

PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
February 27, 2024
MINUTES

Mayor Kevin Eachus called the regular meeting of the Pilesgrove Township Committee to order at 7:00 P.M. followed by the 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 February 27, 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	Ekaterine N. Eleftheriou, Esq.
	David Bonowski	Kelsey Mitchell, CFO
	Joseph Crevino	Evan Palmer, Auditor

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

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

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

Jeremy Chandler came to discuss his Farmland Preservation Application regarding his exception area and the additional exception area he would like to add. He presented the additional exception area to the Ag. Committee last week and the Ag Committee made a motion stating they have no objection to the additional exception area and have no objection to either location presented on the map.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski that Township Committee does not have any objection to either location. Ayes all.

The Clerk will inform SADC of this motion.

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

Jermery Chandler resident of 574 South Main Street came to discuss a concern he has with a fiber optic company that has been installing fiber optic along his road. The Clerk will reach out to the County to confirm the company has a street opening permit considering this is a County Road.

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

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Eachus to approve Richard C Tighe III as a new member of the Reliance Fire Company. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to authorize the advertisement for proposal for laboratory services for the Sanitary Landfill Monitoring Well. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to authorize North Point to name the two private lanes entering into their complex, Trade Center Lane (off of Pointers Auburn) and Jane Lane (off of Route 40). Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski the authorize the Mayor to sign the Electronic Recyclers International Agreement. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to approve Resolution 24-024, authorizing LOSAP payments to qualified participants. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to approve Resolution 24-025, establishment of Woolwich Township Municipal Truck Route System. Ayes all.

Evan Palmer, Township auditor and Kelsey Mitchell, Township CFO reviewed the 2024 Municipal Budget. They reviewed the rollback taxes and surplus numbers. Due to the large permits coming into Construction for the warehouses there are funds that must be spent for item within the Construction Department. Committee discussed purchasing a few vehicles for the additional inspectors that will be needed to cover the warehouse inspections. Also, the Clerk suggested adding onto document storage for construction due to the limited space currently available. The Township debt was also reviewed and currently the Township only has one outstanding obligation. The fire truck that was purchased last year will be paid off this year. Committee would like to increase the tax appeals fund balance. Committee would like the Public Works Supervisor to attend the next meeting with a list of capital improvements to review.

Joe Crevino reviewed the email from the Borough regarding the Fire House and repairs that are needed. Committee would like to meet the Borough Council at the Fire House in order to review these needs in person. The Clerk will reach out to the Borough to schedule a time.

Discussion items –

The Clerk informed the Committee that the Township Engineer is currently preparing a proposal for the plans for NJDOT FY23 and FY24. In 2023 the Township was awarded \$93,881.00 and in 2024 the Township was awarded \$81,802.00, which give the Township a total amount of \$175,683.00.

Richmans LLC came to Planning Board in February and will be returning in March for their public hearing. The Planner for Pilesgrove will be adding timeline requirements into their resolution in order to ensure they continue to move forward with their redevelopment plan.

Mayor Eachus informed Committee there is an application currently in front of the Salem County Ag Board and he would like the Clerk to reach out the Ag Board to gather more information on the project in order to provide comments.

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

There being no other 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 8:26 PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk