

October 23, 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 October 23, 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
Ruth Moynihan, CFO

Robert Schmid, Township Zoning Official, met with Committee to discuss his Department's 2008 budget. Mr. Schmid requests no increase in the budget for 2008. Mr. Schmid updated Committee on the progress of the zoning/construction permit process for the Four Seasons Campground. It has been a lengthy process, with many of the tenants unhappy with the situation. After further discussion, it was recommended a letter be drafted to the campground on the status and that the owner of the campground be contacted for a meeting.

Milton Eachus, Planning Board Chairman, addressed Committee on the 2008 Planning Board budget. While the Planning Board Other Expense line item appears to be adequate, the budget difficulties that arise from the Planning Board involve projects such as the Master Plan, farmland issues and other special projects that do not have an estimated cost or an encumbrance associated with the project. The importance of a year long financial plan was discussed. Mr. Eachus will discuss this with the Planning Board.

Discussion took place on the location and cost of the annual employee dinner. The Clerk advised that the Centerton Country Club was contacted, and after gratuity was included, the net amount that Centerton is over The Rushes is \$1.86 per person. Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve the cost of the dinner at the Rushes at a cost of \$30.00 per person plus 18% gratuity. Ayes all.

Discussion took place on the 2010 census. The Clerk provided information to the Committee for their review on this matter.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-103, appointing certain employees of the Township of Pilesgrove. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve the cost of a retirement luncheon for Marie Stubbins, the Construction Control Technician and Zoning Assistant, at a cost not to exceed \$150.00. Ayes all.

Mr. Kille updated Committee on the Township's Farmland Preservation Program. Ongoing discussions have taken place with regard to the re-allocation of SADC funds on the Ostrum and Byrnes parcels. A letter drafted by Chris Warren to the County Agricultural Development Board on the matter was reviewed by Committee. Committee advised that the letter should be amended to include a request for a meeting to discuss the re-allocation, and the letter will be signed by Committeeman Kille. Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve the letter as amended. Ayes all.

The status of members of the Township Agricultural Advisory Committee who have applications for farmland preservation pending was discussed. The Township Solicitor has advised that any member with a pending application should step down from the Committee until a decision has been made on the application. This information will be forwarded to the Township Agricultural Advisory Committee.

A draft letter to update the residents of Waterview Drive was reviewed by Committee. Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve the draft letter, to be signed by Mayor Bickford. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to open the meeting to the public. There being no 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 Bickford to adjourn at 10:30 A.M.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk