

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8, 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 May 8, 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 April 3, 6, 10 (A.M), 10 (P.M.), 17, and 24, 2007 meetings. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-049, a Resolution authorizing to read the Municipal Budget by title only. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to open the public hearing on the 2007 Municipal Budget. Resident Phyllis Sauler asked if the 2007 budget includes a local purpose tax and the amount of the tax. Mayor Bickford advised that the budget does include a \$.05 local purpose tax, and detailed the projects in the Township that have contributed to the need for the tax – support of the Marlton Park, the Fire Company, and the land acquisitions and farmland/opens space projects in the Township. Mayor Bickford introduced the Township's Registered Municipal Accountant, David Rollison.

Resident Cheryl Reardon advised that she understands the need for the local purpose tax and voiced her support of Township Committee in its ongoing efforts to defend the Township in various lawsuits and in controlling development in the Township.

There being no further comment on the budget, motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to close the public hearing on the 2007 Municipal Budget. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to adopt the 2007 Municipal Budget. Roll call: Kille yes, Miller yes, Bickford yes.

Committeeman Kille left the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Bickford to approve the Tax Collectors report for April 2007. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Bickford to approve Resolution 07-050, certifying the list of volunteer firefighters who have qualified for the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP). Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Bickford to approve Resolution 07-051, accepting the proposal of Robert M. Sapio for the real estate appraisal of Block 63, part of Lot 1, Bailey Street, at a cost of \$1,500.00. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bickford, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-052, refunding a payment from Paul Langley for a zoning permit. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Bickford to approve payment to the 4th of July Parade Committee in the amount of \$1,000.00 toward this celebration of public event. Ayes all.

Consideration of a request from Ms. Ida Hill, 70 Cedar Lane, for the Township to install storm drains in the area of her property. The Clerk advised Committee that the Township Superintendent of Public Works has inspected the area, and there is presently no storm water system on Cedar Lane. The flooding that Ms. Hill reported is exclusively on Ms. Hill's property, it is not in the roadway. Mr. Horner advised that the Township should confirm there is no responsibility in the Township's Stormwater General Permit to address this issue. The Clerk was directed to contact the Township Engineer with regard to this issue.

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

**Ordinance 07-07
Amendments to the Bailey Corner Redevelopment Plan**

Mayor Bickford explained the purpose of the ordinance. There being no public comment, motion made by Bickford, 2nd by Miller to close the public hearing on Ordinance 07-07. Motion made by Bickford, 2nd by Miller to adopt on second reading Ordinance 07-07.

Roll call: Miller yes, Bickford yes.

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

**Ordinance 07-08
Amendments to the Sales Map Requirement for Final Subdivision Approval**

Mayor Bickford explained the purpose of the ordinance. Resident Phyllis Sauler asked who drafted the ordinance, Mayor Bickford advised it was drafted by Chris Warren with review by Mr. Horner and referred to Committee by the Planning Board.

There being no further public comment, motion made by Bickford, 2nd by Miller to close the public hearing on Ordinance 07-07. Mr. Miller indicated that he has some concerns with the ordinance, and would like to further review the ordinance to address his concerns. Mayor Bickford advised that the Committee will be meeting with the Planning Board on May 16 to address other issues, and Mr. Miller indicated he would like to discuss the ordinance with the Planning Board at that meeting. Mr. Horner advised that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-2, the public hearing on Ordinance 07-08 should be carried forward with an announcement. Mayor Bickford made an announcement to those in attendance that the public hearing on Ordinance 07-08 would be adjourned to the Township Committee meeting on June 12, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Bickford to adjourn the public hearing to the June 12, 2007 7:00 P.M. meeting. Roll call: Miller yes, Bickford yes.

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

Motion made by Bickford, 2nd by Miller to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

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

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Bickford to go into closed session to matters involving potential litigation and attorney/client privilege, specifically Robert J. Pacilli v Piles Grove and personnel matters. Ayes all.

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

Discussion took place on the status of the Tractor Supply project. Mr. Horner outlined his concerns on the stormwater management issues. This project will also be discussed with the Planning Board at the May 16 joint meeting.

Motion made by Bickford, 2nd by Miller to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Ayes all.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk