

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 23, 2008
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 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 December 23, 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
Michael M. Mulligan, Esq.

Jamie Danner and Bob Woodruff, representing the Marlton Recreation Association, met with Committee to discuss the Association's 2009 budget request. Mr. Woodruff provided a print out of the Association's expenses for 2008 and a projected 2009 budget.

Mr. Danner requested that Committee consider increasing the budget line item to the Park in the same amount as any corresponding increase is Rec employees' salaries. Mr. Danner pointed out that over the past 10 years, expenses have continued to increase, but there has been no increase in income from any sources. Additional discussion took place on the playground that was in stalled in 2008, the completion of the walking trail, and future equipment needs.

Discussion took place on the Township Committee liaison to the Recreation Association. Committeeperson elect Reardon volunteered to act as liaison for 2009. Mr. Danner updated Ms. Reardon on the date and time of the meetings.

DPW Superintendent Russell English entered the meeting to discuss the 2009 DPW budget. Mr. English advised that he does not anticipate a need for an increase to the 2009 line item budget for his department. Mr. English advised that two roads in the Township, the southern portion of East Lake Road and Mimosa Lane, should be considered for oil & chip as soon as possible. Discussion followed on the funding required for Phase II of the repaving of Harrisonville Lake Road. Mr. English requested that money be budgeted in capital for the replacement of one of the small (one ton) trucks in the next few years.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve Resolution 08-100, Appointment of an Elevator Inspector. Ayes all.

The Clerk requested input on the agenda for the 2009 re-organization meeting. At their last meeting, the Planning Board discussed holding the Planning Board re-organization on January 7, 2009, but that may not be prudent if the appointments to various Committees have not been made by the Mayor and/or Township Committee. Township Committee advised that the January 5, 2009 Township re-organization meeting should be a short version, with only swearing in of the newly elected Committeeperson and election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Appointments will be considered at a later meeting.

Mr. Mulligan recommended extension of the due date for RFQ's for professional services to January of 2009.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to authorize the extension of the due date of RFQ's for professional services to January 6, 2009, and authorized the Clerk to re-advertise the notice. Ayes all.

Motion made by Kille, 2nd by Miller to approve payment to English Portable Sanitation for the January rental of portable sanitation units for the Township Convenience Center in the amount of \$64.50. Ayes all.

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

Resident Gary Curry, 263 Avis Mill Road, provided a document from him, dated December 22, 2008 regarding a building on Committeeman Miller's property. Mr. Curry requested that a copy of the document be included in the record.

Mayor Bickford advised Mr. Curry that the issue is being addressed, and he had no further comment because the involved parties (the zoning and construction officials) were not present to provide information.

Mr. Mulligan advised the Mayor that the Mayor does not have to respond to Mr. Curry's questions. A member of the public can take any action they choose. Mr. Mulligan further stated that the offense is not a high crime, and while the rules should be followed, the Municipal Officials (Township Committee) are acting as they should. Mr. Miller's situation is not the type of crime that requires reclusal.

Resident Bonnie Trotter, 84 Harrisonville Lake Road, questioned why Mr. Miller can continue to sit on the Township Planning Board when he is in violation of Township regulations.

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 adjourn at 10:25 am. Ayes all.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk