

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
September 27, 2022
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 September 27, 2022, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on January 3, 2022, posted on the Township website on January 6, 2022 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.

Mayor Eachus advised that proper notice having been given; the Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

Attendance: Kevin Eachus
David Bonowski
Joseph Crevino
Kelsey Mitchell, CFO
Niki Arbittier, Esq.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting. Ayes all.

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

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Eachus 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 following Resolutions in bulk. Ayes all.

Resolution 22-079, Resolution approving Raffle License Application 05-22 for Woodstown Soccer Club.

Resolution 22-080, Resolution authorizing cancellation of 2022 taxes and refund of overpayment for a Total Disable Veteran. (Block 2 Lot 9, Schlageter)

Resolution 22-081, Resolution in Support of Salem City being designated as home to the Wind Institute for the State of New Jersey.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve William M. Buirch as a new member of the Reliance Fire Company. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to authorize postage and handling for the Fall Newsletter in the amount not to exceed \$600.00. Ayes all.

Motion by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the use of JIF Safety Incentive Program funds for Shoprite gift cards in the amount of \$125.00 for each employee for a total of \$2,750.00. Ayes all.

Motion by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to authorize the Mayor to sign the Co-Op Agreement for the Educational Service Commission of New Jersey 65-MCESCCPS. Ayes all.

Motion by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to authorize the Clerk to sign the quote for the new computer and software for the Court Room for BIS Digital not to exceed \$8,004.83. Ayes all.

Discussion items –

County Board of Elections has installed the camera for the box. The Township is still waiting on the agreement to be returned, but for now it has been stated in email from the Board of Elections that the Township is in no way responsible for the box, the camera, or storing any of the data.

Friends Village has gone before the Planning Board and one requirement was to have the Committee review and amend the agreement between Pilesgrove and Woodstown for Friends Village, if needed. Niki Arbittier has suggested Committee invite a representative from Friends to come discuss the agreement. Township Clerk will reach out to schedule a meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the Short Term Rental Ordinances and Township Committee has a few questions and concerns and would like to discuss conditions of approvals with Township Planner before moving forward.

Township Clerk had a request from the Lacrosse Board to be allowed to paint the lacrosse wall at Marlton Park for sponsors. Township Committee is concern with the look of the wall if multiple sponsors paint different images. It was suggested sponsors be given a plaque for the side of the wall and a single image is painted on the wall. The Clerk will communicate with the Lacrosse Board.

Motion by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the bid for B:39 L:14 on Whig Lane in the amount of \$5,011.00. Ayes all.

Eric Axelson from Garden State Harvest came to discuss his business plans again and to see if Committee had any additional questions. Crevino asked if he plans to manufacture the product on site, which he does at some point. Committee is concerned with the odor for the surrounding residences. Currently, Township Solicitor needs to review what limitations can be set by ordinance if approved. The Clerk will be in contact with Mr. Axelson once the Committee has more legal information from the Solicitor.

The Construction Office has been extremely busy and needs additional office help to answer phones, input permits in the computer, and file. Kelsey Mitchell stated for the rest of 2022 if someone was hired the Township would need to be mindful of the hours and hourly rate to insure there is enough in budget line item to pay all current employees plus an additional employee.

The bid for the Public Works truck came back high. Township Committee would like Kelsey Mitchell to look if funds could be transferred from other areas to offset the additional cost. Township Committee has 60 days to respond to bidder. Kelsey will be prepared to discuss more during the next meeting.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to open the public comment. Ayes all. Hearing no comments Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to close the public comment. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Eachus to go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Eachus to go into open session. Ayes all.

No action was taken in closed session.

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

Melissa Fackler, Clerk