

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
April 2, 2007
Meeting Minutes**

At 7:02 pm, the Meeting was called to Order.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call:

Present: Butch, Halka, Pinhas, Romano, Wilson, Grbelja

Approval of the minutes of March 5, 2007. Ms. Butch offered a motion, and Ms. Pinhas offered a second. All in favor.

Public Comment

The public comment portion opened at 7:05 and closed at 9:32.

- Mr. Jim Hye, owner of JMH Transfer, and Mr. George, Walton, his attorney, discussed developing a manure processing station in the Township. Mr. Hye is working with the NJ Department of Agriculture Equine Advisory Board, Rutgers University, and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection to obtain the necessary permits to develop a processing station. Mr. Hye would be willing to sell the Township his authorization to build this station and use him as a consultant for one year. The Township would be required to purchase equipment and hire employees for this. He suggested the value of this option would be equal to one year's income. The second option was to allow him to operate the business within our Township. The Council needs to research this further before making a recommendation to the Township Committee.
- Ray Johnson, a resident of Halka Way, is interested in establishing an organic fish farm. He wants to put up a pole barn and a greenhouse on his three-acre parcel. Ms. Butch and Mr. Halka provided contact information at the County so he could discuss this further.

Old Business

- Ms. Butch provided the Council with a list of tasks that need to be completed as part of the Municipal Farmland Preservation Plan. One of the tasks required is that we list the actions the municipality has taken to promote agricultural economic development in order to sustain the agricultural industry. Ms. Butch facilitated the creation of a list. The list will be provided to the Council at the next meeting.
- Identification and types of farming and acreage – Ms. Naugle will prepare this information using the farming database created last year.

New Business

- Open Space & Farmland Preservation Update - The OSFP is asking for the Council's help with their Clambake scheduled for June 3, 2007, from 1 – 5 pm. Please let Ms. Naugle know if you would like to volunteer.

At 9:29 pm, Ms. Pinhas made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Halka offered a second. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Naugle