

PILES GROVE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 13, 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 June 13, 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  
Niki Arbittier, Esq.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting. Ayes all.

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

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to accept the Tax Collector's report for the month of May, 2023. Ayes all.

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 comment, motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

Joe Gebely presented his Emergency Management Coordinator Report. He also discussed the update that is currently taking place on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The next meeting for the plan update will be held via Team Meeting on June 20, 2023 at 4:00pm.

Representatives from Richman's Center LLC came to provide an update for Committee. Currently they have an application in with Township Planning Board for Phase 1, however it was deemed incomplete because they need a site plan. Their survey company should be completed in a few weeks and they hope to be back in front of the Planning Board before the end of summer. They still intend to come before the Committee for a redevelopment plan for Phase 2. Crevino asked about the plans for a septic and the owner of Richman's stated there is currently a working septic and one toilet. Crevino stated moving forward Richman's needs to provide timelines for their projects verses leaving it open.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve Sean Matthew Graham as a new Reliance Fire Company Member. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve the addendum for the Sonitrol Updates for the Public Works Building in the amount of \$942.50. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve the updated Sign Policy for Pilesgrove-Woodstown Recreation Association. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve the Mayor to sign the Option Agreement for Development Easement Purchase between the Township of Pilesgrove and Jeremy Chandler and Melissa Aileen Reilly on Block 74, Lot 3. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve the Mayor to sign the Option Agreement for Development Easement Purchase between the Township of Pilesgrove and Jeremy Chandler and Melissa Aileen Reilly on Block 79, Lot 12. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to approve the renewal of Joyful Acre's kennel license. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve Resolution 23-038, Salary Resolution. Ayes all, except Eachus who abstained from Julie Dobbs and Roy Duffield.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve the following resolutions in bulk:  
Resolution 23-039, Renewing liquor license for 1709-33-001-004 for Joseph H. Owens, Inc dba Corner Bar.  
Resolution 23-040, Chapter 159 requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriation for the Clean Communities Grant in the amount of \$18,105.14.  
Resolution 23-041, Approval of Public Fireworks Display at Marlton Park.  
Resolution 23-042, Accepting the proposal from T.W. Sheehan and Associates for an appraisal for Block 79 Lot 30 the Miller/Glick Farm, in the amount of \$2,350.00 as part of the Townships Farmland Preservation Program.  
Resolution 23-043, Accepting the proposal from Molinari & Associates for an appraisal for Block 79 Lot 30 the Miller/Glick Farm, in the amount of \$2,300.00 as part of the Townships Farmland Preservation Program.  
Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to approve Resolution 23-044 awarding BayHill Environmental as the Licensed Lead Based Paint Inspection for the Township. Ayes all.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-07**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 42 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE**

Ayes all.

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

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to open the public hearing on:

**ORDINANCE 23-05**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 20, FIRE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE**

Ayes all.

There being no public comment, motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bonowski to close the public hearing on Ordinance 23-05.

Ayes all.

Motion made Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to adopt on second reading, Ordinance 23-05.

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

Motion made Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to open the public hearing on:

**TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE**

**COUNTY OF SALEM**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$358,500 FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS, CONVENIENCE CENTER, TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES AND OIL AND CHIP IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Ayes all.

There being no public comment, motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bonowski to close the public hearing on Ordinance 23-06.

Ayes all.

Motion made Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to adopt on second reading, Ordinance 23-06.

Roll Call: Bonowski yes, Crevino yes, Eachus yes

Discussion items –

The Committee meeting scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup> is during the week of the Fair and Mayor Eachus asked that it be moved. Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eachus to move the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to August 1<sup>st</sup>. Ayes all.

Allen Coulter came to discuss his ideas and opinions on purchasing a hot patch machine. He has found a cheaper price on a floor model at DeHart and would like to purchase it for various roads throughout the Township. Bonowski asked how often this machine would be used, which Allen stated it would depend on the time of year. Bonowski asked how long the life span is on this machine and Allen stated 20-30 years.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eachus to approve Resolution 23-045, to amend the Capital Budget. Ayes all.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-08**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$75,000.00 FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Ayes all.

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

Allen Coulter is working on creating a proposal to show Township Committee on a possible shared service with Upper Pittsgrove for hauling their trash. Allen reviewed his thoughts with Committee, but still needs to meet with Upper Pittsgrove for additional information. Once Allen has everything ready he will present to Committee. Mayor Eachus suggested a fuel surcharge and a possible annual increase to cover increase for CDL driver.

The Clerk presented the list of conforming lots currently owned by the Township, which there are four. Township Committee would like the Clerk to get a minimum bid from the Assessor's Office and start working on the auction process.

The Clerk reviewed the DCA Lead Grant Assistance Program, which the Township is eligible for around \$800.00, but since we do not do the inspections in house the Township would not be able to use these funds for anything under the grant requirements and all funds must be used in 2023. Township Committee decided not to apply for the grant.

Dave Bonowski is the Board of Health liaison and he cannot make the 6/27/2023 Board of Health meeting. Township Committee has decided to move the Board of Health meeting to July 25, 2023 at 6:45pm.

Niki Arbittier, Township Solicitor informed Committee that SMS Railroad has received a grant for railroad transportation and the Clerk has received a copy of the agreement. In the agreement, which is signed by SMS Rail it states they must comply with all local and municipal ordinances. It also states there is an exhibit A, which shows their plans and Niki Arbittier asked the Clerk to reach out to receive a copy of the exhibit.

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

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to adjourn at 8:21 PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk