

February 19, 2008
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 February 19, 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, 2008 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
Michael M. Mulligan, Esq.

Mr. Tom Lyons, representing the Friends Home at Woodstown, entered the meeting to discuss the bond requirements for the addition to the complex. Mr. Lyons provided background; in 2003, when the Friends Home started construction on the expansion, a performance and maintenance bond were posted. Since that time, there have been some issues with landscaping, and some changes made to the site, including the removal of a proposed observation deck for use by the residents. In lieu of the deck, the Planning Board and the Friends Home agreed to additional landscaping. By letter dated February 8, 2008, Township Engineer Jim McKelvie recommended the release of the performance bond and the posting of a maintenance bond in the amount of \$228,942.32. The maintenance bond estimate was based on an estimate that included many of the improvements that have been in place for several years and were included in the first maintenance bond. Mr. McKelvie was not the Township Engineer in 2003, and was unaware that the Friends Home had a maintenance bond in place. By letter dated February 15, 2008, Mr. McKelvie amended his original recommendation for the maintenance bond, now recommending that the new maintenance bond be based on the replacement landscaping only, reducing the amount of the bond to \$24,735.60. Mr. Mulligan advised that based on section 145.61 H 3 of the Township Code, the Township Committee could waive the requirement for a maintenance bond, based on certain certifications by the Township Engineer. The Clerk was directed to contact Mr. McKelvie regarding this section of the Code. Mr. Lyons was advised that the Township would contact him after discussing the matter with Mr. McKelvie.

Mayor Bickford inquired if there were any plans for additional expansion of the complex. Mr. Lyons advised that there were very preliminary discussions taking place. Mr. Lyons will meet with the Township Planning Board for a discussion on the expansion before taking the plans very far.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve the application for membership to the Reliance Fire Company for active firefighter Michael Jeffrey Chambers. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve Resolution 08-021, refunding an overpayment of taxes. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve Resolution 08-022, approving the cost in the amount of \$1,800.00 to Todd and Black, Inc. for the completion of an analysis to determine a general range of value for Acme Markets, Inc. Block 64, Lot 5. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve payment to Impact Communications in the amount of \$400.00 for a Clean Communities/Recycling assembly at the Mary Shoemaker School Ayes all.

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 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 pending litigation. Ayes all.

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

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to adjourn at 10:40 A.M. Ayes all.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk