## PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP WORK SESSION MEETING JANUARY 23, 2024 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 January 23, 2024, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on January 8, 2024, posted on the Township website on January 8,2024 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

Ekaterine N. Eleftheriou, Esq.

Kelsey Mitchell, CFO

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

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

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to approve the bill list as submitted by the treasurer. Ayes all.

Motion made Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to execute the 2024 Safety Contract between the TRICO JIF and the Township of Pilesgrove. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eachus to execute the 2023 SPS Quarterly Maintenance Proposal in the amount of \$1,956.00 for 2024. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve Alaimo's recommendation to process payment #4 in the amount of \$78,400.00 to J.H. Williams Enterprise. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve Resolution 24-016, Proclamation for Julie Dobbs. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to approve in bulk:

Resolution 24-017, Employee Appoint for Timothy Roy Smith as a Snow Plow Driver.

Resolution 24-018, Employee Appointment Paul Coulter III as a Snow Plow Driver and Roll Off Truck Driver. Aves all.

## Discussion items -

The Clerk updated Committee on Richmans Planning Board process, which they expect to be in front of the Board in February. Failure to do so will result in a zoning violation. Committee has asked the Clerk to locate Gessner redevelopment plan for the old Acme site to confirm if its expired or not.

The Clerk informed Committee the close out meeting for 2024 falls on Christmas Eve. Committee is discussing moving that meeting to either December 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. More discussion to come as that date gets closer.

Committee reviewed the 2023 Summary from the Reliance Fire Company.

Township Clerk discussed a grant opportunity to make improvements at Marlton Park. Committee reviewed a list of suggestions for improvements from the Rec Committee and has agreed to move forward with the grant and look into lighting in the parking lot plus an additional playground by the softball field. The grant is up to \$100,000.00 and Committee has agreed to a 5% match.

Motion made by Eachus,  $2^{nd}$  by Bonowski to go into Closed Session to discuss matters in accordance with NJSA 10:4-12, contract negotiations. Ayes all

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eachus to return to open session. Aves all.

Committee reviewed the tree ordinance required to be adopted by DEP.

Motion made by Crevino,  $2^{nd}$  by Bonowski to go into Closed Session to discuss matters in accordance with NJSA 10:4-12, contract negotiations. Ayes all

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to return to open session. Ayes all.

Committee continued their discussion on the tree ordinance. Mayor Eachus would like to include properties used for Agriculture purposed be included in the exemption list. Ordinance will be introduced on February 13, 2024.

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

There being no other public comment, motion made by Eachus,  $2^{nd}$  by Bonowski to close this public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eachus to adjourn at 8:55PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk