

PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
November 28, 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 28, 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 Eachus, 2nd by Crevino to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

There being no public comment, motion made by Eachus 2nd by Bonowski to close the public comment portion of the 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 authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Certificate of Exemption for the following members of the Fire Department that have served the required number of years as an active fireman, William P. Wooten, Daniel J. Evans, and Jacob R. Quinnette. Ayes All.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to authorize the Mayor to sign the following forms for the ADA Grant at Marlton Park: Schedule G, Schedule H, and Application Cover Page. Ayes all.

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

Resolution 23-081, Awarding a contract to Land Surveying Services for B:79 L:30 under the Farmland Preservation Program in the amount of \$7,400.00.

Resolution 23-082, Supporting the submission of the Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Program for FY 2025.

Ayes all.

Resolution 23-83, Appointing Jenna Seeney as the Construction Technical Assistant, 9-1-1 Coordinator, Housing and Zoning Assistant and General Office help.

Resolution 23-084, Refunding overpayment of property taxes for B3.01 L19.

Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to accept Alaimo's recommendation to submit Payment No. 2 to JH. Williams in the amount of \$23,275.00 for work performed at Marlton Park. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to accept Alaimo's recommendation to submit Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$136,760.00 to /south State, INC. for improvement to County Home Road. Ayes all.

Discussion items –

Jeffery Chang representing the Cold Storage Warehouse came to update Committee on their project. There is a meeting set up for Friday morning with Construction and Fire Department to discuss their plans. They are currently working on getting all items submitted to the Planning Board Engineer to review. They expect their NJDOT Permit in a week or so, which is their last outside approval needed.

Committee reviewed the resignation letter from William Wooton for the Deputy EMO position.

The Clerk updated Committee that Voorhees Animal Shelter will not be renewing a contract in 2024 with Pilesgrove for animal services. Voorhees stated it was due to the number of animals taken in 2023.

Committee reviewed the quote for caller id and asked the Clerk to get an updated quote for just the Court phones.

Committee discussed the date and time for reorg. Committee has asked the Clerk to advertise the Reorg meeting for January 2, 2024 at 7:00pm. The regular Committee meeting will follow directly after.

CFO, Kelsey Mitchell asked Committee to consider passing the salary resolution at reorg due to the number of employees retiring. Committee agreed and asked Kelsey to have the resolution to review with a 3% increase for 2024. Kelsey also stated some employees will need to have their salary adjusted in order to meet the new minimum wage as of January 1.

Motion by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve \$600.00 for the end of year luncheon. Ayes all.

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 Eachus, 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 litigation. Ayes all.

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

No action was taken in Closed Session.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to adjourn at 8:12 PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk