

BOROUGH OF PITMAN  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 23, 2023  
7:00 P.M.

**Call to Order**

Time: 7 p.m.

**Open Public Meetings Act Statement** – Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of the time and date of this meeting was published in the South Jersey Times, posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, and advertised on the Borough of Pitman website.

**Roll Call**

Council President Fitzpatrick: present  
Councilman Kelly: present  
Councilwoman Milward: present  
Mayor Razze: Present  
Clerk McCafferty: present

Councilperson James: present  
Councilman Mazzola: present  
Councilman Weng: present  
Borough Solicitor Vigilante: present

**Discussion**

Motion to Open Discussion: Councilman Weng  
Time: 7 p.m.

Second: Councilperson James

**Pitman Armory**

*(Handouts were given to all in attendance before the meeting began.)*

Mayor Razze introduces Chuck Appleby from the Army National Guard. Mr. Appleby introduces himself, he is the Chief Environmental Officer for the Army National Guard, and then continues to give the history on the property and the work that has been done. Mr. Appleby continues with introductions, Mike Mahnkopf is with WSP, the contractor through the Corp of Engineers, and Justin Milillo works with Mr. Appleby. Mike Mahnkopf proceeds to review the power point handout. Question asked, when would we see the remedial investigation report? Answered by Mr. Mahnkopf, they are waiting on funding. Clarified by Solicitor Vigilante, that the remedial investigation report can not be completed until the funding has been approved and or allocated and then the various testing can be completed. Mayor Razze questioned why we aren't a lot further along. Councilman Weng asked what progress has been made since last year? Mr. Appleby referred to the technical memorandum that would be reviewed next. More discussion. Councilman Kelly asked how many stages are planned? Mr. Appleby answered that items are handle by lowest cost first. Councilwoman Milward asked about the status of an area that was to be done last year. Mr. Appleby answered that after discovery of the issue that part of it was not there responsibility and then discussed the funding and how it would be allocated once the funding is available. Councilman Kelly asked if there was a timeframe for the work to be done. Mr. Appleby answered that once wildlife becomes a factor all work stops until a new plan is formed. No time frame was given after being asked by Councilman Weng. Councilman Weng then asks questions regarding the technical memorandum. Mr. Appleby explains this memorandum was done because of a request by the Borough proposing a possible subdivision of the property. He continued to say that by July 2023 the area designated by the dotted lines in the handout, will be done. Mr. Appleby continues his discussion with listing the constraints. However as long as the property belongs to the Borough funding will continue for cleanup, once the Borough subdivides, the funding could stop and becomes the responsibility of the Borough and or the land owner. If subdivided, easements would have to be incorporated into the deeds to allow the continuation of well testing and monitoring. Councilman Weng asked if they would return before July to give another update.

Mr. Appleby said he would return as long as there was significant progress made. A short discussion about the use for that space was held. Council President Fitzpatrick asked if a buffer could be changed by asking the DEP. Mr. Appleby replied that anything can be asked to the DEP, however it is very unlikely that they would grant it.

Motion to close discussion: Councilwoman Milward  
Time: 7:45 p.m.

Second: Councilman Mazzola

### **Public Portion**

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Milward  
Time: 7:45 p.m.

Second: Councilman Mazzola

**Kevin Austin, 562 Florence Avenue** – Mr. Austin questioned that the area with the pcps is going to be dug up and tested possibly today. AOC 12-are you looking for perp or gasoline. Mr. Mahnkopf answered that this is a closed item.

**Nick Aspras, 415 Poinsett Avenue** – Mr. Aspras asked if the groundwater is at 1.4, does it have to get to zero? Mr. Appleby answered 1 is the allowable criteria. Next question asked, do we have to do an air vaper barrier? This question was answered by a long discussion stating that almost all new construction installs them. Mr. Aspras then asked a wetland question regarding the value of the property with a clean stream and a contaminated one. Mr. Appleby tried to explain to the DEP that this stream is contaminated, but because someone saw a bird or another animal in this area, the DEP will stop all work until a report is done confirming or denying a wildlife issue.

**Michael Grillo, 155 West Ave** – Mr. Grillo stated as someone who played back there as a child in past years, should I be worried? Mr. Appleby answered that a health risk assessment was done and there wasn't any acute or chronic exposure that would cause any harm to any human health or environment. They also found no contamination in the drinking wells.

Motion to close public portion: Councilwoman Milward  
Time: 7:55 p.m.

Second: Councilman Mazzola

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Newspaper designation**

Borough Clerk McCafferty explained that 2 newspapers should have been recognized at the reorganization meeting and only one was. Mrs. McCafferty explained the difference between the 2 papers and asked the Council to chose one.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Milward  
Time: 7:58 p.m.

Second: Councilman Mazzola

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McCafferty, RMC  
Borough Clerk