

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
May 24, 2022  
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 May 24, 2022, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on January 3, 2022, posted on the Township website on January 6, 2022 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.

Mayor Eachus advised that proper notice having been given; the Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

Attendance: Kevin Eachus  
David Bonowski  
Joseph Crevino  
Kelsey Mitchell, CFO  
Niki Arbittier, 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 Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

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

Allen Coulter and Joe Crevino discussed landscaping ideas around the Municipal Building. The flower beds need to be weeded, bushes pulled and trimmed, and red stone will be ordered to put in the beds. Committee would also like the small bush by the road removed as it blocks the view while turning out of the driveway.

Committee also discussed putting in a concrete wall at the convenience center and Allen Coulter received a quote of \$60, 544.00. This is a project Committee would like to complete next year. Kelsey Mitchell will review and discuss with the Auditor. It is also advised when the Township is ready to award a bid that our QPA reviews all documents to insure we stay in compliance.

The Township Clerk will reach out to the State Police and inform them the LED Mini Sign is ready to be deployed if they need it.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve the renewal of Joyful Acres Kennel License. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to approve in bulk the following resolutions:  
Resolution 22-057, Approval of Public Fireworks Display for Four Seasons Campground.  
Resolution 22-058, Approval of Public Fireworks Display for Woodstown Business Association at Marlton Park.  
Resolution 22-059, Renewing Liquor License 1709-33-001-004 (Joseph H Owens, INC dba Corner Bar.  
Ayes all.

Township Tax Assessor and Deputy Tax Assessor came to discuss the tax impact of North Point Warehouses coming into the Township. The Township should expect to see almost double in assessed value due to the warehouses once all are built. The Township will also be receiving roll back taxes as the use changes for each parcel. Due to the size of the project and impact on the Town, Roy Duffield would like to hire an appraiser with warehouse experience to help with at least the first warehouse. Currently there is only one appraiser that has

responded with a quote, which came in at \$40,000.00 for everything. Kelsey Mitchell advised she cannot certify the funds for the full amount and suggested to try to get a breakdown of each phase so the Township can certify the funds as needed verses all at once. A concern of Committee is what will happen down the road when and if the warehouses appeal their taxes. Considering the large impact of their taxes on the Township this is something the Committee will want to prepare for just incase. Kelsey Mitchell will work with our Auditor to come up with a plan for the future.

Motion by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski authorizing the Mayor to sign the Future Right of Way on Fox Road for Farmland Perseveration. Ayes all, except Eachus who abstained.

Motion by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski authorizing the Clerk to Order a Wreath for the Memorial Lake Service at a cost not to exceed \$100.00. Ayes all.

Motion by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski authorizing the purchase for the following equipment for the offices in the amount not to exceed \$479.94.

2-Monitors for CFO as a cost not to exceed \$159.99 each and 4- Key Boards at a cost of \$39.99 each. Ayes all.

Discussion items –

A discussion was held on the Proposal for Updating Farmland Preservation and the grant available to the Township. Kelsey Mitchell has advised Committee that we cannot take the money out the Open Space Trust because this was not done as part of the 2022 Budget. The Clerk is going to review the dates on the grant and if the grant is still good for next year the Township might hold off, however if the grant expires before then the Township will have to do an emergency appropriation and fund in the following year if they wish to proceed.

Recent concerns with cyber security and working remotely for our CFO has brought up some additional security features the Township might want to look into. There is no need to purchase a laptop, as there are multiple other programs that can make working remotely safe and secured. Dave Bonowski is working on complying information to have a discussion with our IT Department. The Clerk will take a look at what services we currently have with Go Daddy and Comcast and report back to Bonowski.

Due to the General Election being on the Regular Scheduled Meeting in November it was discussed and decided that the November the Regular Committee Meeting will be held on November 3, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Committee reviewed the letter from Century 21 regarding Block 91 Lot 14. The Clerk will confirm this is a nonconforming lot and once that is determined the Township will need to send a letter to conjoining properties owners informing them of the date and time to submit a bid, with the highest bidder wining. The Clerk will also need to find out fair market value from the Tax Assessors Office as that is the minimum it can be sold for.

Committee reviewed the County Wide Mutual Aid Agreement and has instructed the Clerk to add it to the agenda next month for approval.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to open the public comment. Ayes all. Hearing no comments  
Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to close the public comment. Ayes all.

Joe Crevino updated Committee on the Ambulance Squad and advised they will be coming to the June 28<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting to discuss the changes and plans with all of Committee.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eachus to go into closed session to discuss potential litigation. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to return to open session. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk