

PILES GROVE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2023  
MINUTES

Mayor Kevin Eachus called the regular meeting of the Piles Grove 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 January 3, 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 December 13 and December 27, 2022 meetings and Closed Session minutes from December 13 and December 27, 2022. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to accept the Tax Collector's report for the month of December, 2022. Ayes all.

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

Joe Gebely presented his Emergency Management report.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve the Application for a new member of the Reliance Fire Company, Patrick Wayne Massey. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to enter in to an Agreement for Shelter Services with Voorhees Animal Orphanage for the year 2023. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to accept the proposal from Crouch & Company, LLC for payroll services for the year 2023 at a cost of \$300.00 per month. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to approve in bulk:  
Resolution 23-007, Fixing Rate of Interest on Delinquent Taxes.  
Resolution 23-008, Cancelling Balances Under \$5.00.  
Resolution 23-009, Establishing a Cash Management Plan for the Township of Piles Grove.  
Resolution 23-010, Authorizing a Petty Cash Fund for the Treasurer's Officer.  
Resolution 23-011, Authorizing Transfer of Property Tax Credits to 2023.  
Resolution 23-012, 2023 Temporary Budget.  
Resolution 23-013, Risk Management Consultant Appointment for the year 2023.  
Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to execute the agreement with Cettei and Connell, Inc. for Risk Management Consultant Services for the year 2023. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski, to approve Resolution 23-014, authorizing the cancellation and refund of a portion of fourth quarter 2022 taxes for a Total Disabled Veteran block 32 lot16 O'Neal. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve Resolution 23-015, appointing William Wooten as Deputy Emergency Management Office. Ayes all.

William Wooten introduced himself to Committee.

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

**Ordinance 23-01**  
**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO**  
**ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

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

Discussion items –

Emily Simons, representative and member from the Joint Environmental Commission came to discuss the need for more members and the functions of the Commission. Currently only two members from Pilesgrove show up and two members from Woodstown, which make it hard to really discuss matters. Emily stated that the Planning Board has not passed any applications onto them to review and to offer advice.

Township Clerk will advertise the need for more volunteers in the newsletter.

Mayor Eachus briefly discussed South Harrison reached out to him regarding a potential shared service for street sweeping.

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

James Stewart resident of 22 Fox Road asked about the new DEP Requirements and wanted to know who makes these changes. He also asked Committee if cannabis could be zoned to certain areas if Committee decides to allow it. He feels the property on Fox Road, which is currently interested in growing cannabis, is too small, too close to neighbors, and does not allow for a large buffer.

Joe Carmen resident of 10 Fox Road came to discuss his concerns with cannabis on Fox Road. He wanted to know if there has been any update made to the ordinance that prohibits all types of cannabis licenses. He brought letters that neighbors signed in opposition of growing cannabis. He stated he can already smell the hemp on certain days, which currently being grown on Fox Road.

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

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to adjourn at 7:27 PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk