

December 18, 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 18, 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

Public Works Superintendent Russell English entered the meeting to discuss the 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. Mr. English expressed his concerns over this issue, including the Township's liability in maintaining an undedicated street, the possibility of damage to Township equipment because the road is not top coated, and possible injury to employees because of the condition of the road. The Clerk advised that she has consulted with the Township insurance carrier, who advised that the Township would have coverage if something did happen, but does not feel it is advisable to maintain a street prior to acceptance. The Clerk was advised that Mr. Cotler should submit his request in writing, so that the Township can fully evaluate all options.

Further discussion took place on ordinances in effect in other municipalities to address the situation of snow/ice removal on undedicated streets. Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to authorize the Township Solicitor to research an ordinance for Pilesgrove. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve payment in the amount of \$1,440.00 to the Rushes Restaurant for the Township employees appreciation dinner that took place on December 16, 2007. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 07-120, appointing substitute construction code and subcode officials. 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. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to reopen the meeting to the public. Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all. 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 Miller to adjourn at 10:20 A.M. Ayes all.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk