

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2007
MINUTES**

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

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings law. This meeting of November 20, 2007 was sent to the Today's Sunbeam and the Elmer Times on October 3, 2007, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on October 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, Esq.
Ruth Moynihan

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve the minutes of the October 5, 9 (AM), 9 (PM), 16, 23 and 30, 2007 meetings, with Mr. Miller advising that the misspelling of Mr. Kille's name in the October 5, 2007 minutes be corrected. Ayes all.

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

Mayor Bickford asked that members of the public from the campground who wish to address Committee stand, identify themselves and make their statement. Numerous tenants of the campground voiced their concerns with the ongoing process of obtaining construction permits for structures at their sites at the campground. Mayor Bickford and Mr. Horner advised that the approval of the campground to operate does not allow permanent structures, and any that exist must come down. Several tenants advised that they obtained construction permits and are now being advised that the structure is not permitted. Mayor Bickford advised that the campground was aware of the restriction, and the tenants should direct their concerns to the campground. The tenants inquired if the campground had an active license, and were advised that at this point in time the campground's license for 2007 had not been renewed because they were not in compliance, and the license will not be renewed until the situation has been rectified. Mr. Horner advised that to allow the construction of permanent structures, the owners of the campground would have to come back to the Township Planning Board for an amendment to the existing approval. Mayor Bickford advised that the Township understands the concerns of the tenants, but the Township cannot allow situations that it knows to be non-compliant continue.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve Resolution 07-104, refunding an overpayment of 2007 taxes. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve resolution 07-105, refunding a duplicate payment of 2007 taxes. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve resolution 07-106, transferring funds. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve resolution 07-107, appointing emergency Management Coordinator Joe Gebely the NIMS (National Incident Management System) Coordinator for the Township. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-108, appointing certain members of the Township Agricultural Advisory Committee. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-109, refunding an erroneous payment of 2008 taxes. Ayes all.

Mayor Bickford asked that no action be taken on Resolution 07-110 at this meeting; the taxpayer will attend the November 27 work session to discuss the matter.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-111, replenishing a shortage in the tax deposit. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve the Blue Light Permit application for Quenton Mulford of the Reliance Fire Company. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve payment of \$1,285.45 in costs to Joseph Cotler, Maxine Cotler and Richard Pierson for the reinstated suit in the matter of Cotler et al v. Pilesgrove. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to authorized the Clerk to publish notice for solicitation of qualifications for Professional Services under a Fair and Open Process. Ayes all.

Mr. Horner explained the draft of the Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Woodstown for LOSAP. Since the Reliance Fire Company and the American Legion Ambulance serve both the Township of Pilesgrove and the Borough of Woodstown, the State Division of Local Government Services has advised the Township that there must be an interlocal agreement in place before the Township can make any deposits into the accounts.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve the interlocal agreement and authorize it to be forwarded to the Borough of Woodstown for review and approval. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve the bill list in the amount of \$1,809,894.10 as presented by the Treasurer. Ayes all.

Mayor Bickford asked the Clerk for an explanation of Ordinance 07-16. The Clerk advised that the State recently amended the maximum that local units can charge for dog licenses. The Township has operated in the red on dog license/animal control expenses, as the revenue from the licenses does not completely cover the associated costs. An increase in the dog license fees will help to improve that deficit.

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

Ordinance 07-16
An Ordinance Amending Section 56-21
of the Code of the Township of Pilesgrove
to Establish Fees for Dog Licenses

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

Discussion took place on Ordinance 07-17. Mr. Miller and Mr. Horner recommended that the description of fee (16) be amended to read Modified re-submission of previously denied application. The Clerk also advised that the date of the public hearing should read December 28, 2007 to allow time for the Township Planning Board to reply to the referral.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve on first reading, with the revisions stated above

Ordinance 07-17
An Ordinance Amending Section 145-60 Fees,
Of the Code of the Township of Pilesgrove
To Establish a Schedule of Zoning Fees

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

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve Resolution 07-112, referring Ordinance 07-17 to the Township Planning Board for review and comment. Ayes all.

Discussion took place on Ordinance 07-18. The Clerk advised that the fee for renewal of a liquor license in the Township has been unchanged since 1985. Ms. Moynihan has advised that the maximum increase allowed by the State is 20% over the previous amount.

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

Ordinance 07-18
An Ordinance Amending Section 52-4. License Fee
Of the Code of the Township of Pilesgrove

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

Discussion took place on proposed Ordinance 07-19. Mr. Miller expressed concern with the wording of number (4) of Section 150-6. Duties on page 3 of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Miller inquired on the specific reference to Transfer of Development rights (TDR) programs. Mr. Horner advised that Committee should only introduce the ordinance if they are satisfied with the wording. Mr. Horner suggested that the sentence end after the words farmland preservation, deleting the wording regarding TDRs.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve on first reading with the revision stated above

Ordinance 07-19
An Ordinance Creating a New Chapter 150
to be entitled
Agricultural Advisory Committee
Of the Code of the Township of Pilesgrove

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

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve Resolution 07-113, referring Ordinance 07-19 to the Township Planning Board for review and comment. Ayes all.

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

Ordinance 07-14
An Ordinance Amending Chapter 145 “Land Use” of the
Code of the Township of Pilesgrove to
Permit and Provide Requirements for
Planned Light Industrial General Development Plans
in the Planned Light Industrial (PLI) Zoning District

Ayes all.

Resident Phyllis Sauer of 353 Avis Mill Road asked if the GDP is for industrial use – Mayor Bickford advised it is for industrial only, not residential.

Resident Donald String of Route 40 inquired on the purpose of the PLI zone and Mayor Bickford explained the purpose. Mr. String inquired on any limitations on hours of operation, noise and other issues. Mayor Bickford explained that those types of issues would be addressed by the Planning Board when an applicant submits a GDP for consideration. Mr. Horner advised that the ordinance itself does not limit hours of operation. Mr. String expressed his dissatisfaction with the ordinance.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to close the public hearing on Ordinance 07-19. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to adopt on second reading Ordinance 07-19.

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

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

Resident Ed Reardon, 230 Marlton Road set up a enlarged copy of a letter Mayor Bickford mailed to residents of the Township prior to the November 6, 2007 General Election. Mr. Reardon asked the Mayor to issue a retraction to his letter; Mayor Bickford advised that he would not. Mayor Bickford stated that his letter was in response to a letter issued by CPR and PAPA, and addressed the points in that letter. Residents Cheryl Reardon, Deirdre Newkirk, Bonnie Trotter and Phyllis Sauer questioned the Mayor on the letter and asked if the Mayor had contacted Ms. Reardon to check his facts before sending his letter. Further discussion took place on the issue.

Ms. Reardon asked that a document dated November 20, 2007 and signed by Edwin P. Reardon and Cheryl A. Reardon be entered into the minutes of this meeting. Mayor Bickford advised that it would be entered. There being no further public 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 adjourn at 9:10 PM. Ayes all.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk