

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13, 2007
MINUTES**

Mayor Ernie Bickford called the regular meeting of the Pilesgrove Township Committee to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk read the annual notice statement:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings law. This meeting of March 13, 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: Ernest Bickford
Edward Kille
William Miller
William L. Horner
Ruth Moynihan

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve the minutes of the February 9, 13, 19 and 27, 2007 meetings. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve the red light siren permit application for Sean McCarthy of the Woodstown Ambulance Squad. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve the blue light permit application for Robert Lovett Sr of the Woodstown Ambulance Squad. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve the cost of the March 22, 2007 Salem County Association of Local Government Dinner, hosted by Pilesgrove Township at the Rushes Restaurant at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to accept the Tax Collectors report for February 2007. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-027, amending the 2007 Temporary Budget of the Township of Pilesgrove. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve Resolution 07-028, refunding an overpayment of 2006 taxes. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-029, authorizing the Township portion of the cost of the purchase of the preservation easement for the Caltabiano farm, Block 14, lots 6.01 and 6.03 in the amount of \$67,866.00. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve Resolution 07-030, need determination for the Bailey Corner Affordable Housing Project. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-031, authorizing execution of an Amendment to the Agreement for the Development of Real Property between Ingerman Affordable Housing, Inc. and the Township of Pilesgrove. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-032, authorizing execution of an Interlocal Services Agreement between the Borough of Woodstown and the Township of Pilesgrove for Water Service. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to adopt on first reading

Ordinance 07-04
An Ordinance Amending Section 220-9 of the Code of the Township of Pilesgrove

Roll call: Kille yes, Bickford yes, Miller yes.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to adopt on first reading

Ordinance 07-05
A Special Emergency Appropriation
in the Amount of \$10,000 for the
Revision and Codification of the Township Ordinances

Roll call: Miller yes, Kille yes, Bickford yes.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to open the public hearing on

Ordinance 07-02
An Ordinance to Exceed the
Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits
and to Establish a Cap Bank

The purpose of this ordinance was explained by CFO Ruth Moynihan. There being no public comment, motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to close the public hearing on Ordinance 07-02.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to adopt Ordinance 07-02.

Roll call: Bickford yes, Kille yes, Miller yes.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to open the public hearing on

Ordinance 07-03
An Ordinance Amending Chapter 145 “Land Use” of the
Code of the Township of Pilesgrove
To Revise the Requirements for
Perimeter Agricultural Buffers in AR Zoning Districts
and to Revise the Reverse Lot Frontage Requirements
for Subdivisions in All Districts

The purpose of this ordinance was explained by Mayor Bickford and Mr. Horner. There being no public comment, motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to closed the public hearing on Ordinance 07-03. Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to adopt Ordinance 07-03.

Roll call: Kille yes, Bickford yes, Miller yes.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve the bill list as submitted by the Treasurer. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bickford, 2nd by Kille to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all. Ms. Kathey Smalley, Salem Resource Coordinator for the Southwest Council, addressed Committee to request legislation requiring the registration of beer kegs. The purpose of this type of legislation is to provide punitive measures to adults supplying alcohol to minors. Discussion on the reason for the legislation and the impact on the vendors, those found guilty of violating the law, etc. Mr. Miller inquired on the need for local legislation, and if this is being addressed on the State level. Ms. Smalley advised there is a stalemate in the State legislature, and the local units are being asked to act first. Mr. Horner expressed concern with

the enforcement role of the municipality in the process. Resident Robert Breisch, Avis Mill Road, stated that in principle, the idea sounds good, but this is “feel good” legislation and it is a parent’s responsibility to monitor their children.

Mayor Bickford thanked Ms. Smalley for her presentation and advised Committee would consider the request.

Resident Sonny Hurff, Whig Lane Road, inquired on the funding for the preservation of the Mario Caltabiano farm. Mayor Bickford advised that the farm is not part of the Township Planning Incentive Grant Program, but the Township did provide some funding for the preservation effort.

There being no further public comment, motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to closed the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to go into executive session to discuss matters involving litigation and attorney/client privilege. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to reopen the meeting to the public. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to authorize the Township Solicitor to draft a resolution amending the Catalano lease payment terms for Township owned property (Block 26, lot 4) to \$1,000 down payment, with balance of the lease payment due at harvest. Clerk was directed to contact Mr. Catalano for a specific date for the end of the lease. Resolution will authorize the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Total amount of the lease to remain the same as 2006. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Ayes all.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk