

**ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017
11:00 A.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council Member:	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

Mayor Sabosik: “Let us stand for a moment of silence for the men and women of our armed services and the police officers who have given their lives to maintain the quality of our democracy. Thank you.”

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 November 26, 2016 edition of *The Ocean Star* and communicated to *The Asbury Park Press*.

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Before we start, I would like to acknowledge some of the dignitaries who are here with us today. We have our Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno. We have our former Councilman Brian McAlindin and Councilman Thulen from Bricktown. We have our esteemed Judge of Ocean County, the Honorable Robert Fall. Thank you for attending. Our first official act this year will be the official oath of office for Mr. Joseph Furmato given by Honorable Bob Fall.”

A. OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE

1. Joseph Furmato, Jr. – Council Member

Councilmember Joseph Furmato stated the following: “I just want to thank everyone for making this happen. It is an honor. Thank you.”

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “While we are waiting for the paperwork to be signed, I do want to acknowledge a senior Councilman by the name of Mitch Remig. He was elected here as the youngest council member ever. The first day that I sat next to him I looked at him and I said, you are the senior member. What do you have to tell this rookie, what do we do? So, thank you Mitch. The tutelage I guess, went pretty well.”

2. Michael Thulen, Jr. – Council Member

Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno administered the oath of office to Councilman Thulen.

Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno stated the following: “Let me just say good morning to everybody. It is an amazing turnout given the amount of snow that is falling right now. It is important that we acknowledge that everybody is here today because we are all going to be out over the next couple of hours. If they are not shoveling themselves, they are certainly going to be asked why the roads aren’t clear. Isn’t that what small town is all about. I come from a small town, the little tiny town of Monmouth Beach up the road a couple of miles and I know today is going to be a busy day for all of you. No matter how hard you try, there is always going to be somebody who wanted their car pulled out first or their road cleared first or wanted to know why the salt isn’t down yet. That is the beauty of Ocean County and the State of New Jersey. We are small and we like to touch our elected public officials. That is why I like to come out and do Re-Org’s. I think I have done 15 or 20 in the last couple of days and over the last 7 years, well more than 100. Because you need to know that people in Trenton who you think are not normally in touch with what you do, there are a few of us there still who understand that the real work of Government gets done right here in this room. So I think you should applaud the entire board this year for doing a great job and for next year doing a great job. The most important part of that oath we just gave was not the ‘I swear to uphold the constitution’, the most important part was the part that says ‘under the authority of the people.’ This board will never forget that the most important part of their oath is that they serve the people. That is what that means. To serve under the authority of the people who elected you into this position. They all feel comfortable reminding you of that on a regular basis, I am sure especially in a small town. But it is really a reminder to all of us every year that we work for these people. Not the other way around. One last thing, at re-organization, we need to thank the people that are really suffering the most, and they are the families of the people who let these guys serve on the boards. I know they are not home on weekends, I know they are not home at night, I know they are taking phone calls day and night and I know you can’t go anywhere without somebody telling you to tell your husband or your wife about something going wrong in town. So the real heroes of today are the families, the children, the spouses and the partners of the people who serve. Without your support, we cannot do what we do. It just wouldn’t work. So I think that if you don’t mind board give your family a round of applause. Thank you all for having me here today. I look forward to helping any way I can over the next year. Thank you.”

B. NOMINATION AND RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT – (001-2017)

Council Member Snyder stated the following: “It is my privilege and honor to nominate my colleague, Councilman John Wisniewski as Council President. I hope the Council will agree with me that John has worked tirelessly with the Borough employees and the Financial Department over the past 5 years to make the budget process and the department itself more efficient and to help the residents of Point Pleasant Borough save money. I have no doubt that as Council President he will work just as hard to help our council be more efficient and better for the benefit of our Borough residents. So with that, I respectfully request the council join me in nominating and then electing John as Council President.”

MOTION: Appoint Council Member John Wisniewski as Council President

MADE: Mrs. Snyder

SECOND: Mr. Thulen

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mrs. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: YES

Council President John Wisniewski stated the following: “Thank you very much. I expect this job to be pretty easy with these guys up here helping out. It is really nothing I did, it is more of what we did. The administration and the town professionals. We made a lot of progress in the 5 years that I have been on Council. We talked early in my first year as Councilman that it is kind of like turning a battleship and with these guys up here I think we have the battleship going in the right direction. Thank you very much. I will do my very best.”

Honorable Robert Fall administered the Oath of Office for Council President John Wisniewski

C. COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Member Thulen stated the following: “Good morning everyone. Thank you for coming out on this snowy day. I want to thank the Lieutenant Governor for coming out here today and also the Attorney General. They are both very important people in our State and to us and this town. We really appreciate them and I personally really like our Lieutenant Governor and I am very happy that she is out in Trenton representing us. I think we are a better State because of that and I hope she continues for some time.

Second, I would like to thank my wife, Jennifer who gives me the time and the help to go out and do what I believe in. She has known that since before we got married that I have always had an interest in public service and she has supported me 100% all the way. She is one of my best advisors and she is there to really remind me of who I am and what to do. Without her I couldn't do this and I appreciate the time that she gives me to go out and do these things. And I appreciate even more, the time she makes to come with me to different events to meet everybody and they can see that I made one really good choice. I would like to thank my parents and my family. My Grandmother, Jackie, my Uncle Tim, my Uncle Dan and Aunt Mary. They all came down and braved the snow for me and I really appreciate that. Family is important and I have learned a lot from my family. Plenty of strong opinions which helps me to stand up for my arguments today. I have learned from all of you a lot and I hope I make you proud.

Running in elections is not easy. But if you have a team, not only the team of council members I have up here with me today, but also the support of the Republican Club and the neighbors and residents. Mary Furmato is our club president and with all the organization that she does, it helps us in our elections. We have a strong group of individuals helping us and I really appreciate that.

I want to thank a couple of my friends out in the crowd. I have been doing this politics thing for a while now and I have made a lot of great friends and acquaintances. When it came time for me to run, they made it that much easier by donating their time and their funds to help me to do what I believe in because they believe in me. So, I thank them for their support and I hope to make them proud.

Going through the year, there are a couple things I do want to accomplish here in the Borough. I want to continue to update some of the infrastructure. I feel that is very important. If we don't keep things updated and properly working, we are not keeping our residents safe. We will continue to work on that. We are working on better water access and make the Borough more accessible. The Council and Mayor have done a great job of that so far making themselves available to the residents even in off times. I think by us adding some of the different technologies we have been able to do that. This is so that you don't have to rush home at 3:00 on a Wednesday trying to get something done. You should be able to do a lot of stuff on line which we have accomplished.

I also want to thank the voters for believing in me. Next month I will be here for 2 years. My first year I was appointed by the Council and Mayor and then last year, I had won the election. So, the people of

Point Pleasant had the chance to look at me and get rid of me if they didn't like me. So I appreciate that they made the choice to keep me on and I look forward to making sure the people of this town enjoy their lives here.

Finally, I would like to thank my running mate Joe. He and I were out there doing a lot of hard work. Not only him but his family as well. It was great having him as my running mate. We kept each other calm and focused and also got to do a lot of work for the town at the same time. So I appreciate that we got to run together. I think he did a great job as Council President and I know John will do a great job going forward.”

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “I don't think I can keep up with Mike's speech, but I would also like to thank everyone. Everyone who is here, and everyone who is not here. I want to thank John for taking over as Council President. You will be getting a lot of texts and phone calls from Bob and he will leave you a lot of messages and that will be fine. It starts around 7 in the morning and then it ends around 4pm and then it starts up again after dinner. All good.

I would like to thank Mike. It was fun to campaign with him. We did a lot of things I never did before. We went door to door and I would be looking at my phone to find the republican homes and I would be walking across the street not looking in any direction and end up all over the place. In the end I just put the phone away and just decided it would be easier just to look for Trump signs and I knocked on their doors. So we had fun.

I would like to thank my wife. Like Mike said, she did a lot behind the scenes and I would like to thank my Grandchildren for coming up and holding the bible. I would like to thank my family for being here. Thank you.”

Council Member William Borowsky stated the following: “I would just like to say congratulations to Mike, John and Joe and also thank everyone for coming out today. These are exciting times in America right now on a National level and on a local level. We have a lot of projects that we are working on that are very exciting, you will hear more about them in the future. It is really good to be part of such a great team. We don't always agree but we always find a way to agree and work together for what is best for the residents of Point Pleasant and we get to have a bunch of laughs on top of that. It is a pleasure and an honor to work with this Council and once again thank you everybody and congratulations to all the appointments.”

Council Member Antoinette DePaola stated the following: “I would just like to wish everybody a happy and healthy New Year. Moving into the New Year, this Mayor and Council will continue to do what we can to make this Borough the best that we have here in Ocean County. We do work hard and tirelessly. But the one thing that makes it worth it, is to see the changes being made for the benefit of our town. For a town that we all love and work in and live in. We want to stay here and we want our children to be able to maintain a lifestyle here. So what we do is not easy. Our family is a huge support network for us. Our neighbors and friends who come out and support us. All our professionals and our Borough employees who do great jobs every single day, they make our job look easy. All their hard work we really do appreciate it. All our Police and Fire and First Aid, especially in today's society where our law enforcement officers are coming under fire every single day. And our men and women in blue go out there every day and protect our streets, our homes and our families. We can't ever thank them enough for all that they do to help us. Moving forward into the New Year, we will continue to support our men and women in blue and our volunteer services so that they can be the best that they can be, because they too, like the Mayor and Council take a lot of time away from their families to do the right thing for Point

Pleasant Borough. That is what makes the Borough a great place to live. Because we have a great core group of members of the public that are willing to be there for each other and you can't put a price tag on that. So we will continue to work hard and continue to make the Borough an affordable and great place to live. I am just honored to be able to serve the residents. So thank you all very much.

I also want to congratulate Mike and Joe on a very good election. They ran on their record and I am glad that the residents took note of that and re-elected them because they really do work hard for the residents.

I also want to congratulate John Wisniewski on his election to Council President. John is a quiet guy but he is also a strong guy. John has a lot of talents that he shares with us up here on council. He makes our Council work more efficiently and better and I think that John is going to do a great job up here as Council President. I would like to thank him and let him know that we will all be up here to support him and back him up every step of the way."

Council Member Pamela Snyder stated the following: "I just want to congratulate and welcome back Councilman Mike Thulen and Councilman Joe Furmato. It has been my absolute pleasure to serve with them for the past 2 years and I look forward to working with them in the coming years."

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: "First I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2017. As I sit here before you, I personally want to thank the voters of Point Pleasant for re-electing our two councilmen, Joe Furmato and Mike Thulen. We understand that the most important element of being a U.S. Citizen is your vote. The informal definition of voting is expressing a desire to follow a particular course of action. By your votes, you have shown this Mayor and Council to continue down the various paths to make this town the best that it can be. We are your family, we are your neighbors and we are your friends. The passion that all of you have shown by your votes will lead us to higher heights for accomplishments for our town. Your desire for a better Point Pleasant, is our desire to make it happen. We are the most densely populated town per square mile in Ocean County. This does not happen by accident. Some of the reasons that people want to be a part of our town is the rebuilding after Sandy. We are doing what I think is the best that we can be. We are working Saturdays and night hours with inspectors to get people back into their homes. The safety factor. Our police department is out there controlling the bad guys to the best of their ability. We have created a stable environment. The resurgence of our commercial district, the great school system and the volunteerism of our town is one of the highest in Ocean and Monmouth County. Our police have helped with their explorers. First Aid and Fire have the most members per thousand in Ocean County. Why do all these people want to volunteer here? Because they have a desire to help make this town the best that it can be. Our commitment to you is that we will have the passion, the will, the work ethic, the integrity, the sense of responsibility, the discipline and above all the teamwork to accomplish our common goals protecting our town, our people and the quality of life that we so richly deserve. You have entrusted us with the future of our town. We will continue to fight for our town in all areas to make our lives the best that it can be.

Now everybody has said thank you to their wives and their family. My wife has a saying. She says I am the only person who can convince people who think it is a part time job and make it a full time job. And that is the desire that you have up here. The desire to make things happen. I want to thank my wife for putting up with 'I'll be home at 7pm' and walking in at 9pm with burnt dinners. Saying that I will take her out for dinner and we end up at the OB diner at 11pm. And canceling so many different trips that I don't want to mention because she may use it against me in the future. But above all, she is the love of my life. I thank you for your patience, your kindness and what you give to this town also. I thank all of you for being here today, and you have my personal word that we will be the best that we can be."

D. FIREFIGHTERS – Oath of Office

Mayor Sabosik called the Point Pleasant Fire Company to the front for the Borough Clerk to administer the Oath of Office.

E. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS – Oaths of Office

1. **Planning Board Robert Forsyth to Class II, Borough Official; Albert Faraldi, Alt. #1; Andy Preiser, Alt. #2**
2. **Open Space Advisory – Richard Morris, Dawn Wagner, Joanne Goetting, Greg Zyry, Craig Bowers, James Hoffmaster, Ed Lavan, Jack McHugh, Cortland Coleman, Don Remig as Alt. #1 and Marilyn Pribish as Alt. #2**
3. **Environmental Commission – Chris Constantino, Chairman; Sheryl Burke, Member; Mike Romanowski, Member; Noel Novak-Schulz, Member; Heidi Riley, Member/Garden Club Liaison; Al Clericuzio, Associate Member/Founding Member; Al Faraldi, Member/Planning Board Liaison; Dennis Blazak, Alternate Member**

Mayor Sabosik called up all Mayoral Appointments to the front for the Borough Clerk to administer the Oath of Office

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “It is now my pleasure for the first time officially to turn this meeting over to our Council President John Wisniewski”

**F. 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: Mrs. Snyder

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Wisniewski opened the meeting to the public.

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

G. RESOLUTIONS

1. **(002-2017) Temporary Operating Budget – 2017**
2. **(003-2017) Bills and Claims - 2016**
3. **(004-2017) Bills and Claims - 2017**

The bills for 2016 totaling the amount of \$403,621.98 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.

The bills for 2017 totaling the amount of \$6,751,068.53 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: Ms. DePaola

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mrs. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: YES

H. RESOLUTIONS CONFIRMING ALL APPOINTMENTS TO POSITIONS – Oaths of Office

1. (005-2017) Appointment of Municipal Attorney – Christopher J. Dasti, of the firm of Dasti, Murphy, Ulaky, Koutsouris & Connors-COF #2017-100
2. (006-2017) Appointment of Municipal Auditor – Robert Allison, of the firm of Holman, Frenia & Allison, P.C.-COF #2017-101
3. (007-2017) Appointment of Municipal Engineer – Ernie Peters, of the firm of Remington, Vernick & Vena Engineers, Inc.-COF #2017-102
4. (008-2017) Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor – Victoria Emanuele, of the firm of Bathgate, Wegener & Wolf, P.C.-COF #2017-103
5. (009-2017) Appointment of Public Defender – Sean Gertner, of the firm of Gertner & Gertner, LLC.-COF #2017-104
6. (010-2017) Appointment of Bond Counsel – Jan L. Wouters, of the firm of Bathgate, Wegener & Wolf, P.C.
7. (011-2017) Appointment of Conflict Municipal Attorney – Brian McAlindin, of the Firm of Bathgate, Wegener & Wolf, P.C.-COF #2017-105
8. (012-2017) Appointment of Conflict Public Defender – Brian J. DiStefano, Esquire-COF #2017-106
9. (013-2017) Appointment of Special Projects Engineer–T&M Associates-COF #2017-107
10. (014-2017) Appointment of Special Projects Engineer-CME Associates, Inc.-COF #2017-108
11. (015-2017) Appointment of Special Counsel for Affordable Housing (COAH) – Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq., of the firm of Jeffrey R. Surenian & Associates, LLC. -COF #2017-109
12. (016-2017) Appointment of Professional Planner – Jennifer Beahm, of the firm of CME Associates, Inc. – COF #2017-110
13. (017-2017) Appointment of Borough Conflict Prosecutor – Bonnie Peterson, Esq. – COF #2017-111
14. (018-2017) Appointment of Health Insurance Consultant – Scott Davenport of the Firm Connor Strong & Buckelew – COF #2017-112
15. (019-2017) Appointment of Shared Services Attorney – Bonnie Peterson, Esq. – COF #2017-113
16. (020-2017) Appointment of Animal Control Officer – John Neary T/A Muskrat Jack - COF #2017-114
17. (021-2017) Appointment of Special Hearing Officer – Bonnie Peterson, Esq. – COF #2017-115

18. (022-2017) **Appointment of Regular Crossing Guards:**
 Robyn Aiello Che' Langan
 Barbara Woolley
 Catherine Benedict Carol Mead
 Emma Connors Marie Saporito
 Theresa Gahr Rosemarie Scura
 Mary Sue Hammell Alice Van Note
 Stacey Henry Phyllis Willever
and Substitutes Crossing Guards:
 Stephen Grady, John Kaklamanis and Tracey Ruffini
19. (023-2017) **Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers IIs (SLEO II):**
 Richard Otto and Terrence Berkeley
20. (024-2017) **Appointment of Tax Search Officer – Jennifer Burr and Tax**
Assessment Search Officer – Antoinette Jones
21. (025-2017) **Appointment of Tax Assessor as Agent in Tax Appeals - Robyn Palughi**
22. (026-2017) **Appointment of 2017 Community Development Block Grant**
Representative - Robert Forsyth and Alternate – John LeCompte
23. (027-2017) **Appointment of Representative to Ocean County Joint Insurance Fund**
-Robert Forsyth
24. (028-2017) **Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer - Frank Pannucci,**
Jr.

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Mr. Thulen SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes/*Abstain Mr. Furmato: Yes Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes Mrs. Snyder: Yes/*Abstain Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: YES

***Mr. Wisniewski abstained from Number 9 and voted yes to all others**

***Mrs. Snyder abstained from Numbers 4, 6 & 7 and voted yes to all others**

Mayor Sabosik called up all Professionals for the Borough Clerk to administer the Oath of Office.

I. 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. (029-2017) **Establish Council Meeting Dates – 2017**
2. (030-2017) **Approve Cash Management Plan and Designate Official Depositories – 2017**
3. (031-2017) **Designate Official Newspapers – The Ocean Star and Asbury Park Press**
4. (032-2017) **Authorize Continuation of Petty Cash Funds – \$200.00 Borough Clerk’s Office and \$100.00 to DPW**

5. (033-2017) Authorize Continuation of Change Funds – 2017
6. (034-2017) Set Interest Rates and Penalty for Delinquent Tax and Utility Charges – 2017
7. (035-2017) Authorize Tax Collector to Conduct Annual Tax Lien Sale- 2017
8. (036-2017) Annual Salary Resolution – Borough Employees
9. (037-2017) Authorize Acceptance and Execution of the Second Amendment Agreement w/Borough of Bay Head Concerning Sharing and Leasing of Municipal Courtroom

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

MADE: Mrs. Snyder SECOND: Mr. Thulen

**Mr. Wisniewski: Yes Mr. Furmato: Yes Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes Mrs. Snyder: Yes Mr. Thulen: Yes**

CARRIES: YES

J. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS – Council Approval – Oaths of Office

1. (038-2017) Appoint Member to the Planning Board – Class III, Councilman Joseph Furmato

MOTION: Appoint Member

MADE: Mr. Thulen SECOND: Ms. DePaola

**Mr. Wisniewski: Yes Mr. Furmato: Yes Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes Mrs. Snyder: Yes Mr. Thulen: Yes**

CARRIES: YES

2. (039-2017) Appoint Members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment – Elissa Commins, Regular Member (3 Year term); Jim Shrewsberry, Regular Member (3 Year Term); Jim Giordano, Regular Member (1 Year Term-filling vacancy of Ronald Seebald); Pamela Masterson, Alt. #2; Steve Blank, Alt. #4

MOTION: Appoint Members

MADE: Mr. Thulen SECOND: Ms. DePaola

**Mr. Wisniewski: Yes Mr. Furmato: Yes Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes Mrs. Snyder: Yes Mr. Thulen: Yes**

CARRIES: YES

3. (040-2017) Appoint Council Representative to Open Space Advisory Committee –John Wisniewski

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Mrs. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: YES

M. 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. Thulen

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

APPROVED: All in Favor

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

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “I would like to make one final comment. We are fortunate to have a plethora of professionals who help this Mayor and Council. All of them are the very best of the best. They have come forward and submitted proposals to make this town what we want it to be. As previously stated, we will do our best to carry forward in the history of this town, more things that we have ever done in the past. Without our professionals, we would be unable to do that. So I thank them profusely.”

N. MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**ANTOINETTE JONES
BOROUGH CLERK**

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**