

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2008  
MINUTES**

Mayor Ernie Bickford called the regular meeting of the Pilesgrove Township Committee to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk read the annual notice statement:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings law. This meeting of January 8, 2008 was included in a list of meetings notice sent to the Today's Sunbeam and the Elmer Times on January 5, 2008, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on January 5, 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: Ernest Bickford  
Edward Kille  
William Miller  
Ruth Moynihan

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve the minutes of the December 3, 4, 7, 11 (am) 11 (pm), 18 and 28, 2007 meetings. Ayes all. Motion made by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bickford to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2007 meeting. Ayes Bickford and Miller, Kille abstained.

Mayor Bickford advised those in attendance that copies of all of the resolutions scheduled for action were on the table and available to the public.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve Resolution 08-002, appointment of Township Employees for the year 2008. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve Resolution 08-003, appointment of certain employees of the Township of Pilesgrove. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve Resolution 08-004, appointment of certain employees of the Township of Pilesgrove. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve Resolution 08-005, authorizing a petty cash fund for the Treasurer's office. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kille to approve Resolution 08-006, fixing rate of interest on delinquent taxes. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve Resolution 08-007, establishing a cash management plan for the Township of Pilesgrove. Ayes Miller and Kille, Bickford abstained.

Motion made by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kille to approve Resolution 08-008, Pay-to-Play procedures for 2007 contracts. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kille to approve Resolution 08-009, awarding contracts for professional services. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kille to approve Resolution 08-010, awarding contracts for professional services. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kille to approve Resolution 08-011, Temporary Budget for 2008. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bickford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve Resolution 08-012, appointing Bollinger, Inc. the 2008 Risk Management Consultant for Pilesgrove Township. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve 2008 Risk Management Consultant Agreement with Bollinger, Inc. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve Resolution 08-013, establishing the amount of payment in lieu of benefits amount for 2007. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kille to approve Resolution 08-014, a transfer resolution. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve Resolution 08-015, granting a temporary leave of absence. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kille to approve the 2008 Holiday schedule for Pilesgrove Township. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve the execution of the 2008 contract with Cumberland County Society to Protect Animals for sheltering stray animals. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve the 2008 contract with Edmund H. Shimp, Jr. for animal control services. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kille to approve the bill list in the amount of \$502,110.82 as submitted by the Treasurer. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve the Tax Collectors report for December 2007. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kille to approve the application for Membership of Active Firefighter Gregory A. Lichty. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve the cost of mailing the January 2008 newsletter in an amount not to exceed \$525.00. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kille to open the meeting to the public. Resident Carol Robinson stated that she was at the Rushes Restaurant on the evening of December 16, 2007 and noted that members of the Township Committee and Township Planning Board were at the restaurant for what appeared to be a holiday party and asked if taxpayer dollars were used to pay for the party. The Clerk explained that each year, the Township receives money from the Township insurance company for good claims experience, i.e. no workers compensation claims, etc. These funds are to be used for the Township employees in recognition of the effort to achieve that goal. This year, the auditor advised the Township that the funds could be used only for Township employees, not spouses, guests or professionals, so those individuals were asked to pay for their cost. The money received from the insurance company and the payment of the additional attendees covered the cost of the party, no tax dollars were used.

There being no further public comment, motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to close the public comment portion of the meeting.

Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve the resolution authorizing a closed session to discuss matters in accordance with N.J.S.A.10: 4-12. Ayes all.

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

There being no further business motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Ayes all.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk