

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
December 28, 2021  
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 December 28, 2021, was sent to the South Jersey Times and the Elmer Times on January 5, 2021, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on January 5, 2021 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, Temporary CFO  
Maureen Abdill Clerk

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 this public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve Resolution 21-085 Transfer Resolution. Ayes All.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to authorize the Mayor to sign the new escrow checking account agreement for North Point. Ayes All.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve the final bill list for 2021, as presented by the Treasurer. Ayes all.

Review of Agenda for 2022 Reorganization Meeting and Resolutions took place. The only document missing is the Mayoral Appointments, which the Clerk's Office will update the terms and add it to the Reorganization Meeting packet.

The Mayor and Crevino raised concerns with the Emergency Management Officers not having IDs. Maureen Abdill, Clerk stated this is something we can make them and will do so for 2022.

Committee reviewed the response from the Commissioners to the Ambulance Squad, which all agreed it is hard to run a business with funds only guaranteed year to year as the Commissioners are proposing only figures for 2022.

The Mayor, Maureen Abdill, and Melissa Fackler had a video conference call today to explore other options, if any for Ambulance Services in light of the new proposed Shared Services Agreement with Carney's Point for the Ambulance Squad. At this time there is not enough information to move forward with the proposed Shared Service Agreement. Township Committee will wait for more information and discussions to take place before making a decision.

Kelsey Mitchell reviewed the new fee schedule for Fulton Bank for 2022 and raised multiple concerns to Committee. Currently Kelsey would like the Township to look into Franklin Bank in Pilesgrove to see what options they can offer the Township. Maureen Abdill and Crevino will set up a meeting and open the lines of communication with Franklin Bank.

The Mayor informed Committee that he received an email from Freedom Village in regards to COAH and to see if the Township has met its requirements. After a phone conversation between Maureen Abdill, Melissa Fackler, and Special COAH Counsel it was brought up that in order to be COAH approved land it must have water and sewer and the only property within the Township that meets those requirements is the old acme. The Clerk's Office has a phone call set up for Thursday morning to discuss this further with Freedom Village and to offer a few suggestions.

Crevino suggested that in 2022 we start looking into getting approved by Affordable Housing to do away with COAH fees. Maureen Abdill stated this is a process, but feels after the conversation with Special COAH Counsel this is something that might be possible. Mayor Eachus wants to be sure debt is paid down before the Township makes this change, which Kelsey Mitchell stated the Township is very close to paying off the debt that can be paid down using COAH funds. Committee asked that the Clerk's Office reach out to Randy Scheule for a cost estimate.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to enter into the Opioid Settlement for the State of New Jersey. Ayes all.

Review of RFP submission sheet.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to open public comment. Ayes all.

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

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk