

**COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik (Absent)
Acting Mayor:	John Wisniewski
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola (Absent)
Acting Council President:	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 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. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Thulen stated the following: “We have a new ordinance on for introduction tonight. Something that we have been working on for quite some time now with the Land Use Committee. We are getting good feedback on it which is nice. We are going to present it in front of the Planning Board on Thursday night and then get some more comments on it and see where it goes. I think it is very helpful for the entire town, especially for those people involved in the flood zone who are being forced to raise their houses. We want to get them better access to their homes and enjoy Point Pleasant Borough. Other than that, we have a couple other items that we are working on and I will give you more updates at the next meeting.”

Council Member Snyder stated the following: “The Environmental Commission had their regular meeting last night. Just a reminder, Earth Day is coming up and that will be April 22nd with a rain date of April 23rd. We have 45 vendors already signed up. The theme is “Recycling, Back to Basics” and Joy from our DPW Department came and gave us a presentation on what is acceptable recycling and what is not. I would imagine that there are other folks out there like myself that thought if it was plastic or aluminum of some sort, or paper or cardboard of some sort that you could recycle it. No, you cannot. In fact, there are very strict guidelines as to what could be picked up curbside. Some additional materials can be dropped off at our recycling center over by the Stop and Shop. But for curbside pickup, it is basically, aluminum cans and small bottles with necks smaller than itself. It does not include cereal boxes, saran wrap, tin foil or foil pans even if it is clean. Joy was kind enough to leave a few signs that explain what is and what is not acceptable. Just so that you are aware, the plastic bags that you get from the grocery store cannot go in recycling because they jam up the machines. There is a reason behind why certain things are recyclable for curbside pickup and some are not. These are not some arbitrary rules that Point Pleasant has come up with. The requirements are in place by the Ocean County Recycling Center. And while the Borough does receive money for recycling from the county, we also get fined if we bring things over to the Ocean County Recycling Center that is the equivalent of trash. So, we are trying to maximize the

amount of money that the Borough receives and minimize any fines that might result. Earth Day will be all about recycling and what you can and cannot do. If anybody wants to take a gander at the signs I will display them out front. That information is also going to be posted on our website and the DPW site. I believe it is already on the DPW site.

Also for Earth Day I am pleased to announce that we are in the process of once again obtaining tree seedlings. We will be passing those out and it should be a great time for everyone. The Environmental Commission is working very hard on making this a great event for all ages as well as an informative event.”

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “Three things I have. One, leaf collections starts on April 3rd and there is only going to be one round of pickups.

The second thing that I have is we are going to start fire hydrant flushing also on April 3rd. Just be careful when you do your wash. Make sure you run the water until the brown water goes away. It is not dangerous water at all but make sure you run it so that you don’t stain your clothes.

Third thing, we are going to be starting paving on Monday. We are going to start with Harbor Road. Earle Asphalt Company will be paving and they are doing four roads in the Borough. They should be done in a week. They are Harbor, Hall, Jupiter and Green Street.”

Council Member Borowsky stated the following: “I only have one thing to report tonight and I am trying to contain my excitement. Under the Consent Agenda we are going to be hiring Sheri Lynn Silversmith as our new Recreation Director. As you know, we had over 50 applicants for this position. Karen Haycook is retiring after almost 30 years. Frank was gracious enough to narrow those 50 applicants down to about 5 of which we did interviews. Councilwoman Snyder, Mayor Sabosik, myself and the Administrator did the interviews and two candidates stood out. Sheri’s interview just blew me away. She is energetic and enthusiastic. She is dynamic, highly qualified, she is a grant writer and the list goes on and on. The other applicant was also highly qualified but when push came to shove we felt that Sheri was the best fit for the residents of the Borough of Point Pleasant. This is new and exciting what she brings to the table. I am looking forward to working with her as the liaison to Recreation. I am looking forward to working with her in the future. I am so happy that she is a part of our team. I am trying not to get too excited here because you can set yourself up for disappointment but I must say that in my political career, this is number 2 behind Donald Trump winning in November but don’t feel too much pressure to perform for us. But I am very excited about this. I am looking forward to working with you Sheri. I would just like to say welcome to Point Pleasant Borough.”

2. Report of Council President Wisniewski

Council President Wisniewski stated the following: “My report tonight will be short and sweet. Open Space will be meeting on the second Wednesday of next month.

Finance, you will see in the ordinances that we do have our final public reading for our Bond Ordinances. We did a lot of hard work narrowing it down to items necessary that the Borough needs for continuing the good work that we have done with our Department Heads and the work we are doing getting the roads paved. Just giving our professionals the equipment they need to do our jobs properly.

On Friday, the Point Pleasant Foundation will be having their dinner to induct 3 new Hall of Fame members: Ralph Colombino, Thomas Handwerk and Jean Martin Christie. They are very well deserving. The induction ceremony is on Friday at the Crystal Point at 6:30pm.

There is a Recreation Committee Meeting tomorrow at 7pm. We will keep making progress along those lines. And Sheri Silversmith, I echo Councilman Borowsky's enthusiasm. Ms. Silversmith expressed interest in a previous position and when her name came up for this position, several us wanted to give her a chance. We all remembered her from a few years ago.

Finally, there is another new hire in the audience tonight. Mr. Brad Benson he is going to be a full time public safety telecommunications trainee starting tomorrow. So, congratulations to you."

B. MINUTES

1. **Approve Budget Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2017**
2. **Approve Council Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2017**
3. **Approve Executive Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2017**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Mr. Furmato

SECOND: Mr. Borowsky

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Absent

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

C. ORDINANCES

1. **Final Reading and Public Hearing
Ordinance No. 2017-08 to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank**

Acting Mayor Wisniewski opened the meeting up to the public.

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

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Absent

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

2. **Final Reading and Public Hearing
Bond Ordinance No. 2017-09 Providing for Various Capital Improvements in and for the Borough of Point Pleasant and Appropriating \$2,319,903.00 Therefore, and Providing for the Issuance of \$2,202,603.00 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Point Pleasant to Finance the Same**

Acting Mayor Wisniewski opened the meeting up to the public.

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

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Absent

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

3. Final Reading and Public Hearing

Bond Ordinance No. 2017-10 Providing for Various Water and Sewer Improvements in and for the Borough of Point Pleasant and Appropriating \$386,500.00 Therefore, and Providing for the Issuance of \$367,100.00 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Point Pleasant to Finance the Same

Acting Mayor Wisniewski opened the meeting up to the public.

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

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Absent

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

4. Introduction

Ordinance No. 2017-11 Amending and Supplementing Chapter XIX of the Borough Code, Entitled, "Land Use" Specifically Section 5.3f.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Absent

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

5. Introduction

Ordinance No. 2017-12 Abolishing the Board of Recreation Commissioners

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Absent

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

6. Introduction

Ordinance No. 2017-13 Establishing a Recreation Advisory Committee

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Absent

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

**D. 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: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Andy Prieser: 1107A Beaver Dam Road – Asked about Item #3 under Resolutions.

Mr. Pannucci: Explained that since we do not have a budget yet, we have to have a temporary budget until it is finalized.

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Asked why the new Recreation Director is being called a Recreation Program Administrator for Senior Citizens.

Mr. Wisniewski: Explained that because it is an intergovernmental transfer it must be worded this way and then she will be appointed to the proper title.

Acting Council President Borowsky opened the meeting to the public.

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

E. 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. (126-2017) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (127-2017) Void Check Resolution**
- 3. (128-2017) Approve Emergency Temporary Appropriation**
- 4. (129-2017) Request Permission for Dedicated Trust by Rider for Borough Centennial**

The bills totaling the amount of \$688,089.28 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. Wisniewski: *Abstain/Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Absent

Ms. Snyder: *Abstain/Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

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

*Mrs. Snyder Abstained from payments made to Bathgate, Wegener & Wolf, and Yes to all others.

F. 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. (130-2017) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or W/S Accounts
2. (131-2017) Authorize Overpayment Refund – Block 306, Lot 66 – 1648 Center Street
3. (132-2017) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 306, Lot 109, 1667 East Drive
4. (133-2017) Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1
5. (134-2017) Authorize Disposal of Surplus Property Via Online Auction – Police
6. (135-2017) Authorize Recreation Department to Hire Spring Skateboard Instructor
7. (136-2017) Authorize Recreation Department to Hire Summer Drama Employees
8. (137-2017) Appointing Sheri Lynn Silversmith as Recreation Program Administrator Senior Citizens
9. (138-2017) Authorizing Payment for Consulting Services to Maintain Network for Police Department – Breaker Group, Inc., - COF #2017-129
10. (139-2017) Authorize RVV to Provide Contract Administration for Generator Installations at Various Locations - COF #2017-130
11. (140-2017) Authorize CME to Provide Services for the Debris Management Plan - COF #2017-131
12. (141-2017) Approving the Following Applications:
 - Point Pleasant Environmental Commission, 2017 Earth Day, Riverfront Park, April 22, 2017 from 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM, (rain date April 23, 2017).
 - Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, Summerfest in the Park 2017, Community Park, June 1, 2017 (set-up) – June 3, 2017; June 2nd from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM and June 3rd from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM, (rain date June 4, 2017).
 - Point Pleasant Fire Department, Coin Toss, June 3, 2017 between 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at intersection of Bridge Avenue and Route 88, (rain date June 4, 2017).
 - Point Pleasant Fire Department, Coin Toss, August 26, 2017 between 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at intersection of Bridge Avenue and Beaver Dam Road, (rain date August 27, 2017).
 - Church of St. Martha, Parish Picnic, Riverfront Park, September 10, 2017 from 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM.
13. (142-2017) Confirming Personnel Action – Police Department:

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Asked about what the difference is between Introduced Ordinances #5 and #6.

Mr. Dasti: Explained that a Commission is a separate legal entity that has autonomous control over the Recreation Department. That is not what the Council wants, and is not how the present Commission is acting. They are currently more of an advisory role. This change will confirm in the ordinance that it will be an Advisory Committee.

Dennis Vitkauskis: Talked about the Recycling and who is going to enforce the stricter rules.

Mrs. Snyder: Explained that they are not sure if it will be under the Chief of Police or Kevin Burke, our Code Enforcement Official. Right now because it is a new concept to residents, we are more in an education phase.

Seeing no other hands, Acting Mayor Wisniewski 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:

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 Mr. Borowsky

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

APPROVED: All in favor

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dasti stated the following: "In Executive Session we discussed some possible personnel actions and some ongoing litigation matters. We are going to have two add-on resolutions tonight that Mrs. Jones has and can read off one by one."

MOTION: 16. (145-2017) Authorizing a Stipend to Stephen Grady, Telecommunicator for Repair and Maintenance of Borough Owned Vehicles

MADE: Mr. Thulen SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

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

CARRIES: Yes

Mr. Dasti stated the following: "The other add-on I will explain. We have had a lot of property maintenance issues for a lot of abandoned properties in town. The town has undertaken litigation and as per a court order we are allowed to make health safety repairs to properties. The town is going to put on a resolution authorizing a contractor to go in and do the work. PSD Tree & Landscaping to repair a caved in pool. The town has a court order for a municipal lean against the property.

MOTION: 17. (146-2017) Authorizing PSD Tree & Landscaping to perform work on abandoned Property

MADE: Mr. Thulen SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

**Mr. Wisniewski: Yes Mr. Furmato: Yes Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Absent 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**