

**COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	Joseph Furmato
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola
Council Member:	John Wisniewski
Council Member:	William Borowsky
Council Member:	Pamela Snyder
Council Member:	Michael Thulen, Jr
Borough Attorney:	Christopher Dasti, Esq.
Borough Administrator:	Frank Pannucci
Borough Clerk:	Antoinette Jones

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT BY MAYOR SABOSIK: Pursuant to the applicable portions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been given. Notice of this meeting of the Governing Body has been posted in the corridor of the Municipal Building, published in the January 8, 2016 edition of *The Ocean Star* and communicated to *The Asbury Park Press*.

A. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Snyder stated the following: “Environmental Commission had a meeting last night. Unfortunately I was not able to attend due to some other work commitments. But the last communication I saw was that Chris Constantino was hoping to make that meeting. We are very excited that Chris is becoming involved again. Finally, the grant application that we have talked about a few times regarding the “no boundaries” park that we are hoping to install at the Heritage Park area, I am pleased to advise that it is still under consideration and the board for the bank where we gave the application to is actually scheduled to do a site visit later this month. We are taking that as a good sign. We are hoping that they wouldn’t bother doing the site visit if we were not in contention for the grant.”

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: “We are finalizing the budgets. There is one last department and they are working on it with the Administrator.

A note so that everyone is aware, Mr. Morris, head of Open Space, slipped and fell and ended up needing a partial hip replacement, so please keep Rich in your thoughts and prayers. I heard he is doing well.”

Council Member Thulen stated the following: “Just a couple things we are going to put in front of the Planning Board coming up. We will be starting again with meetings in November once construction slows down just so we can work on the Construction Department.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “First off I just want to say thank you to our Community Emergency Response Team otherwise known as CERT. Our volunteers headed by Steve Gerrity went out to the State Police barracks and spent the day there. They were able to meet the NJOEM who is the State agency that heads the CERT organization and they received a lot of valuable information. I would like to say thank you to the volunteers who took a Saturday out of their busy schedules to do this on behalf of the Borough. The Volunteers who attended in addition to Mr. Gerrity were, Bill Robinson, Sam Wilkens, Michelle Maul, Bev Castle, Mary Furmato, Kim Welsh and Jenny Caporino. So I would just like to say thank you to them for all that they do to help keep us safe in case of a future emergency.

Also in reference to our Police Department, I would like to say congratulations on jobs well done. We received 3 letters this month of thank you’s from members of the public. One letter was a thank you to officer Kevin Aurin for his participation in “Walk to School Day” at Ocean Road School held this year. The children and the PTO were thrilled that he was able to make that day extra special. We also have another letter regarding Officer Ryan Barker who came to the aid of some individuals who were at the Seafood Festival in September when the unfortunate bombings happened in Seaside and they were asked to evacuate. They had no way to get to their car and they were lost and didn’t know what to do. Officer Ryan Barker was there. He assisted them and got them to their vehicle. So what could have been a very chaotic and upsetting afternoon turned out to be much better than anticipated due to the actions of Officer Barker. And then finally I would like to say thank you to all of our Detectives. Detective/Lt. Adam Picca, Detective Joseph Hynes, Detective Dave Scalabrini and Detective Michelle Hill. We have received a letter from Brick Township’s Chief of Police James Riccio who thanked them for their participation in a drug raid on Rogers Road. It resulted over a few months period and were able to help Brick and Point Pleasant in this case, seize over \$30,000.00 in cash and 5lbs of marijuana. It was a drug distribution ring that was being run out of Point Pleasant but being infiltrated into Brick. So with the help of our detectives, giving help to our fellow brothers in blue, they were able to have a successful takedown without any injuries or loss of life so we would like to congratulate our officers again for a job well done.”

Council Member Borowsky stated the following: “I am happy to report that the pole barn is 99 percent complete. A couple of small things need to be buttoned up and finished. This building is going to be a huge asset for us especially with the winter months coming up. The timing is perfect that this is finished. This is going to do a lot to extend the life of the equipment that we have. The sewer line repair project should start at the end of the month and this is going to continue through the month of November. The project is going to start on East Drive and also on Sunrise Avenue.

Trash and recycling bids are out and we will be receiving them on Tuesday, December 6th for the new contract. Bay Avenue fishing pier project should start by the end of the month. The project is going to take about 4 weeks to finish.

Leaf collection starts on Tuesday, November 1. Work temps have been hired and are ready to go. Let’s just hope some leaves drop.”

Council President Furmato stated the following: “We have a big week coming up with Halloween. On Monday the 24th from 6pm-8pm is going to be Trick or Trunk sponsored by the Community Watch organization. On Friday the 28, we will have Haunts in the Park across the street. That goes from 6pm-9pm. Admission is \$2.00 per person. On Sunday the 30th, there is a Halloween parade on Bridge Avenue at 1pm. It starts by Route 88 and ends at Community Park.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “As Mayor, I like to give status updates to residents through us and through our local newspaper who does such a great job for us, the status on some of the items we have been working on this year. The first item is Borough Bucks. It is trending in a very positive manner. We are only the 2nd town in Ocean County to implement this program. We have almost a thousand homes who are participating. What is really an interesting part of this program, is we have 115 renters in this program. We do not discriminate if you do not own, you can still enter this program. It has been a team effort between our residents, our business owners and this Mayor and Council to help bring innovative programs to our residents in the town this year. This program is a shining example of what a unified approach can bring to a town. On the same theme, by using unity and innovative thinking, I am proud to announce that we have a new program with New Jersey Natural Gas. If they work on one of our streets and they disturb our streets by 60 or 70%, in the past they would then pave 60 or 70%. Then 6 months later we would go back and have to pave the rest. So it would be a great inconvenience to the residents of that street to be dislocated for two different construction cycles. I am happy to report, through negotiations with this Mayor and Council, that now when NJNG disturbs any road that is a town road, they will not only do the 70% but we will contract them to do the remaining 30 percent. Quicker, quieter and more efficient. It is a best practice approach from business to government. Speaking of best practices, we have completed the best practices worksheet with the State. The State has made this worksheet tougher every year and you have to get a certain grade to ensure that you receive your maximum town allotment of money from Trenton. I am happy to report that through this Mayor and Council, through a team effort, has scored a very high grade. So we will get maximum moneys, 100% of what Trenton decides to give to us. What does the worksheet include? One is a website, with all items current. From meetings to Ordinances. FEMA participation, writing into ordinances to make sure that we comply. Not only do we get money from Trenton, but by complying with FEMA, we went from a 5% discount for our residents to a 15% discount. So if you have flood insurance in this town, you used to get 5%, now you get a 15% discount. Once again, through a team approach, we were able to save the town residents money.

Going back to the worksheet, one of the items, transparency of government. We passed that with flying colors with that. As all of you know, this Mayor and Council puts everything on our website as soon as humanly possible so that all of our residents can read, ask, call or inquire. That is what we want.

Our audit improvement. Thanks to the quite able hands of Councilman Wisniewski, he has improved our audit. We get extra points for that. Timely audits we got credit for. We have increased our credit rating this year to a higher level. We recast our loans at a lower interest rate, once again saving the residents hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest.

All of these items are a true indication of how the team approach can help unify a town and make it grow and prosper. I want to thank this council for being one of the best teams I have ever been on. I want to thank our Clerk, our Town Administrator and our Town Attorney who crosses the T's and dots the I's in such a professional manner.”

B. MINUTES

- 1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2016**
- 2. Approve Executive Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2016**

Mrs. Snyder stated the following: “I would like to publicly compliment Antoinette Jones and Veronica Thwing. As folks may remember, before I became on Council and for a time thereafter, we were approving minutes that were rather old when we were here up on the dais. Now, we are approving minutes that have just occurred from the last meeting. I don’t know if anybody else thinks that that is tremendous and wonderful but it is. I know that Toni and Veronica worked hard to get us there and they are working hard to keep us there with keeping everything timely and having such a quick turnaround on the meeting minutes and I just want to publicly thank Antoinette Jones and Veronica Thwing for a job very well done.”

Mayor Sabosik added that he concurred with that and thanked Toni and Veronica as well.

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Furmato Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Abstain

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: YES

**C. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION (Resolutions, Consent Agenda and Authorizations Only)
Five (5) Minute Limit Per Person**

MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Furmato opened the meeting to the public.

Seeing no hands, Council President Furmato closed this portion of the meeting.

D. RESOLUTIONS

“All matters listed under item “Resolutions” will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired on any item, this item will be removed and will be considered separately.”

- 1. (290-2016) Bills and Claims**

The bills totaling the amount of \$4,779,187.18 are to be paid as presented. The bills and claims list is on file in the Clerk's Office and can be reviewed Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and on Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mrs. Snyder: Yes/*Abstain

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: YES

*Mrs. Snyder Abstained from all payments made to Bathgate, Wegener and Wolf and voted yes for all others.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

“All matters listed under item “Consent Agenda” will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired on any item, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.”

1. (291-2016) **Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Ocean County Prosecutor's Program – F.A.S.T. – 2016**
2. (292-2016) **Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Ocean County Prosecutor's Program – D.R.E.C.P – 2016/2017**
3. (293-2016) **Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Ocean County Prosecutor's Program – D.W.I.E.P. – 2016/2017**
4. (294-2016) **Authorize Recreation Department to Hire One Day Employees for Haunts in the Park**
5. (295-2016) **Authorize Refunds for Recreation Department Programs**
6. (296-2016) **Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or W/S Accounts**
7. (297-2016) **Authorize Purchase of Regular Grade Unleaded Gasoline through Ocean County Cooperative Purchasing System**
8. (298-2016) **Authorizing Municipal Lien to be Recorded Against Property Known as 1112-1114 Morris Avenue**
9. (299-2016) **Approving the Following Application**
 - a. **Carmie Brady Foundation, Inc., Crystal Point Caterers, 3900 River Road, Point Pleasant, Social Affair Permit, January 27, 2017, 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM.**
10. (300-2016) **Confirming Personnel Actions:**
 - **Stacey Henry, Crossing Guard, medical leave from October 26, 2016 to approximately November 21, 2016.**
 - **Sarah E. Bedrosian, resignation as Substitute School Crossing Guard, effective October 15, 2016.**

MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Al Clericuzio: 1505 Hyacinth Place – Asked the Mayor and Council if they could please speak louder and clearer for the residents in the audience.

Al Clericuzio: 1505 Hyacinth Place – Mentions that there are Council Meeting dates missing from the Town Planner Calendar. Also states that his parish is establishing a community garden and requests assistance in the development of the garden by dropping off loads of mulch or compost.

Mayor Sabosik discusses the possibility of helping with his community garden and asks Jude Walker, Recycling Supervisor, to assist. Jude Walker agrees.

Mr. Borowsky mentions to the Mayor that the Garden Club has asked if they could use the new Pole Barn once a month to have their meetings. Mayor Sabosik lets Mr. Clericuzio know that he will speak with the council further and get back to him.

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Explains to the Mayor and Council that he likes the new sign but complains that the background against the letters is hard to see.

Seeing no further hands, Council President Furmato closed this portion of the meeting.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Adopt Resolution authorizing Mayor and Council to retire into Executive Session.

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council are desirous of retiring into Executive Session to discuss applicable exceptions to the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, those matters relate to the following:

- 1. Personnel**
- 2. Contract/Possible Litigation**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Point Pleasant, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**MOTION: Resolution Authorizing Execution of the new Collective Bargaining Agreement
Between the Borough of Point Pleasant with the Teamsters Telecommunicators**

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Thulen

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: YES

**MOTION: Resolution Authorizing Execution of the new Collective Bargaining Agreement
Between the Borough of Point Pleasant with the Crossing Guards**

MADE: Mrs. Snyder

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: YES

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**ANTOINETTE JONES
BOROUGH CLERK**

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**