

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2006**

Mr. Halka called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The Board Secretary read the Adequate Notice statement.

Roll Call Vote: Present: Butch, Halka, Romano

Absent: Pinhas, Wilson

Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2006. Mr. Halka made a motion to approve and Mrs. Butch offered a second. All in favor.

Old Business:

The Agricultural Advisory Council now has a page on the township website. This month drafts of the proposed Animal Waste Management and Humane Treatment of Animals regulations will be posted. Additionally, announcements regarding bag worms and above-ground oil tanks will be posted.

Ms. Naugle reported that she sent a letter to Dr. Palmer inviting him to attend upcoming Agricultural Council meetings.

Ms. Butch requested handouts and magnets from Lynn Matthews, Department of Agriculture, for Millstone Day. Additionally, Mr. Halka received handouts from Harriet Honigfield. Ms. Naugle will ask Mayor Grbelja to invite Lillian Burry, Monmouth County Freeholder, to attend the event.

At the last meeting, Ms. Pinhas requested clarification on the Right to Farm Ordinance 80-9, Paragraph 2, Line 4 reference to the Township Health and Sanitary codes. Ms. Naugle asked Mr. Pat Hynes, Zoning Officer, about this and was told it is referencing the Monmouth County Board of Health sanitary codes. Ms. Naugle will ask Chris Loberto for further clarification.

Mr. Romano spoke to Dr. Hamer to request his attendance at one of our meetings to discuss barn safety. Dr. Hamer will provide Mr. Romano with multiple dates that he is available so a special meeting can be scheduled. Additionally, Mrs. Butch left a message with Lynn Matthews regarding barn and trailer safety and a message with Dr. Keenan regarding trailer safety.

The Animal Waste Management rules were discussed. Overall the rules create a situation where farmers could be in violation without knowing it. The punitive measures are extreme and offer no cure period. They also require farmers to create a paper trail which could be quite cumbersome. Mr. Romano suggested the Council take the lead on this. He will contact Monique Purcell to set up a meeting to review the Council's comments and find out how the town can compost manure. Ms. Naugle will sort the Farmland Assessment spreadsheet to determine how many horse farms we have in town and their acreage.

At 9 pm, Mrs. Butch made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Romano offered a second. All in favor.