

**Millstone Township
Agricultural Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2008**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

The Secretary read the adequate notice.

Roll Call

Present: Asprocolas, Butch, Pinhas, Romano

Absent: Halka

A motion was made by Ms. Pinhas to approve the October 6, 2008, minutes with a second offered by Ms. Butch and all in favor.

Correspondence

- **Monmouth County Planning Board dated 10/8/08, RE: Draft Panhandle Regional Profile**
 - Mr. Romano noted that both he and Ms. Butch received copies of the draft Panhandle Regional Profile. Ms. Butch explained that a substantial amount of information about Millstone Township is missing from the draft plan because the County had not received Millstone's survey responses by the due date. Written comments and revisions to the draft plan are due by December 5 and the County has already received Millstone's information. The next Panhandle Region meeting will be held in December and Council members will be updated regarding the status of the plan at the January meeting.

Old Business

- **Manure Management**
 - The Ag Council would like to assist farmers with the new State manure regulations by providing a list of businesses with DEP approvals to dispose of manure
 - Any business that comes forward and qualifies through the DEP will be included on the list
 - Millstone might be eligible for recycling credits for manure that is recycled
 - The Administrator will contact the Township attorneys regarding posting business information on the Township website
- **2009 Operating Budget**
 - Council members reviewed the draft budget and requested the addition of \$500.00 for a large Farm Market two-sided sign to be posted on either state Route 33 or county Route 527A

➤ **Large Animal Emergency Plan**

- Council members reviewed a list of livestock counts derived from 2009 farmland assessment applications
- Ms. Butch, Ms. Romano and Mr. Gann had a lunch meeting with Helen Ferraro, of the Ocean County OEM
- Ms. Ferraro provided information regarding both large and small animals
- Ms. Butch and Ms. Romano will speak to Mr. Gann regarding who will be responsible for small animal emergency response
- Ms. Ferraro explained that every emergency is different and will require a different response
- The plan will require County involvement
- The original plan timeline was aggressive and needs to be revised
- Team members will need to take classes, some of which may be available online at no cost

New Business

➤ **Preliminary 2009 Schedule of Meetings**

- Council members reviewed the preliminary meeting schedule, noting that the only holiday conflict occurs on Labor Day, September 7; the September meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 14, 2009, which is the second Monday of the month
- Mr. Romano requested that Council members review the list of dates at home and provide comments at the December meeting

Mr. Romano announced that the Farm Market vendor feedback session would take place after the adjournment of the regular Council meeting so that vendors would have the opportunity to speak candidly without concerns about being recorded.

At 7:37 PM a motion was made by Ms. Pinhas with a second offered by Mr. Asprocolas to adjourn the meeting and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher