

**Millstone Township
Agricultural Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2008**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:23 PM.

The Secretary read the adequate notice.

Roll Call

Present: Butch, Halka, Pinhas, Romano

Absent: Asprocolas

A motion was made by Ms. Pinhas to approve the November 3, 2008, minutes with a second offered by Ms. Butch and all in favor.

Correspondence

- E-mail from Mr. Nelson Widell discussed under manure management

Old Business

➤ **Manure Management**

- Mr. Romano read an email from Mr. Nelson Widell regarding commercial composting of horse manure; Mr. Romano will request a copy of Mr. Widell's presentation for review; if the presentation ties in with the Council's goals for a manure removal program, Mr. Widell will be invited to give his presentation at an Ag Council meeting
- Mr. Romano will contact the Township attorney regarding posting business contact information to the Township website

➤ **2009 Operating Budget**

- The draft budget line items were reviewed and include:
 - Printing and postage to cover half the cost for 3 newsletters (cost will be split with the OSFP Council)
 - Advertising expenses for public notices and the farm market
 - Farm market manager expense
 - Farm market signs
 - A new display board
 - Training for the large animal OEM plan, the farm market manager and other applicable seminars
 - Funding for attendance at the NJ Ag Convention
 - Expenses associated with Ag Council sponsored seminars

➤ **2009 Meeting Schedule**

- Council members reviewed the list of meeting dates and determined that the January, 2010, meeting should be moved from the first Monday, 1/4/10, to the second Monday, 1/11/10, to accommodate for

the Township Committee reorganization meeting, which will most likely occur on Wednesday, 1/6/10

- Ms. Pinhas made a motion to accept the meeting schedule with the change from 1/4/10 to 1/11/10 for the January 2010 meeting; a second was offered by Mr. Romano with all in favor

➤ **Farm Market**

- The goal for the market is to charge a vendor fee which will cover the farm market manager expense

New Business

➤ **2008 Accomplishments**

- Council members reviewed a draft list and provided comments and corrections
- The Secretary will be update the list and distribute for review

➤ **Appointments and Re-appointments**

- Mr. Halka, Ms. Pinhas and Mr. Romano currently hold 2 term years that expire on 12/31/08
- The Secretary will contact the Township Clerk regarding Council appointments for 2009 and if appointments can be made during the December 17th Township Committee meeting
- If appointments aren't made in December the January 5, 2009, Ag Council meeting may be rescheduled

➤ **Holiday Party**

- Council members have been invited to attend the Holiday Party on Friday, December 19th, at the Elks Club; cost is \$25/person; rsvp to DPW Secretary, Debbie Sheridan

A motion was made by Ms. Pinhas with a second offered by Mr. Halka to adjourn the meeting and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher