

PILES GROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
May 9, 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 May 9, 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 April 11 and April 25, 2023 meetings and April 11, 2023 Closed Session minutes. Ayes all.

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

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

Annual Report of Taxes Not Collectible from the Township Tax Collector was reviewed by Committee.

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

Janice Braxton, resident of 406 Woodstown Daretown Road came to discuss the road conditions outside her house and the safety concerns she has with the road. The Mayor advised Ms. Braxton that this is a County Road and she will need to reach out to the County. The Mayor did state he reached out to one of the Commissioner and discussed Ms. Braxton concern previously, but since it is not a Township road the Township cannot fix it.

Ken Braxton, a resident in Woodstown suggested that instead of Ms. Braxton calling around maybe someone on Committee could try to get something done to repair the road. Mr. Bonowski stated he will reach out to County Commissioner Ramsey, who is assigned to streets and roads to inform him of Ms. Braxton's concerns.

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

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Crevino to approve Resolution 23-031, to read the 2023 Municipal Budget by Title Only. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Crevino to open the public hearing section on the 2023 Municipal Budget. Ayes all. Hearing no comments motion made Eachus, 2nd by Crevino to close the public hearing section. Ayes all.

Kelsey Mitchell provided an overview of the Budget for Committee.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to approve Resolution 23-032, to amend the 2023 Municipal Budget. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve Resolution 23-033, to adopt the 2023 Municipal Budget as amended.

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

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve Resolution 23-034, to amend the Capital Budget. Ayes all.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE
COUNTY OF SALEM
ORDINANCE NO.2023-04**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$174,500.00 TO BE USED FOR THE RESURFACING OF
COUNTY HOME ROAD WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY**

Ayes all.

There being no public comment, motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to close the public hearing on Ordinance 23-04. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Crevino to adopt on second reading, Ordinance 23-04.

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

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

ORDINANCE 23-05

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

Ayes all.

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

Motion made Eachus, 2nd by Crevino to approve on first reading:

**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.

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

Motion by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to approve Resolution 23-035, to award South State, INC the base bid contract in the amount of \$141,326.00 for County Home Road. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve Resolution 23-036, to award ALS Environmental the 2023 contract for Sanitary Landfill Monitoring Wells Sampling and Lab Analysis. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Eachus to authorize the Clerk to Order a Wreath for the Memorial Lake Service at a cost not to exceed \$150.00. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to authorize the Clerk to advertise RFP for Lead Evaluation Contractor. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to authorize the Clerk to advertise invitation to bid for the 2023 Maintenance and Repair Program. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to approve a donation in the amount of \$300.00 to the 4th of July Parade. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to approve a donation in the amount of \$300.00 to the Woodstown Rotary Foundation. Ayes all.

Discussion items –

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Crevino to approve Township Engineer to prepare the NJDOT Fiscal Year 2024 Grant Application in the amount not to exceed \$1,500.00. Ayes all.

Committee reviewed the Marlton Park Sign Policy updates, which include painted/murals and a few other minor changes. A motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Eachus to send the updated Sign Policy to the Rec. Association to have their opinions prior to approving the policy. Ayes all.

The Clerk has reached out to the Township Engineer to discuss the new requirements for Tier A Stormwater Towns. One of the new requirements is creating and adopting a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, which the Township Engineer would need to be involved with the creation of the plan. The Township has received an estimate of \$5,000.00 to complete the plan, which can be paid for from the Stormwater Grant that the Township received. Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino authorizing the Township Engineer to complete the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. Ayes all.

Kelsey Mitchell reviewed the Salary Ordinance with Committee. This resolution will be approved at the next meeting with the 3.5% increase effective June 1, 2023.

Mayor Eachus asked the Clerk if there has been any updates on the list of Township owned properties and preparing the list of possible properties to sell. The Clerk will work on a list to present at the next Committee meeting.

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

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to adjourn at 7:34 PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk