

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
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 asked the Clerk to read the following Annual Notice.

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings law. This meeting of September 16, 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: Ernie Bickford  
Ed Kille  
William Miller

Mr. Kille updated Mayor Bickford on the meeting Mr. Kille attended on behalf of the Township with regard to rural policing. Unfunded mandate motions have been filed by several municipalities, and the general consensus at the meeting was that the municipalities should ask for a moratorium on the matter until more discussions can take place. If the municipalities take no action the State Treasurer will withhold the money from the municipalities' State aid.

The Clerk requested input from Committee on several matters:

- The September 25, 2008 monthly meeting of the Salem County Local Government Association – Mr. Kille advised he would attend.
- Notice from the TRICO Joint Insurance Fund on the annual elected officials' seminar – Committee will check their availability.
- Committee was asked to review the draft newsletter for comments or revisions.
- NJ DEP Green Acres Recording of Declaration of Encumbrance on the Marlton Park was reviewed – it has been referred to the Township Solicitor and Planning Board for comment.

Proposals for the replacement/repair of the fire alarm panel in the public works garage were reviewed. Motion made by Kille, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to accept the proposal of Cati Com Communications in the amount of \$1,425.00 to replace the panel. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bickford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kille to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all. Resident Cheryl Reardon commented on the definition of "gate" vs. "fence" in the Township ordinance, referring to the public comment portion of the September 9 evening meeting. Ms. Reardon asked if the Township had received notice from South Harrison Township regarding a change in their zoning requirements, the Clerk advised they have not. Ms. Reardon asked for an explanation of the Township's pension plan contribution. Ms. Reardon expressed her concerns on the membership of the Township Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee. Ms. Reardon asked if it is true that Elmer Pettit contacted the Township to discuss a "land swap" for a parcel of farmland in the Township that he owns adjacent to the Marlton Park and "Museum parcel". Mayor Bickford advised that the Township did not initiate this discussion, Mr. Pettit contacted Committee.

Ms. Reardon expressed her disapproval with the recent public hearing held by the County Planning Board and County Agriculture Development Board with regard to the County Farmland Preservation Plan. Ms. Reardon feels that the County representatives did not completely understand the plan and that some of the information in the plan is inaccurate.

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. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bickford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Ayes all.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk