

**March 9, 2007**  
**Pilesgrove Township**  
**Agenda Work Session**  
**Minutes**

Mayor Bickford called the agenda work session meeting of the Pilesgrove Township Committee to order at 9:00 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Bickford stated that the meeting was in compliance with the New Jersey Sunshine, and the Clerk read the annual notice:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings law. This meeting of March 9, 2007 was included in a list of meetings notice sent to the Today's Sunbeam and the Elmer Times on January 3, 2007, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on January 3, 2007 and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Bickford advised that proper notice having been given; the Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

Attendance:       Ernie Bickford  
                      Ed Kille  
                      William Miller  
                      Ruth Moynihan, CFO  
                      David Rollison, RMA  
                      Janet Eisenhower, New Jersey Conservation Foundation

Ms. Eisenhower provided Committee with a handout that detailed the proposed funding arrangement between the Township and the NJCF for preservation purposes. This preservation effort includes funding from Federal, State, County, and Municipal levels of government and participation from non-profit groups.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve Resolution 07-023, Authorizing a Reciprocal Funding Arrangement between the Township of Pilesgrove and the New Jersey Conservation Foundation for Farmland Preservation Purposes. Ayes all.

Mr. Rollison presented Committee with an analysis of the municipal budget for 2007, including options for minimizing the impact on the Township surplus. The Township surplus has been used to balance the budget since as long ago as the year 2000, and cost of capital projects, litigation and debt service are having a significant impact on the surplus. Mr. Rollison suggested Committee consider his recommendations and he will meet with Committee again at the March 20 work session to finalize the figures. The budget should be ready for introduction at the April regular meeting.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all. There being no public comment, motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to adjourn at 11:15 Am. Ayes all.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk