

PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
October 24, 2023
MINUTES

Mayor Kevin Eachus called the regular meeting of the Pilesgrove Township Committee to order at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Eachus directed the Clerk to read the following Annual Notice:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings law. Notice of this meeting of October 24, 2023, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on January 3, 2023, posted on the Township website on January 6, 2023 and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Attendance: Kevin Eachus
David Bonowski
Joseph Crevino
Kelsey Mitchell, CFO
Ekaterine N. Eleftheriou, Esq.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the bill list as presented. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

There being no public comment, motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve Resolution 23-071, grant final approval to Miller/Glick easement purchase and cost sharing under the Township Planning Incentive Grant. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by crevino to approve Resolution 23-072, establishing the 2023 payment in lieu of health benefits amount to read as the state local finance 2016-10, which states the lesser of 25% of what the Township saves or \$5,000.00. Ayes all.

Representatives from Friends Village came to discuss their plans and to seek Township Committees approval for a development study, which would be the start of the project to see if that area could be in need of a redevelopment plan. The Mayor stated in the past when this request was brought up the Committee asked if any units could be set aside for COAH, which is the only way he would consider this request. The representatives stated this might be possible and they would report back to Committee once they discuss this request internally.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the following resolutions in bulk:
Resolution 23-073, Resolution to purchase airpicks and face masks for the Fire Department under state contracting.
Resolution 23-074, Resolution authorizing the cancelation and refund to lienholder of tax sale certificate No. 23-00003 for Block 33 Lot 4.
Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to authorize the Mayor to sign application for Blue Light Permit for Joseph Gebely. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Certificate of Exemption for the following members of the Fire Department, Jeffery Bowser, Amy Hill, and Michael Gonnelli Jr. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to authorize Alaimo to prepare Change Order #1 for the ADA Grant Improvements at Marlton Park in the amount not to exceed \$10,005.05. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to authorize the Mayor to sign the change request form from NJEM Grants. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Eachus to open the public hearing on:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-019
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 145 "LAND USE ATTACHMENT"

Ayes all.

There being no public comments, motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to close the public hearing on Ordinance 23-019.

Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to adopt on second reading, Ordinance 23-019.

Roll Call: Bonowski yes, Crevino yes, Eachus yes.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to open the public hearing on:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-020
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 120, FLOOD DAMAGE
PREVENTION, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE

Ayes all.

There being no public comments, motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to close the public hearing on Ordinance 23-020.

Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to adopt on second reading, Ordinance 23-020.

Roll Call: Bonowski yes, Crevino yes, Eachus yes.

Discussion items –

Kelsey Mitchell reviewed the Best Practices Checklist with Committee. She is still waiting on a few responses from Zoning/Housing, but they are not scored and the Township has 41 points, which means no aid money will be withheld. Question 55A and 55B relate to shared service cost and the Committee stated they would be interested in share services and for question 55b for listing obstacles for shared services they stated all the above.

The Township had issues with the phones last week and due to the age of the phone systems there were no replacement parts available. The Clerk reached out to 3 different companies and went with Max Communications due to their quick timeline for completing the project and cost to complete.

Four applications have come into the Township for the Construction Technical Assistant position. Joe Crevino and the Clerk will be in charge of interviews and will report back to Committee.

Joint Municipal Court provided an update on the Salem County Joint Municipal Court, but at this time the Township Committee is not interested.

Township Solicitor provided an update on SMS Railroad from her phone conversation with them. SMS will be sending documents to the Solicitor to review and have stated they will be submitting a Planning Board application for some activities they are planning.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

There being no public comment, motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to close this public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to adjourn at 8:03 PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk