

PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 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 November 14, 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
Jim McKelvie, Engineer
Ekaterine N. Eleftheriou, Esq.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the minutes of the October 10 and October 24, 2023 meeting minutes and the Closed Session Minutes from October 10, 2023 meeting. Ayes all.

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

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to accept the Tax Collector's report for the month of October, 2023. Ayes all.

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

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

Joe Gebely presented the Emergency Management Report. Joe Gebely asked Committee about the False Fire Alarm Ordinance due to the number of calls some of the group homes are having. The Township Solicitor will review the ordinance and see if anything else can be added.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to authorize the Clerk to advertise for RFO for the Township professional services for the year 2024. Ayes all.

Motion made Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the Proclamation recognizing Benjamin H. Fairfield in attaining Eagle Scout Status. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to approve the following Resolutions in bulk:

Resolution 23-075, Resolution Identifying Small Cities Fair Housing Officer.

Resolution 23-076, Resolution Approving Public Facilities Grant Management Plan.

Resolution 23-077, Resolution Adopting State Model Citizen Participation Plan for DCA Small Cities Program.

Resolution 23-078, Resolution Approving Small Cities Application FY 2023.

Resolution 23-079 and Form 1B for Municipal Alliance.

Resolution 23-080, Transfer Resolution.

Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Eachus to table Ordinance 2023-021, Public Auction of B:3.01 L:15.01 on Holly Lane until 2024 due to timelines on advertising requirements. Ayes all. Committee requested at that time the Clerk notice all neighbors by mail.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Eachus to authorize the Mayor to sign the Small Cities Commitment Letter. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to authorize the Mayor to sign the updated MOU between the Township and the State of New Jersey for FEMA. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to authorize codification of Township Ordinances from 2019-2023 in an amount not to exceed \$6,345.00. Ayes all.

Discussion items –

Fred from North Point came to discuss the agreement that was submitted for Phase 1 ground work on their site for North Point. Township Solicitor and Township Engineer had a meeting to review the agreement and have both agreed that allowing ground work poses low risk to the Township. The professionals stated there are a few minor changes that need to be made in order to ensure the agreement reads for no installation of anything at all. Fred will update the agreement and forward to the professionals. The professionals will review and the agreement will be signed November 28, 2023 as long as all agree.

Jim McKelvie reviewed the NJDOT FY2024 award letter, which was in the amount of \$81,802.00. If Township Committee wishes to combine 2023 and 2024 together that gives the Township \$175,000.00 to do more of County Home Road. Motion by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to proceed with plans for combining 2023 and 2024 for a joint project on County Home Road. Ayes all.

Crevino updated Committee on a meeting taking place at the Borough Hall on December 14th to discuss adding sidewalks from the Corner Bar into Woodstown. This is not currently part of the DOT improvements that will be taking place in that area, but Committee would like to ask DOT to consider adding this to the project.

Friend Village sent an update to the Clerk stating they cannot accommodate COAH Units in the life plan community, but possibly could add a few units in other areas, which could be a part of their redevelopment plan. The Clerk will reach out to Special COAH Council and see how many units would be helpful to the Township.

Jim McKelvie review the Richman's Redevelopment Plan and has prepared comments. McKelvie reviewed his comments with Committee and will be forwarding them to Richman's.

Mayor Eachus asked McKelvie for an update on the traffic study requested for Main Street in Sharptown. McKelvie stated he has two quotes currently and is waiting for the third quote. Once he has all three quotes he will present to Township Committee.

Motion made by Eachus, 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 Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to go in to closed session to discuss matters in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-12, specifically personnel, contract negotiations and potential litigation. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to reopen the meeting to the public. Ayes all.

No action was taken in Closed Session.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk