



Mayor Lewis – I'll reclude myself from this hearing.

Solicitor Coleman – That is ok, but I would ask that you leave the room.

Mayor Lewis left the room and Deputy Mayor James took over the meeting.

Solicitor Coleman read the email from Ken Bellia with regards to Mrs. Somes.

Ms. Somes responded she was upset that night and was up late playing GPS tag and sent the text to the wrong person.

Tom Coleman, Esq., stated you are free to accept that representation.

Dan James, asked was it an accident or what happened?

Tom Coleman, Esq., “until we receive confirmation from Mr. Bellia that he's taking no further action I'd suggest that Barbara have no further contact with the IT consultant. If she needs to contact him I suggest either a committee member or Kathy be the contact or the liaison until we get some level of comfort that he's not going to pursue this matter legally with the Township. That's the whole crux of this issue; I'm trying to avoid litigation over nonsense.”

Dan James, “Are you good with that?”

Barbara Somes, “I've been in contact with him since then and he's responded to me with different IT problems with my computer and also his employee. We've had a give and take relationship and never did he indicate to me there was an issue at all.”

Tom Coleman, Esq., “Barbara we can accept that representation, I apologize but let us simply confirm that.”

Barbara Somes, “K, alright.”

Barry Cavileer, “Personally, I can understand where Mr. Bellia would react in the way that he did, in this day and age that sort of message to anyone has to be taken as a threat. I know we have an explanation that it was a mistake and I'm not willing to say that it wasn't a mistake. This is serious stuff. We have to have zero tolerance for any kind of threat to any of our staff or any of our people that we hire, professionals we hire to do things. I am in accord with the solicitor's suggestion with between Barbara and Mr. Bellia or his worker”

Dan James, “Or until this is resolved.”

Barry Cavileer, “Yes. He's satisfied no contact.”

Dan James, “Are you good with that?”

Barbara Somes agrees.

Township Clerk Hoffman went to get the Mayor.

Township Clerk Hoffman came back to the meeting and stated that the Mayor must have left.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (Please state your name & address for the record)

Michael Giercyk – Cedar Lane – I’m concerned with a few things. There is no notification on the website.

Township Clerk Hoffman – We are not required to notify the meetings on the website.

Mr. Giercyk – Everything should be on the website.

Deputy Mayor James – It is a work in process.

Mr. Giercyk – That is not acceptable. We have to get with the times.

Committeeman Cavileer – We have had problems with our website and we are going to ask a resident of the Township to help us.

Mr. Giercyk – Is there anyone to post on the sign outside, you can call me and I’ll do it.

Township Clerk Hoffman – I’ll send you copies of the agenda, just let me know your email address.

Solicitor Coleman – How were you notified tonight?

Mr. Giercyk – Barbara told me. I’ll donate the letters for the sign.

Brian Ditrick – Turtle Creek Road - I agree with Mike with regards to the website or in the Press.  
Ronald Hill – Bulltown Road – Do you have any idea about Verizon?

Deputy Mayor James – We needed 30 people and we only got 6.

Solicitor Coleman – About 1 ½ years ago, we did approach Verizon and we needed 30 people.

Mr. Hill – We should try again.

Douglas Melegari – Pine Barrens Tribune - I didn’t get noticed of this meeting. I’d like to have a good relationship with the Township. I can’t get the copies of the recording either. I like Kathy, but I don’t know what is happening.

Township Clerk Hoffman – I did send it to you. And what I had is what you got.

Committeeman Cavileer – I used a recorder for my job and sometimes it didn’t record. We are not trying to hide anything.

Mr. Melegari – Not until the article was in the newspaper, did I get a copy of the tape and there was something missing on it. We need open communication.

Township Clerk Hoffman – I’ve tried to accommodate your requests.

Solicitor Coleman – We have to respect each other.

Mr. Giercyk – You have seen the problems, your Clerk is only here one day a week.

Teri Giercyk – Cedar Lane – What is happening with the Turtle Creek Road paving?

Deputy Mayor James – You have to talk to the engineer at the next meeting. General Code can help you with things being posted.

Township Clerk Hoffman – I've talked to them.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Deputy Mayor James the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

**Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis**

**Ayes: 3**

**Nays:**

Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC  
Township Clerk