

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 10, 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 April 10, 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
David Rollison, RMA

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve the minutes of the March 2, 9, 12, 13 and 20, 2007 meetings. Ayes all.

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

Superintendent Robert Bumpus and School Board Member Frank Frazier presented an overview of the 2007-2008 Regional School District budget. The tax rate in both Pilesgrove and Woodstown will go down, Pilesgrove's decrease due in part to the Township revaluation done in 2006. The proposed overall school budget will increase of approximately \$400,000. Mayor Bickford thanked Mr. Bumpus and Mr. Frazier for their time.

Township Municipal Auditor David Rollison presented an overview of the proposed 2007 Municipal budget. The actual rate for taxpayers will not be confirmed until the school and county budgets have been finalized. The overall municipal budget increased from 2006 by \$430,000.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to adopt the 2007 Municipal budget. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-035, a resolution concerning the late introduction of the Municipal budget. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-036, concerning the deferral of the school tax levy. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-037, authorization to assume the responsibility of conducting the annual budget examination. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve Resolution 07-038, adopting g schedules for payments to be reimbursed from applicant/developer escrow accounts pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve Resolution 07-039, endorsing the submission of the 2006 recycling tonnage grant application. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-040, amending the Personnel Policy of the Township of Pilesgrove. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve Resolution 07-041, authorizing the execution of a lease for Township owned property. Ayes all.

The Clerk advised the Mayor that the paperwork for the application by the Southern NJ Boy Scouts for a fireworks display on April 21 at the Salem County Fairgrounds is incomplete, so no action taken on Resolution 07-042.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve the March 2007 Tax Collectors report. Ayes all.

The Clerk advised the Mayor that the inspection of the Four Seasons Campground has not been completed by the Township Zoning official, so no action taken on the renewal of this campground license.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve the execution of a contract with the Cumberland County S.P.C.A. for animal shelter services at a cost of \$500.00 per month. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Kille to approve of the cost of the postage for the 2nd quarter newsletter at a cost not to exceed \$550.00.

Discussion took place regarding the quotes for the cleaning services for the Municipal Building. The Clerk advised Committee that the quote presented for approval is not the lowest quote. The lowest quote was from the company currently doing the cleaning, but that Company has been notified several times of deficiencies in the work, and there has been no improvement. Ottinger's quote is \$260.00 higher than the other quote. Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to accept the proposal of Ottinger Cleaning Services for the weekly cleaning of the Municipal Building at a cost of \$303.55 per month. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve the proposal of Robert M. Sapio to prepare a real estate appraisal of Block 63, lot 7, 1008 Route 40 at a cost of \$4,750.00. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve the request from the Woodstown Rotary Foundation, Inc. for approval of payment for one of the concerts in the 2007 Summer Concert Series at Marlton Part at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00 Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve the adoption of the Mutual Aid Plan for the Reliance Fire Company. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to authorize Special Counsel Phyllis Bross to respond to the request of Ingerman Affordable Housing, Inc. to assign its interest in the Developer's Agreement dated November 14, 2006. Ayes all.

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

Ordinance 07-07
An Ordinance of the Township of Pilesgrove, New Jersey
Adopting an Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan
Adopted by Ordinance No. 06-11, Pursuant to the Local
Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

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

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve Resolution 07-043, referring Ordinance 07-07 to the Township Planning Board for review and comment. Ayes all.

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

Ordinance 07-08
An Ordinance Amending Chapter 145 “Land Use” of the
Code of the Township of Pilesgrove to
Revise the Requirements for Sales Maps for Major Subdivisions

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

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-044, referring Ordinance 07-08 to the Township Planning Board for review and comment. Ayes all.

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

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

There being no public comment, motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to close the public hearing on Ordinance 07-04.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to adopt on second reading Ordinance 07-04. Roll call: Miller yes, Kille yes, Bickford yes.

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

Ordinance 07-05
An Ordinance Authorizing a Special Emergency
Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 in the
Amount of \$10,000 for the Purpose of the
Revision and Codification of the Township Ordinances

Resident Phyllis Sauler, Harrisonville Lake Road, asked for an explanation of the purpose of codification. Mr. Kille explained the process. There being no further comment, motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to close the public hearing on Ordinance 07-05. Motion to adopt on second reading Ordinance 07-05. Roll call: Bickford yes.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-045, acknowledging the completion of the probationary period of employee Patricia Davis. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bickford, 2nd by Kille to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all. Resident Phyllis Sauler inquired on the real estate appraisal approved earlier in the meeting. Mayor Bickford explained that the property in the Sunoco Station at the corner of Route 40 and Bailey Street. The appraisal is being done as part of the redevelopment process. Resident Jerry Anton inquired if the introduced Municipal budget includes a local purpose tax. Mayor Bickford advised yes, \$.05 per \$100.

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

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues and matters involving potential 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 approve Resolution 07-046, appointing certain employees of the Township of Pilesgrove. Ayes all.

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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 services of Special Counsel Peter Zipp of the law firm of Zipp and Tannenbaum, LLC to represent the Township in the tax appeal case of Acme Markets. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to adjourn at 10:10 PM. Ayes all.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk