

**COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	John Wisniewski
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola
Council Member:	William Borowsky
Council Member:	Pamela Snyder
Council Member:	Michael Thulen, Jr
Borough Attorney:	Christopher Dasti, Esq.
Borough Administrator:	Frank Pannucci
Chief Financial Officer:	Himanshu Shah
Assistant CFO:	Christopher Santiago
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 special meeting has been given. Notice of this meeting of the Governing Body has been posted on the Municipal Website, posted in the corridor of the Municipal Building and published in the February 17, 2017 edition of *The Ocean Star* and transmitted to *The Asbury Park Press*.

A. BUDGET DISCUSSION

1. Fire Department

Fire Chief Charles Willever approached the dais to speak for the Fire Department.

Mr. Shah also approached and gave a summary of the Fire Department's budget and their requests.

Mr. Wisniewski asked if the pagers were necessary and if so, what are their purpose.

Chief Willever described the pagers and gave the Council details on the need for them.

Chief Willever and the Mayor and Council had discussions on the pagers and radios.

Pagers cost \$7,000.00.

Mayor and Council discussed the truck with Chief Willever.

Mayor Sabosik stated that last year they started to put money in the budget for a new truck. This year they have it budgeted in and next year they will have another couple hundred thousand to get the truck. Mayor Sabosik told the Chief they realize the Fire Department has another truck. So every year we are going to put up a line item for vehicle replacement so that we don't have a problem where you don't get another truck for 20 years.

Mrs. Snyder stated that it is easier for the residents to understand when this is budgeted similar to how they would save for a vacation or a new car.

Further discussion took place on how long it would take to order the truck and have one built for the Borough.

Chief Willever brought up the fire boat.

Mayor Sabosik stated that he and Council President Wisniewski have contacted our Congressman regarding donating and/or subsidizing a boat. They explained what the Fire Company used and what the Fire Company is looking for and stated that the Council feels very confident that we will be able to get this done and do it before the weather is too hot.

Mr. Wisniewski explained that he hopes they can see that they are not trying to keep the Fire Company from getting what they need but we need to be able to manage it properly. He asked that the Fire Company see the Mayor and Council as team members.

Mayor Sabosik stated that he will know more in a couple weeks about the boat and they will keep them updated.

Mayor Sabosik thanked the Fire Company for such a great job and everything the Fire Company does.

2. Police Department

Chief Larsen, Captain Lokerson and Communications Officer Grady approached the dais.

Chief Larsen is asked to start with manpower in the budget.

Chief Larsen asked for the hiring of a full-time regular officer on July 1, 2017 to replace Chuck Ackerman who left in March of 2015. And to replace 2 other officers who will have left as of March of this year. Effectively asking for the hiring of 3 Police Officers on July 1, 2017.

Mayor Sabosik explained to Chief Larsen why he doesn't agree with the hiring of 3 more Police Officers.

Himanshu explained to Mayor and Council that the funding would be there in the budget since there are 2 budgeted Police Officers leaving. The plan for 23 Police Officers is in the budget.

The Mayor and Council along with Himanshu discussed the numbers budgeted for Police Officers.

Mr. Wisniewski asked the Chief what the residents could expect from the hiring of an extra officer.

Chief Larsen explained his thoughts on how the extra officer would benefit the Borough and how he could dedicate at least one officer to traffic only. Understands this is costly but stated it is for the betterment of our community.

Mr. Thulen asked how much of the salaries in the budget are contractual.

It is explained by Chief Larsen and the CFO that it is all contractual.

Mrs. Snyder noticed Dispatcher overtime had been at 0 for 3 years but this year it is recommended to go up to \$11,250.00 and asked why the jump.

Chief Larsen and the CFO explained that it is a new line which is why there was no data for 2016. All overtime was under one line and now we are tracking the overtime separately.

Chief Larsen proposed a part-time Clerical of 20 hours trained in transcribing.

Chief Larsen would like to secure (2) Class II officers.

Mayor and Council discussed details of what Class II officers get as employees from the Borough.

Mayor Sabosik moved on to Vehicles.

Mayor Sabosik and Chief Larsen discussed the 6 new vehicles for a 3 year lease.

Mayor Sabosik moved on to Capital.

Chief Larsen stated that he had not seen anything from Capital until just now and requested a 10-minute break to review.

Mayor and Council approved a break.

Chief Larsen stated that he appreciated the Council taking time to look at each of his line items, but that he has a few things he would like to have reconsidered.

Chief Larsen requested they reconsider the (3) patrol rifles for his department and discussed in detail with the Mayor and Council why it is high on his priority list. \$6,500.00.

Chief Larsen requested arming his officers with (6) Tasers and discussed the benefits of this.

Chief Larsen requested (2) radios \$8,800.00.

Tactical Equipment

Chief Larsen discussed shields and helmets, which have not been replaced since the 1960's with the Mayor and Council.

Mayor stated that they cannot do \$25,000.00 for these items. Chief Larsen stated that the \$6,500.00 it was reduced to is too low. He requested they lower funding from somewhere else in his budget to put more funding into these items. Chief Larsen explained this is a high priority for him to properly protect his officers.

Ms. DePaola asked the Chief what amount of money he would like to ask for in return.

Chief Larsen requested \$12,500.00.

Mr. Wisniewski asked about the console replacement and discussion took place.

Mayor and Council talked about having put money aside last year for the console. Chief Larsen explained that he did not have it on his capital list but asked for a 5 minute break to go back to his office to look through his paperwork.

Mayor and Council decided to look deeper into the issue and get a better understanding of what was done in the budget for the console.

Utility Trailer \$5,000.00

Mayor Sabosik explained that it was thought that the DPW had enough vehicles and trailers to be shared between departments.

Chief Larsen explained that this would be useful to transport range equipment to and from training in Manchester. Chief Larsen determined that it would work if the DPW could loan a trailer or truck when the Police are in need.

3. Department of Public Works

Robert Forsyth approached the dais, with his Supervisors.

Mr. Forsyth stated that he would go in the same order the Chief did and start with Personnel.

Mr. Forsyth stated that they have (2) water plant operators retiring this year. The hope is to hire the replacements early enough so that the new hires could work along with them before they go.

Mr. Forsyth requested certain promotions and new hires to be discussed further in Executive Session.

Mayor Sabosik asked Jude Walker, Road Supervisor to approach and discuss benefits of the 11 foot Gledhill Heavy Duty Snow Plow.

Mayor and Council discussed trucks and sander with Jude Walker.

Mayor Sabosik requested that they talk about the Fuel Management System.

Mr. Forsyth stated to the Council that the Fuel Management System is from 1987 and is so obsolete it uses the DOT Matrix System.

Mayor and Council and Mr. Forsyth discuss the Fuel Management System and the use of fuel in the Borough between the DPW, Police and Board of Education.

Mayor and Council discussed various Drainage Projects with Mr. Forsyth.

Mr. Forsyth and Jude Walker discussed Stormwater Management Materials.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Forsyth and Chuck Mohr, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, discussed the 14 year old ride on mower used at the Community Park. It was requested that they replace it and sell the old one at public auction. The requested amount \$10,900.00.

Mayor and Council discussed the infield of the softball field at Community Park. Requested to excavate the infield.

Mayor and Council discussed the fact that this field has been a big issue in town.

Chuck Mohr and Bob Forsyth discussed quotes they had received regarding the field.

Mr. Borowsky requested that Chuck Mohr find out how long it would take and when can they come to take care of the field. Mayor and Council agree they want this taken care of quickly and they would like some prices and time frames.

Mr. Forsyth went to the next item on his list which was the Replacement of Borough Hall Roof - \$98,000.00. He explained that portions of the roof are beyond their useful life.

Mr. Mohr explained that he has repaired the roof so many times and has placed at least 22 gallons of roof tar in the past few years. This is only a temporary fix. The roof still leaks and has potential to collapse.

Mr. Forsyth also mentioned that vents would need to be added because the attic reaches temperatures of 140 degrees. This makes the plywood warp.

The Mayor and Council discuss the possibility of warranty or legal recourse we can take due to the fact that the roof is only 7 years old.

Mr. Pannucci stated he would look into this.

Mr. Borowsky asked to look into the resurfacing of the Skateboard Park.

Mr. Forsyth discussed the water meters and possible hire of Temporary Employees to install meters with Mayor and Council.

Mr. Forsyth discussed sewer stations with the Council.

Jude Walker discusses vehicles with the Mayor and Council. One everyday truck in particular that is urgent to his department.

It is suggested by Mayor and Council that they use one of the trucks as an everyday vehicle.

Mr. Walker discussed further in detail how important the everyday vehicles are to the department.

Mayor Sabosik expressed that he and the rest of Council would like to see a maintenance schedule on the vehicles. If they have historical data, they can have a better understanding of costs and be better able to fund some of the new ideas that are brought to Mayor and Council.

Mr. Walker requested additional funding to purchase a new Cassone 8x36 Mobile Office Trailer with bathroom, heat and air conditioning for Recycling Center. \$11,000.00 was appropriated from last year's budget. \$7,500.00 was requested to complete purchase.

Mayor and Council discussed whether that size is necessary or if they could go smaller.

Mr. Walker discussed additional funding needed to upgrade new radio system at DPW.

Mayor Sabosik requested time to get back to him on the funding for the new radio system.

Mr. Walker discussed the Husqvarna Asphalt Concrete Cut Saw.

Mr. Walker discussed the need to repair curbing, sidewalks and top coat asphalt at the DPW complex. \$65,000.00.

Mr. Walker discussed the Milling and Paving to entire or sections of various roads in Point Pleasant. Schedule C Agreement (Milling/Paving/Street Sweeping/Thermo Plastic Tape) \$335,000.00 and Private Contractor Milling and Paving - \$550,000.00.

Mr. Walker requested new diagnostic tools for the Department Mechanic.

Council discussed the total road reconstruction for Perch Hole Point Place and Shore Blvd. - \$655,000.00.

Mr. Borowsky asked if Jaehnel Parkway would be on the list for repair and expressed an urgency for this road.

Mayor Sabosik stated that they need to repair these roads. They are behind on road work and the trucks are being damaged from snow removal on these roads.

It was suggested by Mr. Dasti that this be discussed in a DPW Committee Meeting.

Mr. Wisniewski had suggested to close the recycling center one day during the week to try to save money. It was expressed that they believe it would save approximately \$20,000.00 a year. No decision made at this point, just discussion.

B. 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: Mr. Borowsky

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

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

C. 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 Mrs. Snyder

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

APPROVED: All in favor

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dasti stated the following: "When we were in closed session we discussed some recommendations for personnel actions from the Finance Committee."

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**ANTOINETTE JONES
BOROUGH CLERK**

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**

