

**PILES GROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021
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 December 14, 2021, was sent to the South Jersey Times and the Elmer Times on January 5, 2021, and 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
 Niki Arbittier, Esq.
 Maureen Abdill, Clerk

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the minutes of the November 9 and November 23, 2021 meetings. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Eachus to approve the close session minutes of the October 26 and November 9, 2021 meetings. Ayes all.

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

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to accept the Tax Collectors report for the month of November 2021. Current Tax Collection Report was reviewed and noted that we have a slight increase this year compared to this time last year.

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

Michael Lafferty from 50 Laurel Lane came to thank Committee for their hard work on correcting the speed limit in Laurel Hills.

There being no other public comments, motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Crevino 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 November. Mr. Gebely was unable to attend meeting to review report. Mayor Eachus stated the girls from the accident earlier this year came to visit and thank the Reliance Fire Company.

A discussion was held regarding increasing the backhoe storage rate from \$600.00 to \$800.00, but at this time it was decided to leave the 2021 rate at \$600.00. It was also discussed to possibly start looking into getting some type of storage building or carport at the Convenience Center in order to store it ourselves.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the purchase of HP LaserJet Pro M404n black and white printer for Construction Office in the amount of \$299.00 with a 3 year warranty from HP for \$55.20. Ayes all.

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

Ordinance 21-11
AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT
ON ALL ROADS IN THE LAUREL HILLS DEVELOPMENT

Ayes all.

Eli Wilson resident at 56 Laurel Lane stated he agrees with Committee's correction of the speed limit to 25mph.

Hearing no other comments, motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to close the public hearing on Ordinance 21-11. Ayes all

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Eachus, after second reading and public hearing, to adopt Ordinance 21-11.

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

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

Ordinance 21-12
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE, COUNTY
OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$14,700 FROM THE
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF DISPLAY
MINI LED MESSAGE BOARD

Hearing no public comments, a motion was made by Eachus, 2nd by Bonowski to close the public hearing on Ordinance 21-12. Ayes all

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino, after second reading and public hearing, to adopt Ordinance 21-21.

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

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve an amount not to exceed \$350.00 for end of year luncheon on December 20th at 1:00pm. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler provided a brief update on the solar readings. System 1 has 44,040 kWh for 6 months and system 2 has 10,250 kWh for 6 months.

A discussion was held regarding the Township Zoning Office. The current Zoning/Housing Officer will be leaving after the end of the year. Tanya Timberman currently helps out in that office along with Construction and is a certified Zoning Officer. Tanya is interested in taking both the Housing and Zoning Office positions. She is requesting to work Monday and Wednesday 8:30am-2:00pm with inspections from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Maureen Abdill, Clerk/Administrator suggested Committee ask if she can pick up Friday inspection hours on an as need basis. Maureen Abdill and Melissa Fackler will discuss the Friday hours with Tanya and the yearly salary of \$15,000.00 to insure she is still interested.

Roy Duffield, Tax Assessor came to discuss possibly creating a Deputy Tax Assessor position and hire the current consultant Mike Stocklos. Mr. Duffield stated over the past years the need for help in Tax Assessor's Office has been used on a more regular basis and feels it would be best to hire someone. Mike Stocklos is a Certified Tax Assessor and currently assists with the 200ft list, deed research, tax maps, farm inspections, and roll back assessments. Currently the Township has a budget of \$9,750.00 a year for help in the Tax Assessor's Office. Mr. Duffield is suggesting \$10,000.00 a year for the position of Deputy Tax Assessor with a 5 hour work week. Year to date the Township has paid \$4,715.00 to Mike Stocklos for his time in the office. Bonowski asked if the record cards are in date, because he has heard from others they are not up to date. Mr. Duffield stated as he finds errors, he is updating and correcting, but the only way to completely update is by doing a complete reevaluation.

A brief discussion was had regarding Melissa Fackler's appointment resolution as Municipal clerk/Administrator, which will be effective as of January 1, 2022 at midnight.

Quotes for tablets for the Construction Office were reviewed and discussed. Bonowski stated it is best to go with the newest model in order to get the longest life span out of the device.

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Bonowski to approve the purchase of two iPad Air Tablets in the amount not to exceed \$779.99 each for the Construction Office. Ayes all.

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

Motion made by Crevino 2nd by Bonowski to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk