

PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
February 14, 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 February 14, 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, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the minutes of the January 1, 10 and January 24, 2023 meetings and Closed Session minutes from January 24, 2023. Ayes all.

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

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to accept the Tax Collector's report for the month of January, 2023. Ayes all.

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

Mayor Eachus read the proclamation to the representatives from Woodstown Chapter of Future Farmers of America recognizing the week of February 18 through 25, 2023 as National FFA Week.

Joe Gebely was unable to attend the meeting. Committee reviewed his Emergency Management report.

Rich Warner from Woodstown Lacrosse presented his idea for painting the lacrosse wall to bring in sponsors and income to the lacrosse program. His thoughts are to paint it more of a solid picture with a few logos, but not too many. Bonowski stated the wall has never been sealed so this would be a good opportunity to have that done. Eachus would like the Clerk to research more on the Marlton Park sign restrictions before agreeing.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the Application for a new member of the Reliance Fire Company, Savannah Marie Rhoads. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Crevino to execute the farm lease agreement between the Township of Pilesgrove and Martin Catalano for a lease on Block 26, Lot 4(Pilesgrove) and Block 10, Lot 1 (Borough of Woodstown).Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to approve in bulk:
Resolution 23-020, Civil Rights Resolution
Resolution 23-021, Cancel Outstanding Checks
Resolution 23-022, Emergency Transfer Resolution
Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to open the public hearing on:

Ordinance 23-01

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

There being no public comment, motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to close the public hearing on Ordinance 23-01. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to adopt on second reading, Ordinance 23-01.

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

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Eachus to introduce on first reading:

ORDINANCE 23-02

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

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

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to introduce on first reading:

ORDINANCE 22-03

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY RANGES FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE IN THE COUNTY OF SALEM

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

Discussion items –

The Clerk discussed the clothing bin for L.E.A.D more with Committee and after finding out additional information the Committee has decided not to place a bin at the Convenience Center.

Crevino has had multiple complaints regarding the sign on the old Acme lot. He would like construction to take a look and follow up on the safety of the sign.

The Clerk informed Committee of a new law in effect immediately regarding special events and preserved farmland. This law is very new to everyone and more information will be coming.

North Point has sent a letter requesting a letter of support from the Township regarding the placement of the traffic signal for their project. North point is proposing to place the signal on preserved farmland, but that land is located at a County and State intersection. Township Committee stated they cannot offer any letter of support for a road that is not Township owned.

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

Eric Axelson owner of 18 Fox Road asked Committee if they had any updates since the last meeting with his request for his Cannabis business. Committee stated there are no new updates and there is still a lot unknown. Eachus stated that cannabis is federally illegal and he cannot support something that is not federally legal due to the Oath of Office he took to support the constitution.

Marcus Howell resident of 129 Holly Lane came to discuss safety concerns with the light at Route 40 and 45 by the corner bar. Committee responded that at one point the state came to a meeting to discuss the concerns about the intersection, but had come up with a plan; however, after stage 1 the state was unwilling to help finish the project. Committee suggested we try to get the state representative to help push this along.

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

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk