

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
VIA COMPUTER AND TELECONFERENCE  
JANUARY 25, 2022  
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 January 25, 2022, including dial in information via telephone and computer was sent to the South Jersey Times and the Elmer Times on January 3, 2022, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on January 3, 2022, posted on the Township website on January 20, 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.

Attendance: Kevin Eachus  
David Bonowski  
Joseph Crevino  
Niki Arbittier, Esq.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski 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 Eachus, 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 Bonowski to approve: Resolution 22-020, Appointing Randall Scheule as Township Planner for 2022. Ayes all.

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

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to reopen the meeting to the public. Ayes all.

Action to be taken as a result of close session is Township Committee authorized Niki Arbittier, Township Solicitor to respond to Richman's Center LLC with comments regarding the Redevelopment Plan.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to reintroduce Ordinance 22-02, Salary Ordinance.

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

A motion by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski authorizing to execute the 2022 Safety Contract between the TRICO JIF and the Township of Pilesgrove. Ayes all.

A discuss was held regard the SJ Gas Municipal Consent Request for a gas main on Featherbed and Sharptown Auburn Road. SJ gas is abandoning the current main which runs through the Harris's field. Committee would like to know why the pipe on the Harris's land is being abandoned. Also, Committee would like to find out if home owners along Featherbed would be able to tie into the line. The Clerk will reach out to SJ Gas to find out more information.

Discussion items –

Mayor Eachus updated Committee on the Fire house Storm Sewer. He met with Jim McKelvie and Allen last week to review the Borough Engineer's proposal. He has taken pictures of certain areas of concerns. Jim has reached out to the Borough Engineer to ask a few questions and to determine what action has been taken to video the pipe. The Borough Engineer stated they have not been able to video the pipe. Niki suggested we ask the Borough if we can hire a company to put camera down the pipe to see if there is other option on how to fix the pipe. The Clerk will work with the Solicitor on a letter to the Borough.

Bonowski would like to know how to go about asking residents their concerns relating to the Turnpike Project that will be taking place in the next few years. It was suggested we add an article to the newsletter advising residents to email or mail their concerns. Bonowski is unsure if sound barriers are an option. The Clerk will find the contact information for the gentleman that called awhile back asking for suggestions to discuss the project further.

Pilesgrove received a letter regarding the Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Award and Pilesgrove was awarded \$1M for FY22. The Clerk is going to reach out to the State to find out more on what this means for the Township.

A discussion was had regarding the Short Term Rental Ordinance that is currently being worked on and the Mayor would like the Ordinance to be a conditional use that Planning Board approval is needed. Niki Arbittier will make some additional edits and have it ready for Committee to review as a discussion item in February.

Committee reviewed the budget documents that were emailed by the CFO and plan to discuss the budget more next month.

During February Committee would like to hold the meetings in person and also virtually.

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Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to go in to closed session to discuss matters in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-12, specifically contract negotiations and Personnel. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to reopen the meeting to the public. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to adjourn at 8:21 PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk