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Committee trashes dump proposal

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The Middletown Township Committee will be sending out multiple copies of its resolution opposing the expansion of a solid-waste facility in Tinton Falls to other officials in Monmouth County.

The committee passed the resolution at its Dec. 7 meeting. "I want to thank you for your

support," said Walter L. Horan, a resident of the Lincroft section of the township.

For the past few months, he, along with some of his neighbors living on Swimming River Road, have been opposing the proposal by the Marpal Co. to expand its facility on Wayside and Pinebrook roads in Tinton Falls.

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Tinton Falls is the neighboring borough adjacent to the Swimming River Road corridor.

The proposal to enlarge the facility would allow the company to increase the capacity of its daily intake of debris from 450 tons to 800 tons. The company also wants to extend its hours of operation from 9 p.m. to midnight. The facility opens at 6 a.m.

In the resolution, the committee cited the expansion as

causing increased truck traffic, noise, light and air pollution for residential neighborhoods and that it would have a negative impact on the quality of life.

For years, Barbara Thorpe, who was not at the meeting, has complained about the rate of speed motorists travel on Swimming River Road.

About a year ago, the Township Committee asked the Monmouth County Traffic Safety

Department to conduct a traffic study and lower the speed limit from 40 to 35 mph. The lowered speed limit was put into effect last spring.

Although the amount of traffic and the rate of speed is a matter the residents take seriously, Horan smiled about his nonchalant way to encourage traffic to slow down.

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“I put so many lights and holiday ornaments out, that the cars slow down just to see the display,” he said.

“We have to stop the large trucks from using the road as a shortcut. Swimming River Road was never dedicated to commerce for tractor trailers,” Horan said at a previous meeting.

A copy of the resolution will be sent to the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Monmouth County Solid Waste Advisory Council, the Tinton Falls Borough Council, Assemblymen Joseph Azzolina and Samuel Thompson, and state Sen. Joseph M. Kyrillos Jr., all R-Monmouth.

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