

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
November 22, 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 November 22, 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 Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

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

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

Frank Hoerst, David Avedission and Eric Axelson came to express their interest in having Township Committee review the cannabis ordinance previously passed. They presented Township Committee with information on the different types of cannabis license and also stated what they would need to move forward if Committee approved their request.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve Brian A. Foote Sr. as a new member of Reliance Fire Company. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to authorize the 2022 JIF Dividend in the amount of \$6,249.00 be applied towards a credit in 2023. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bownoski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to approve Resolution 22-092, supporting the submission of the Pilesgrove Township Farmland Preservation Program Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Program for 2024. Ayes all.

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

Resolution 22-093, and Form 1B for Municipal Alliance.

Resolution 22-094, Refunding Overpayment of 2022 Taxes to a Total Disabled Veteran (B:14 L:1.01)

Resolution 22-095, Refunding Overpayment of 2022 Taxes to a Total Disabled Veteran (B:42 L:1.02)

Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve on first reading:

**ORDINANCE 22-013**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 161 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE REGARDING THE REQUIREMENT FOR INSPECTIONS OF LEAD-BASED PAINT IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS**

Roll Call: Bonowski yes, Crevino yes, Eachus yes.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve on first reading:

**ORDINANCE 22-14**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 36 of ARTICLE V, of CHAPTER 145 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE**

Roll Call: Bonowski yes, Crevino yes, Eachus yes.

Discussion items –

Kelsey Mitchell reviewed Best Practice Memo with Committee.

Township Committee briefly reviewed the COAH Report that Randy Scheule completed, but have additional questions. Committee has asked the Clerk to invite Special COAH Counsel to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss this report and answer questions.

The next Salem County Local Government Dinner is December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm. Mayor Eachus stated he will plan to attend.

Committee reviewed the letter from Alan Garlic on his interest to purchase Block 91 Lot 8.01. This is a lot that Habitat was interested in at one point. The Township Clerk reached out to see if Habitat still was interested in this lot and they are no longer interested in it. Since this lot is a conforming lot a public auction would be required. Township Solicitor will send the forms to the Clerk. The Clerk will follow up with Alan Garlic to inform him on the process.

Reliance Fire Company was award a grant in the amount of \$28,000.00. The grant was submitted by Woodstown Borough and the total match is \$2,800.00 and at this time there is nothing needed from Pilesgrove.

Committee reviewed and discussed the recent email from New Jersey Courts regarding the Salem County Regional Court plan. Township Committee feels as though there are still a lot of unknowns and that it may be best to wait the first year and see if the numbers in the plan are the true numbers when it comes to budgets.

The Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 1, 2023 at 11:00am.

End of year luncheon was approved for a cost not to exceed \$420.00.

Committee reviewed the following employee's salaries for 2023:

Kelsey Mitchell-due to her passing her CFO State Exam in 2021.

Allen Coulter- since he has taken his State Exam and is waiting on his grade.

Mike Stocklos- due to him taking over the Tax Assessor position in 2023.

Township Committee has not agreed to any salary increases, except for Mike Stocklos who will be appointed as Tax Assessor in 2023. The other two employees were discussed for a possible increase in 2023, but cannot be agreed upon until the Township has budget numbers.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to open the public comment. Ayes all. Hearing no comments motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eachus to close the public comment. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to enter into closed session to discuss matter accordance with NJSA 10:4-12, specifically personnel. Ayes all.

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

In closed session Committee discussed salaries, but no action was taken at this time. Committee also discussed potential liability of cannabis. A motion was made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to remain opted out of all cannabis licenses. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to adjourn at 9:03 PM. Ayes all.

Motion to reopen meeting was made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino. Ayes all.

Deputy Mayor Bonowski wanted to clarify the vote on the last motion.

The last motion was made to remain opted out of all cannabis licenses. Deputy Mayor Bonowski did not voice his vote, but would like to go on the record stating he is voting no.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to adjourn at 9:07pm. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk