

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 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 March 8, 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 February 8 and February 22, 2022 meeting and closed session minutes from February 22, 2022. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski 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 the month of February 2022. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the Tax Collector's 2021 Annual Report. Ayes all.

Sgt. Mike Donahue from the Woodstown State Police Barracks came to update Committee on recent activity in Pilesgrove. He stated the Freedom Convoy at the Salem County Fairground went smoothly and there were no issues. They Mayor asked about current Police training programs and currently there are 8 new Troopers training with senior Troopers. 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.

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

North Point came to discuss their current Planning Board application with Committee and to answer any questions the Committee or Professionals have regarding the plans. Currently, the Township is waiting on the updated American Water Agreement after the Solicitor had a few corrections to make and sent back to American Water. Brian Facemyer, Fire Chief asked if he could have a set of plans for the new building in order to insure the Fire Department is informed, Larry Lapinski will send a set to them. DOT is still reviewing the traffic plans, which include four other developers in the area too. DEP is still reviewing their application as well. Committeeman Crevino asked how long it takes to build a building of this size. Larry Lapinski stated normally 10-12 months, but could be longer now due to supply chain issues. Once the building starts it is anticipated 3-4 inspections a week at times could be needed from our Construction Department.

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

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to authorize the Mayor to sign Bank Account Documents Updating Signers. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the cost of postage and handling for the Spring 2022 Newsletter at accost not to exceed \$650.00. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to authorize RM Sickler Sons Construction to complete repairs on the Tax Vestibule in the amount not to exceed \$15,800.00. Ayes all except Mayor Eachus who abstained.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve Resolution 22-031, Amending Resolution 22-030 extending a Contract for 2021 Sanitary Landfill Monitoring Wells Sampling and Lab analysis. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve Resolution 22-032, Authorizing Agreement with Mark Kargman, Esq. for professional services as Public Defender starting April 1, 2022. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve Resolution 22-032, endorsing the submission of the 2021 Recycling Tonnage Grant. Ayes all.

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

Ordinance 22-05
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 187 "TAXATION"
TO ADD ARTICLE IV ENTITLED
"DISABLED VETERAN AND SURVIVING SPOUSE TAX EXEMPTION"

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

Discussion items –

Franklin Bank would like to use the Court Room for one meeting to get their Share Holders together on May 31, 2022. Committee agreed, but would like Proof of Insurance, Hold Harmless Agreement and a donation to cover any extra cost from hosting this meeting.

Mayor Eachus ask where the Township left off with updating the Master Plan. Township Clerk will review documents and update Committee.

Mayor Eachus stated an individual reached out to him regarding an accessible AED machine at Marlton Park. Township Clerk will check prices and update Committee.

A discussion was held regarding a service offered by JIF from a company called D2, which would test how secure the Townships network is currently. This normally is a very costly job and it is something the Township might want to take advantage of in the future.

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 by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk