

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 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 April 13, 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
Allen Coulter, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works
Niki Arbittier, Esq.

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

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

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Crevino to accept the Tax Collectors report for the months of February and March, 2021. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Crevino to accept the Annual Tax Collector's report for the year 2020. Ayes all.

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

James Sherman, 9 Wick Drive, stated he has two questions. The first has to do with the recycling flyer he received from the Salem County Improvement Authority. The flyer shows that only items with a 1 or 2 on the bottom should be recycled and he would like to know why only those items. The Clerk/Administrator advised that the market for products is what dictates the materials or containers that are to be recycled. If there is no market for an item, it goes in regular trash.

Mr. Sherman's second question is why has the onsite chipping service been discontinued? Mayor Eachus advised Mr. Sherman that the Township did an analysis of the cost of the chipper and the service it provided, and concluded that it was not a sound economic decision to continue to provide this service to a limited number of residents. Mr. Sherman asked how much it would cost to replace the chipper. The Clerk/Administrator advised that the estimated cost of replacement is \$50,000.00. Mr. Sherman asked what he is supposed to do with the limbs; Mayor Eachus advised that the limbs can be taken to the Township Convenience Center for disposal.

Committeeman Crevino advised that the cost analysis showed that the cost of the chipper service was not paid for by the 30 residents that use it. \$700.00 per year in local purpose taxes does not cover the expense. Mr. Sherman advised that he is extremely disappointed, and if you are going to take away a service, do not increase taxes. Mr. Crevino advised that the larger percentage of the taxes are the County and School taxes. Mr. Sherman advised Committee that they should not approve those increases. Mr. Bonowski advised Mr. Sherman that the Township does not approve the school or county taxes – that is up to those entities and the State.

There being no further 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. No further discussion on emergency management issues.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Crevino to approve the application for Membership Active Firefighter Jeffrey Lippincott Proud. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to approve the applications for Blue Light Permit of Firefighters Larry Hitchner, Christopher Lach and Joseph Gonelli. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino to authorize the execution of an Option Agreement for Purchase of the Development Easement between Christen M and Melissa A Williams and the Township of Pilesgrove (28 Fox Road, Block 80, Lot 11). Ayes Bonowski and Crevino, Eachus abstained.

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

Resolution 21-040, Refunding Overpayment of Taxes. (Cooksey Block 2.07, Lot 23).

Resolution 21-041, LOSAP Payments.

Resolution 21-042, Resolution Authorizing Execution of Form 1 B for the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (Municipal Alliance).

Resolution 21-043, Appointing Certain Employees of the Township of Pilesgrove (Houlihan as Elevator Inspector).

Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by table the introduction of Ordinance 21-06. Ayes all.

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

Ordinance 21-04
An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code to Revise
Chapter 145-34.1 Governing "Stormwater Management".

Ayes all.

There being no public comment, motion made by Crevino, 2nd made by Bonowski to close the public hearing on Ordinance 21-04. Ayes all

Motion made by Bonowski, 2nd by Crevino, after second reading and public hearing, to adopt Ordinance 21-04.

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

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

Ordinance 21-05
Salary Ordinance

Ayes all.

There being no public comment, motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Crevino to close the public hearing on Ordinance 21-05. Ayes all

Motion made by Crevino, 2nd by Eachus, after second reading and public hearing, to adopt Ordinance 21-05.

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

Discussion items –

Request for funding from the American Legion Ambulance Association was reviewed. Committeeman Crevino recommends tabling action on the request until Committee meets with them. The Clerk/Administrator asked if Committee wanted to schedule a special meeting. Mr. Bonowski recommends giving the Association the

\$20,000 that is in the introduced budget, and then evaluate the budget later in the year and transfer money if possible. All agreed that Association representatives should be asked to attend the April 27 work session meeting for additional discussion. The Clerk/Administrator was directed to request a copy of their 2020 budget and information on amount of funding from other County municipalities.

Mayor Eachus briefed Committee on the April 1, 2021 Township Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting. It was a very productive meeting, with current planner Randy Scheule, Master Plan Planner Kevin Rijs and SADC representative Kate Mazzella in attendance. The Ag Advisory Committee forwarded two letters to the Township Planning Board – one recommending that the farmland element of the Township Master Plan be updated and the second recommending that the Township enact ordinance prohibiting all marijuana licensing in the Township at this time.

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 this public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2nd by Crevino to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Ayes all.

Maureen R. Abdill, Clerk