

**COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	John Wisniewski
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola
Council Member:	William Borowsky (Absent)
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 COUNCIL PRESIDENT WISNIEWSKI: 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 13, 2017 edition of *The Ocean Star* and the January 19, 2017 edition of *The Asbury Park Press*.

A. PROCLAMATION

1. Supporting the 2017 UDrive. UText. UPay. Distracted Driving Crackdown

Mayor Sabosik presented the Proclamation to Chief Larsen and expressed that this is a continuation of making this town safer.

B. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Thulen stated the following: “Next week we are going to have a Land Use Committee meeting. We have a couple issues coming up more to discuss with the ordinance we introduced last week. Hopefully I will have more to report at our next meeting.”

Council Member Snyder stated the following: “Just a reminder to everybody, Earth Day is coming up. That is Saturday, April 22 from 12pm-4pm at Riverfront Park.

Also, our long serving Recreation Superintendent, Karen Haycook is retiring after 30 very dedicated years of service to Point Pleasant Borough. Karen really has devoted a lot of her time to the Recreation Department. One of her favorites has always been Haunts in the Park. She has a few more weeks left here, so if you see her please tell her congratulations on her retirement and wish her the best.”

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “Paving has been completed on five roads. They did a good job. The five roads were Bennett, Hall, Harbor, Shore Haven Court and Juniper Road.

Also fire hydrant flushing started this week and leaf pickup also started this week.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “I just want to say thank you to Chief Larsen and the Public Safety Committee for getting together and trying to come up with a budget that works for the Police Department and keeps our Police Department safe, our residents safe and is fair to the tax payers.

Also at Earth Day the Community Watch Organization will have a booth there. They will be collecting any unused books and children’s books. If people see books that they like they can pick it up. We are calling it, recycle a book. So, drop one off and pick one up. It is a nice event and I hope everyone is able to make it to Earth Day.”

Council President Wisniewski stated the following: “Tonight we are adopting our 2017 Budget. Rather than go into excruciating detail, if anyone has any questions they can just email me. We can set up a meeting to go through the details. Even though we are not fully recovered from Superstorm Sandy we have stabilized the tax rate. This year is going to be a 1.2% increase which brings the 4 year average to around 1.3% over the last 4 years and that includes the reduced retables that we are still recovering from Sandy. I give credit to our professionals, this Council and the administration for all the hard work that made that happen.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “I am going to continue down the same theme. I think if people go back a little bit in history, this town 5 or 6 years ago, all you heard about was furloughs, layoffs and all types of negativities. In the last 3 years, this administration and this Council has worked to the best of their ability to give value back to the residents. That is one of the reasons why Point Pleasant was voted the best town in Ocean County to raise a family. We have safety with our enhanced police department. We have a good business district to shop in and one of the best schools around. Let us not underestimate how important the last 3 years has been for this town with this group of individuals. They have brought stability, improvement, safety and quality of life better than any other administration in the history of this town in my humble opinion.

Tonight, up front there is some information for a couple different organizations. Please feel free to come up and take a look.

My Mayor’s hours will be April 12th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Anybody who wishes to come and see me, come on down. A lot of people have been coming in. It is an interesting night. It is fun to be here so if you have anybody with any questions please tell them not to hesitate to come down.”

C. MINUTES

- 1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2017**
- 2. Approve Executive Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2017**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Abstain

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

D. MUNICIPAL BUDGET

- 1. Public Hearing and Adoption of 2017 Municipal Budget**

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting with our CFO and Auditor who were both available for questions.

Himanshu Shah, CFO thanked the Mayor and Council and all the departments of the town for their hard work and gave a short presentation on the Budget.

For the record Mr. Shah wanted it known that the Budget calls for \$19,652,119.27 in expenditures. We anticipated 2.5 million dollars and still have 1.9 million in our cash balance which is probably the highest in the past 5 years.

Meeting is opened to the public for any questions.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Sabosik asks the town Administrator to make a comment.

Frank Pannucci stated the following: "I think that it is worth mentioning that the Mayor and Council have stated that the staff has done a lot of hard work on this and they did but it is at the direction of the Mayor and Council and especially Council President Wisniewski as chair in Finance. All we are doing is picking up the ball and running with it. This Mayor and Council has really come to fruition in 2014-2015. Before that you can see a 4.9% increases, 4.7% increases, a 6% increase in 2012 and for the last 2 years, 1.4%, 1.4% and 1.1% this year. They have done what they said. They have stabilized the tax rate while not diminishing services in the Borough and that is no easy feat. The Mayor and Council really deserve a huge thank you in the work that they did in directing the staff to accomplish these goals and our budget is actually less this year than last year by over \$200,000.00. I know that you guys are pretty humble and don't like to saying that but I need to thank all of you for the work that you have put in."

Mayor Sabosik also stated that this year is the most paving that we have done in years and that basically we are providing more services at a lower cost. I think that is what is important to bring out and tell your neighbors.

MOTION: Adopt Municipal Budget

MADE: Mr. Wisniewski

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

E. ORDINANCES

1. Final Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2017-04 Amending and Supplementing Chapter XIX of the Borough Code, Entitled, "Land Use" and Specifically Bulk Regulations for Zoning Districts

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting up for public hearing

Seeing no hands, Mayor Sabosik closed this portion of the meeting.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

**2. Final Reading and Public Hearing
Ordinance No. 2017-12 Abolishing the Board of Recreation Commissioners**

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting up for public hearing

Seeing no hands, Mayor Sabosik closed this portion of the meeting.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

**3. Final Reading and Public Hearing
Ordinance No. 2017-13 Establishing a Recreation Advisory Committee**

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting up for public hearing

Seeing no hands, Mayor Sabosik closed this portion of the meeting.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

**4. Introduction
Ordinance No. 2017-14 Amending and Supplementing Chapter XIX of the Borough Code Entitled, "Land Use" and Specifically Section 19-20.3 Entitled "Review Fee Escrow Deposits"**

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Mr. Wisniewski

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

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

MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

APPROVED: All in Favor

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Asked about Consent Agenda Item #8 ADA Improvements to Borough Hall. He wanted to know what exactly is being done.

Mr. Pannucci responded to Dennis Vitkauskis.

Council President Wisniewski opened the meeting to the public.

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

G. 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. (147-2017) Bills and Claims

The bills totaling the amount of \$814,714.61 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: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

Mr. Wisniewski: *Abstain/Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

***Mr. Wisniewski Abstained from payments made to T&M Associates and Yes to all others**

H. 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. (148-2017) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or W/S Accounts
2. (149-2017) Authorize Recreation Department to Hire Seasonal Concession Stand Employees
3. (150-2017) Authorize Recreation Department to Hire Summer Camp and Summer Program Employees
4. (151-2017) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond-Block 100, Lot 34, 1105 Lawrence Ave.
5. (152-2017) Authorizing COAH Services for Richard B. Reading Associates – COF# 2017-133
6. (153-2017) Authorize DPW to Solicit Bids for the Procurement of Tide Flex Valves

7. (154-2017) **Appointing Sheri Lynn Silversmith as Superintendent of Recreation**
8. (155-2017) **Awarding a Contract for the Handicap Access to the Municipal Building to Shorelands Construction, Inc. – COF #2017-135**
9. (156-2017) **Authorizing Execution of an Amendment to Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor- Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program, (D.W.I.E.P.) 2016/2107**
10. (157-2017) **Authorizing Change Order Number 1 - Reconstruction of Bennett Avenue Project**

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

I. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

5 Minute Limit Per Person. Ordinance No. 530. An Ordinance to establish by-laws to govern the organization and procedures of the Borough Council for meetings and deliberations. Section 5. Public Participation. Each member of the public shall keep his or her remarks brief, pertinent to the issues being discussed and shall not exceed a time period of five (5) minutes in order to adequately provide all members of the public with the opportunity to address the Governing Body consistent with good order and efficiency.

MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

APPROVED: All in Favor

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Commented on how easy and efficient getting his tax freeze was and thanks the Borough.

Councilwoman DePaola thanked Mr. Forsyth for the great work Public Works and his water department is doing to replace water meters. Her neighbors also came to her to complement their work. Also thanked all the employees of the Borough for their hard work and great attitude.

Seeing no other hands, Mayor Sabosik closed this portion of the meeting.

J. 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:

1. That the Mayor and Council shall retire into Executive Session to discuss the Aforesaid matters; and
2. That minutes shall be taken; and
3. That the matters to be discussed will be in all likelihood be known to the Public when and if the necessity for confidentiality no longer exists; and
4. That at the conclusion thereof, the meeting shall again be opened to the public.

MOTION: To Retire into Executive Session Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

APPROVED: All in favor

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dasti stated the following: “In Executive Session we discussed some personnel matters and also updated the Governing Body on some information. There are going to be two add-on matters on the agenda. One is a Resolution and the other an Authorization and I believe Mrs. Jones will read them off.”

11. (158-2017) Awarding a Contract for Professional Services to FSD Enterprises, LLC – COF # 2017-136

MOTION: Adopt Resolution

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

MOTION: Approve Authorization to solicit bids for telecommunication providers for the Memorial Drive Water Tank

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

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