about the SPCA stating that there is a cat problem.

Mayor Moore said they probably did say there's a cat problem, did you ask them at what magnitude of a cat problem there is, what type of cat problem is there, cruelty cat problem people not treating cats.

Mr. Hummel said you should drive down the streets.

Mayor responded that he drives all over the township.

Mr. Hummel said Ron Sutton should right the grant.

Mayor said Ron can write the grant

Committeeman Sutton if he knew how he would write the grant.

Mayor said get on the internet and try it.

Committeeman Sutton said let's put this to bed, can you write the grant for them.

Mayor Moore said I'm not going to commit tonight, I've tried and tried to work things out here and it seems

Committeeman Jamison said I said if Juddy wants to write the grant I have no problem with Juddy writing the grant, that was my statement, if you put anything else in there, I'm not going to be bullied.

Mr. Hummel said don't threaten

Mr. Jamison said I'm not threatening you.

Solicitor Seeley said we need to settle this down, I think the back and forth is getting out of control, this is a public portion where the public can bring up their concerns and I think the committee appreciates your concerns about the cat issues. Ron has more experience with cats than anybody in this room including Carol, there are cat issues in a lot of municipalities and right now this has become more argumentative than helpful, so at this point we need to move on.

Mrs. Kathy Ore, said Carol has experience in writing grants her problem is getting the numbers, if she can get the numbers can she write the grant, get it off of the table so we can put this to bed. Can someone get her the budget numbers or whatever she doesn't have access to. I'm asking this of the committee.

Mayor Moore said we'll try any angle we can to help.

Mrs. Ore said Carol can write the grant and you'll see that she gets the numbers and it has to be under the township name, otherwise they will turn her down, can't we have a compromise and get this taken care of.

Mayor Moore said it just becomes frustrating after a while when you see all of the stuff you see in the paper, enough is enough and I try to do things and I'm the one that is getting in hot water here and I don't want to be in hot water. I have said what I had to say about the cats I still say the problem is not of the magnitude problem that Carol is saying but there are problems and we are not putting this on the backburner, but so much time is taken up by cats and we want to move on to other things in the township, and there's always going to be cat and dog issues, drainage issues, road problems, the list is endless.

Mrs. Ore said that's why I said let her write it, you check it over and put this to bed. Mrs. Ore said I want to talk about the tax issue and I want to talk to all three of you.

Mayor Moore said the only way that you can speak to all three of us is at a public forum, which is this, public portion, we cannot go into a private meeting, the only time that you can address us together is because we have to advertise whenever all three of us are together. You can write each one of us a letter, or give one to Hannah and she will make copies and put it all of our boxes, put your concerns in the letter and we can address them, put your phone number or e-mail address so we can get back to you.

Mr. Mike Panzino, asked if there is an ordinance that only three dogs and cats allowed.

Mayor Moore said the normal household is three and three.

Mr. Panzino, do we have animal control


Mayor Moore said animal control is Tri County and they are not on our payroll but we pay them a stiffen each month \$1200.

Mr. Panzino asked the purchase of church is that on Battle Lane.

Mrs. Tracy Sheez said she has worked with government for 23 years and I know that it is very difficult at times for public officials, I know what is in the press is not always truthful, sometimes it is and sometimes it isn't but as public officials you have to work above it. You

have put the cat ordinance on the backburner, but if you want the public to know that you care then you need to write the grant, and if you don't know how to contact somebody, someone that writes the housing grants, if you can't get a hold of petsmart contact somebody there's somebody out there that can help you write this grant. If you get the grant you can do away with all of this.

Mayor asked for additional comments and being none asked for motion to adjourn and it was so moved.

  
Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk