

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2008
MINUTES**

Mayor Ernest Bickford called the rescheduled 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. Notice of this rescheduled regular meeting of December 2, 2008 was sent to the Today's Sunbeam and the Elmer Times on November 22, 2008, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on November 22, 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
Ed Kille
William Miller
Michael Mulligan, Esq.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve the minutes of the November 11 (am), 11 (pm), and 25, 2008 meetings. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve the bill list in the amount of \$548,626.34 as presented by the Treasurer. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to accept the Tax Collectors report for the month of November 2008. Ayes all.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to approve Resolution 08-093, Refunding an Overpayment of 2007 taxes. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 08-094, Approval of Submission of a Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Agreement with the NJ DOT for Resurfacing of Harrisonville Lake Road Phase II. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve the application for Membership of Active Firefighter William K. Haney. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve on first reading

Ordinance 08-16

An Ordinance for Determining Positions Eligible for the Defined Contribution Retirement Program.

Ayes all.

Roll call: Miller yes, Kille yes, Bickford yes.

Motion made by Miller, 2nd by Kille to open the public hearing on

Ordinance 08-15

An Ordinance amending Chapter 145 "Land Use" of the Code of the Township of Pilesgrove to include Snow and Ice Removal on Unaccepted and Unapproved Roads.

Ayes all. Mayor Bickford explained the purpose of the ordinance. There being no public comment, motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to close the public hearing on Ordinance 08-15. Ayes all. Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to adopt on second reading Ordinance 08-15.

Roll call: Bickford yes, Kille yes, Miller yes.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Deputy Mayor Kille advised those in attendance that this is Mayor Bickford's final evening meeting, and thanked the Mayor for his service and dedication to the Township. Mayor Bickford stated that it has been his pleasure to serve on Township Committee for six years, with the last four years as Mayor. He read a statement thanking the Township staff, and advised all that he will continue to stay involved in the Township.

Resident B.J. SanClemente 25 Laurel Lane stated that she feels she is paying too much in taxes since the re-assessment of her property. Mayor Bickford and Ms. Moynihan explained the tax assessment appeal process to Ms. SanClemente.

Resident Bruce Bobbitt, 34 Main Street, thanked Mayor Bickford for his service to the Township.

Resident Cheryl Reardon, 230 Marlton Road, also thanked Mayor Bickford for his service and stated her belief that any decisions that the Mayor made were always with the best interests of the Township at heart.

CFO Ruth Moynihan also thanked the Mayor for his service and his courtesy and fairness in dealing with the employees and staff of the Township.

Ms. Reardon stated that she believed that the re-assessment process on a property could start now – Ms. Moynihan advised that any resident can make an appointment with the assessor to discuss their assessment.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

Mayor Bickford then moved that the Township meeting continue as a joint meeting with the Township Planning Board to discuss the Township's affordable housing obligations.

Township Special Counsel Michael Jedziniak, Esq. provided an agenda of his comments on the Township's affordable housing situation (handout attached). Township Planner Christopher Warren, P.P. provided an analysis of the Township's present status and options available going forward on the Township's affordable housing obligation (Preliminary Growth Share Analysis and Preliminary Fair Share Plan documents dated December 2, 2008 attached).

Lengthy discussion on affordable housing followed. Mr. Warren and Mr. Jedziniak were directed to prepare the necessary documents required by the Council on Affordable Housing to meet the Township's Round III obligation based on Mr. Warren's projections in the handouts. A special meeting of the Township committee will be scheduled for December 29, 2008 to finalize approval of the documents.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to adjourn at 10:30 pm. Ayes all.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk