

**PILES GROVE TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
July 25, 2023  
MINUTES**

Mayor Kevin Eachus called the work session 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 Notice:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings law. Notice of this meeting of July 25, 2023, was sent to the South Jersey Times and the Elmer Times on January 3, 2023, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on January 3, 2023, posted on the Township website on January 3, 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  
Joseph Crevino  
Bonowski  
Ekaterine N. Eleftheriou, Esq.

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

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

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eachus to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2023 meeting. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to authorize the Mayor to sign the FY2024 Municipal Alliance Program. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2023 Electronic Recycling Report. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with BayHill Environmental for lead based paint inspections. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve Resolution 23-052, awarding a contract to Spalding MFG Inc. for the purchase of an Asphalt Trailer. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to approve Resolution 23-053, authorizing cancellation of 2023 taxes for a exempt property. (Block 57, Lot 6) Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to approve Resolution 23-054, award a contract for land surveying to Land Engineering in an amount of \$7,200.00 for Block 74 Lot 3 and Block 79 Lot 12, as part of the Township's Farmland Preservation Program. Aye all.

Discussion items –

Township Clerk reviewed the letter from Salem Oak Winery in regards to their application to ABC. Township Committee would like the Clerk to respond back to ABC with their concerns, which are, the lot listed on their application would need a variance for this activity and that they would need to go in front of Planning Board to obtain that variance.

Township Clerk reviewed the American Legion Ambulances invoices for 2022, but considering the Township has no signed agreement future reference to these invoices would be considered a donation. The American Legion has stated Pilesgrove Township owes \$15,504.50 which covers Q3 and Q4 of 2022. Township Committee would like the Clerk to reach out the EMS and confirm a donation in the amount of \$15,504.50 satisfy our invoices for 2022.

Habitat for Humanity has reached out to the Clerk's Office and would like to review the properties that they could potentially build a home on that are owned by the Township. The Clerk has sent them the list of properties for them to review. Township Committee would like to hold off on moving forward with the public auction until the Township hear back from Habitat.

Mayor Eachus informed the Committee that he read an update regarding solar panels in the farmland newsletter. The law states that state level approval is needed up front for any project 500 acres or larger. More rules will be coming in late summer or early fall of 2023.

Kelsey Mitchell, CFO informed Committee that the average house hold will see an increase of \$400.00 for their tax bill, but that increase comes from the County and School.

Motion made by Eachus, 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 Eachus to close this public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk