

December 3, 2007
Pilesgrove Township
Special Meeting - County Administrator's Office
Minutes

Mayor Bickford called the special meeting of the Pilesgrove Township Committee to order at 11:00 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Bickford stated that the meeting was in compliance with the New Jersey Sunshine law, and the Clerk read the annual notice:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings law. Notice of this meeting of December 3, 2007 was sent to the Today's Sunbeam and the Elmer Times on November 28, 2007, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on November 28, 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
Patricia DuBois, Chairperson, Township Ag Advisory Committee
Earl Gage, County Administrator
Elaine Voyles, County Counsel
Kris Alexander, Program Coordinator, CADB

Motion made by Bickford, 2nd by Kille, to go into closed session to discuss matters in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, specifically contract negotiations with the County of Salem regarding the re-allocation of funds on the Ostrum and Byrnes farms. Ayes all.

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

County Administrator Gage outlined the 3 options that will be presented to the County Freeholders for consideration with regard to the re-allocation of funds for Ostrum and Byrnes:

1. A 2/3 County, 1/3 Township split of the \$311,383.86 based on the amount of the out of pocket paid by each entity. The County will receive \$276,618.00, Township \$34,765.85.
2. 50/50 split \$155,692.43 each.
3. Same split as option 1, with the County commitment that the \$276,618 be used for future settlements in Pilesgrove Township only.

Mr. Gage asked that the Township provide the County with a draft of the Township funding plan for the next PIG application, and that the Township provide a letter to the Freeholders officially requesting a 50/50 funding arrangement with the County on the local share for the next PIG application. Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to authorize the Township Clerk to process Mr. Gage's request. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bickford, 2nd by Kille to adjourn at 11:45 AM. Ayes all.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk