

July 31, 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 law, and the Clerk read the annual notice:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings law. This meeting of July 31, 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
 Ed Kille
 William Miller
 William L. Horner, Esq.
 John Ober, Planning Board Chairman

Mr. Horner and Mr. Ober updated Committee on the status of the Tractor Supply development. The full plan must be filed, the declaration of covenants and letters of credit must be finalized and the performance and stormwater bonds completed. After these documents are completed, the plan can be signed by the Planning Board Chairman and Secretary, and then the zoning permit can be issued.

Mr. Ober updated Committee on the farmland preservation program. Settlement is pending on the Ostrum parcel and the paperwork on Byrnes is being processed. Appraisals on the applications for the farms in the next round should be done as soon as possible because of the new State rules regarding funding. The Mulligan parcel, which is still a first round application, may need a new appraisal, using the "yellow book" standards. The option agreement will have to be updated, and quotes should be secured on the cost of the survey.

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

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

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to authorize Mr. Horner to withdraw the request for oral arguments, and to request a decision on the matter of Cotler, et al v. township of Pilesgrove on the papers submitted. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-075, memorializing a "favorable vote" in response to a land use ordinance amendment protest filed pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:55D-63. Ayes all.

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

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Bickford to adjourn at 10:20 A.M.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk