

ENVIRONMENTAL MEETING FOR JULY 11, 2012

The July meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 0704 with a flag salute.

Helen Hazard read the "Sunshine Laws" in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

A roll call was taken and Helen Hazard, Paul Chandler, Nancy Snyder, Ed Truitt, and Henry Gomez were present.

The minutes of the June 13, 2012 meeting were read and a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Ed and seconded by Paul. The motion carried and a copy of the minutes is on file.

A letter of resignation dated July 10, 2012 from the Barbara Woolley-Dillon to Mayor Buzby-Cope and the Township Commissioners was read. A motion to accept her resignation from the commission was made by Ed Truitt and seconded by Paul Chandler. Members expressed how helpful Barbara has been during her appointment and that she will be missed. A copy of her resignation is on file.

A letter dated June 26, 2012 from Helen Hazard, Chairman of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission to Deborah Buzby-Cope and the Township Commissioners regarding lack of attendance of one of our members was read, and a copy of the letter is on file.

A letter dated July 10, 2012 in response to the Bass River Environmental Commission's letter of June 26, 2012 was read. The letter states Jarod Miller will be appointed to replace Barbara Wooley-Dillon. The Mayor will be adding two new alternate members: 1st alternate, Carol Bitzberger and 2nd alternate, Kenny Rose.

Mayor Buzby-Cope administered the Oath of Office to Jarrod Miller and Carol Bitzberger. Kenny Rose was unable to attend the meeting and will be sworn in at a later date. Copies of the Oath of Office are on file.

A list of the Environmental Commission 2012-13 with all appointments in August of the year noted, was read. A copy of the list is on file.

A No Further Action Letter from the NJDEP to Mr. Christopher Rossi, Manager, Environmental Quality and Resources for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority was read. The letter references case # 96-07-19-0925-48 BUST C2. The letter is in regard to an underground storage tank at the Garden State Parkway mile marker 52.8 and is dated May 7, 2012. A copy of this letter is on file.

There was no further correspondence, and Helen brought up old business at this time. Helen informed us that the township is waiting for the report status of well tests at Cramer's Auto Recycling. This concluded all old business.

The meeting was open to the public and a member voiced his concern about "clustering". The subject was discussed and Helen said she would try to obtain a speaker for the August meeting.

Andrew Anderson was present and explained the chain of events that occurred during the building of his home on Goldecker Rd.

Another member of the public voiced his concern about the reoccurring problems at Cramer's Auto Recycling with regard to the well tests. He suggested that the Environmental Commission become more active with the Township Commissioners on the follow up of these tests. The same member wanted to point out that Floyd West has done a great deal of work to help keep New Gretna the rural community that we all appreciate today.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting made by Henry Gomez and seconded by Carol Bitzburger and the meeting was adjourned at 0755.

I certify these minutes to be true

Nancy Snyder