

December 11, 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 December 11, 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

The Clerk advised that she has received a verbal request from Joe Cotler, the developer of The Woods at Laurel Hills subdivision, for the Township to take over maintenance of Waterview Drive prior to acceptance of the road by the Township. Mayor Bickford acknowledged that the ongoing waterfront development issue with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection complicates the issues, but he feels the Township should consider the request, because the residents of Waterview Drive pay their taxes, and are receiving minimal services. The Clerk advised that N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.47 gives the Township the authority to enact an ordinance to address the situation, but at this time the Township does not have an ordinance in place. Township Committee advised that the Township Solicitor must be consulted before any decision is made, and the Clerk was directed to advise Mr. Cotler of same.

The agenda for the evening meeting was reviewed.

The Mayor advised that the closed session of this work session meeting would be lengthy, and recommended opening to the public at this time. Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

Resident Cheryl Reardon, 230 Marlton Road, updated Committee on the availability of ANJEC Smart Growth grants; the grant application period is now open, and the grant is a 50/50 matching grant. Ms. Reardon advised that the last JEC meeting lacked a quorum, due to the absence of members from Woodstown. Ms. Reardon suggested that a procedure be established to encourage interested resident to serve on the various Township Boards and Committees. 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 go into closed session to discuss matters in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, specifically contract negotiations and personnel. Ayes all.

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

Planning Board Chairman Milton Eachus and Planning Board Secretary Lori Vilary entered the open session to open the RFQ's received for professional services. The submissions received for Planning Board positions will be reviewed by the Township Planning Board for action.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to go into closed session to discuss matters in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, specifically pending litigation in the matter of Vizzoni V. Pilesgrove and contract negotiations. Ayes all.

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

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to adjourn at 12:35 P.M. Ayes all.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk