

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 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 April 12, 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 Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the minutes of the March 8 and March 22, 2022 meeting. Ayes all.

Mark Blauer discussed the next steps in the ADA Small Cities Grant. In the next two weeks the Township should have the grant agreement on file in sage. The Clerk will need to advertise the Environmental Advertisement in the newspaper by next week. He stated in May the Township Committee will want to give authorization to advertise RFP for engineering. He also stated the Township has been approved for the Small Cities Housing Rehab Grant and suggested in the next newsletter we advertise for applications.

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

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to approve the Tax Collector's Report for March 2022. Ayes all.

Sgt. Mike Donahue from the Woodstown State Police Barracks came to update Committee on recent activity in Pilesgrove. The Mayor informed him there have been complaints regarding speeding on Marlton Road. Sgt. Donahue stated he will have troopers patrol the road more often. Also, the Mayor inquired about virtual court and how the State Troopers are doing with this process, which Sgt. Mike Donahue stated in person would be better as there are a lot of computer issues and court takes a lot longer virtual. Lastly, there were a few tires dumped on Avis Mill Road and the Township never heard back if it was okay to remove them. Sgt. Donahue stated he will take a look and inform Committee. Before the meeting was done he confirmed it was okay to remove the tires and all information was collected off of them.

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

Emergency Management Coordinator Joe Gebely provided a handout to Committee on activity in the Township for the month of March.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve Resolution 22-042, LOSAP Payment. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to approve Resolution 22-043, Self Examination of Budget. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to approve in bulk:

Resolution 22-044, refunding overpayment of taxes for Block: 20 Lot: 2.01

Resolution 22-045, appointing Theodore H. P. Smith as Acting Electrical Sub Code Official.

Resolution 22-046, Awarding contract for 2022 Sanitary Landfill Monitoring Wells Sampling and Lab Analysis to ALS Environmental

Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for demolition bond for John and Linda Esh. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to approve Resolution 22-047, to release the demolition bond for John and Linda Esh. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to introduce the 2022 Municipal Budget.

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

Kelsey Mitchell reviewed the Franklin Bank proposal with Committee. Franklin Bank is willing to waive all fees, but the Township will still need to cover the cost of checks and deposit tickets. Committee asked if Franklin Bank could provide a contract stating all fees are waived and state for how long they are willing to waive the fees. Kelsey Mitchell will reach out to Franklin and let Committee know.

Committee asked if we need to have any other proposals from other banks before making a final decision. Niki Arbittier stated it would not be a bad idea to have other proposals to compare.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to table until May 10, 2022:

Ordinance 22-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 64 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SHORT TERM RENTAL UNITS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE

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

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to table until May 10, 2022:

Ordinance 22-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 145, SECTION 39 ENTITLED "CONDITIONAL USES SPECIFIED" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE TO ALLOW SHORT TERM RENTAL UNITS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE AS A CONDITIONAL USE

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

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

Ordinance 22-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 187 "TAXATION" TO ADD ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "DISABLED VETERAN AND SURVIVING SPOUSE TAX EXEMPTION"

Ayes all.

There being no public comment, motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to close the public hearing on Ordinance 22-05. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to adopt on second reading, Ordinance 22-05.

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

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the proclamation celebrating Mrs. Beatrice F. Coleman turning 100 years old on May 9, 2022. Ayes all.

Discussion items –

A brief review of the 2021 JIF Loss Ratio Summary was discussed.

Committee reviewed a memo from the Housing Official regarding a few items that have been left off the CO checklist that are required to be checked during a CO.

Motion by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to add the following two items to the CO Checklist, oven barracks and chimney certification. Ayes all.

A discussion on the email from Railroad Realty regarding a few properties that they are interested in and are want the Township to foreclose on was held. Each of the lots that they are interested in are buildable lots. However, if the Township does decide to foreclose on the lots they will have to go through the proper channels and hold an open bidding process for buyers. The Mayor would like to see if we have additional lots to foreclose on. The Clerk will discuss this with the Tax Collector.

The Clerk discussed a proposal the Township received for a new website, but at this time this is not something that has been added to the budget and we will have to see what funds are left towards the end of the year.

Mayor Eachus stated the County is moving forward with repairs on the dam at Avis Mill. He also stated that the pipe at the firehouse was videoed and showed the pipe to be in good shape. Jim McKelvie will be writing a letter to the Borough with the findings.

SMS Railroad has bought the property on Woodstown-Alloway Road. Niki Arbittier informed Committee that in regards to the railroad and them being regulated by Federal guidelines there are certain things the Township cannot prevent from happening on the property, but all local health and safety regulations still need to be met. Committee asked the Clerk to reach out to SMS Railroad and invite them to the next meeting.

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

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

Motion made Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to go into close session to discuss matters in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-12, specifically litigation. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to enter into open session. Ayes all.

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

Melissa Fackler, Clerk