

**January 30, 2007**  
**Pilesgrove Township**  
**Work Session**  
**Minutes**

Mayor Bickford called the work session meeting of the Pilesgrove Township Committee to order at 9:00 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Bickford stated that the meeting was in compliance with the New Jersey Sunshine, and the Clerk read the annual notice:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings law. This meeting of January 30, 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: Ernie Bickford  
William Miller  
Ruth Moynihan, CFO  
William L. Horner, Esq.  
Christopher J. Warren, P.P.

Motion made by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bickford to go into closed session to discuss items in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, specifically litigation and items involving attorney/client privilege. Ayes all

Motion made by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bickford to reopen the meeting to the public.

Mayor Bickford advised that to coordinate the procedures and time line for the Kings Road settlement, he would prefer to have one individual as the "quarterback" of the process. Mr. Horner suggested that Mr. Warren is the best choice; he has the most comprehensive knowledge of all the issues involved in the settlement. Mr. Warren advised that he will accept the responsibility, and stressed the importance of the full support of the Township attorneys and officials.

On-going discussion took place regarding the Planning Board budget and the management of professional fees. Mr. Warren provided a revised handout with an overview of the projected expenditures for projects handled by the Township Planning Board. He acknowledged that some of the figures are rough estimates. Ms. Moynihan and the Clerk explained where various items and projects would be charged, and Ms. Moynihan stated that purchase orders would be issued for each project. All agreed that a minimum of a quarterly review should be done to evaluate the status of the projects.

Mr. Warren presented a draft of a letter to Susan Craft, the Executive Director of the State Agricultural Development Committee. The letter addresses proposed amendments to the regulations regarding members of municipal agricultural advisory committees. A suggestion was made to revise wording in the final paragraph, and Mayor Bickford and Mr. Warren will both sign the letter. Motion made by Bickford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to authorize sending the letter, with amendments, to Ms. Craft. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bickford to approve payment of the Green Trust Fund loan for Marlton Park II in the amount of \$5,301.87. Ayes all.

Committeeman Kille entered the meeting at 10:35.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bickford to go into closed session to discuss items in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, specifically acquisition of real estate and items involving attorney/client privilege. Mr. Miller reclude himself from this closed session.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bickford to reopen the meeting to the public. Ayes all. Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bickford to authorize Mr. Horner to draft language for the drainage easement on the Ostrum property to make the Phase II Homeowners Association responsible for the easement and giving the Township authority to go in if the HOA does not perform. Ayes Bickford, Kille. Miller abstained.

Discussion took place on Ordinance 07-01, presented for introduction. Mr. Horner explained the notice requirements because of the zoning amendments contained in the ordinance. Discussion included comments on the language included in Section 145-41.2 A. (2) (a) regarding the submission of elevations for the house designs. Recommendation was made by Mr. Horner that the language be amended to remove the requirement that the elevations be approved before the Zoning Ordinance amendment is adopted. The Clerk questioned the order of items: does the adoption of the ordinance or execution of the settlement agreement come first? Mr. Horner consulted with Special Counsel Jeff Surenian. Mr. Surenian advised that the Public Hearing on Ordinance 07-01 should precede the Resolution approving the settlement agreement.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve on first reading, with the above recommended amendment to the wording of Section 145-41.2

**Ordinance 07-01**  
**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 145 “Land Use”**  
**of the Code of the Township of Pilesgrove**

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

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve the Resolution referring Ordinance 07-01 to the Township Planning Board for review. Ayes all.

Mr. Warren presented a draft of a letter to the State regarding the Township’s commitment to providing \$1.2 mm in funding to preserve the parcel known as the Red Bird Egg Farm. The Planning Board is recommending that the Township advise the State that the Township cannot maintain the funding commitment for an indefinite period of time, and that the Township will limit its commitment to March 27, 2007. Suggestion was made to revise wording of the second paragraph to indicate that the Township may allocate the funds to other projects.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve the letter, with the recommended change. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to go into closed session to discuss items in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, specifically litigation and items involving attorney/client privilege. Ayes all.

Mr. Kille left the meeting at 12:15.

Motion made by Bickford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to reopen the meeting to the public.

Motion made by Bickford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all. There being no public comment, motion made by Bickford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bickford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to adjourn at 12:40 PM. Ayes all.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk