

**COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	John Wisniewski
Acting Council President:	Antoinette DePaola
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato
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 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: “I do not have much to report regarding the Land Use Committee tonight but as a liaison to the Zoning Board I do want to say a quick thank you to Ocean First Bank. One of our residents here, Major Matthew Maiorano is in the Air Force and they are having a zoning board meeting that he is supposed to attend but because he is currently serving for us in Guam, Ocean First Bank consented to postponing his meeting until December.”

Council Member Snyder stated the following: “First I would like to publicly thank the Environmental Commission, Jack Burke and our DPW Department. They have started the restoration project in the woods around Community Park. It looks fantastic so far. The gravel has been restored so it is back to a walking path. They worked with JCP&L to trim a bunch of the trees. There are a couple more phases to the project but they probably won’t be started until the spring. So, a big thank you to everybody who is working together. It looks beautiful right now and I can’t wait to see it when it is completed.

Next, the Garden Club is responsible for all the barrels and seasonal plantings that we have along Bridge Avenue. The barrels could use some renovating or replacement. The Garden Club is hoping people will sponsor a barrel. The cost is \$150 for the first year and \$100 for the second year. You do not have to do the plantings in the barrel, all you have to do is donate the money to the Garden Club. They will then purchase the barrel and maintain it. If anyone would like to do that as perhaps a memorial to someone or in honor of someone they are welcome to do so. To contact the Garden Club, you can either go on the Garden Club Facebook page or go on the Environmental Commission Facebook page.

Earth Day is scheduled for April 21st. There will be a Beach Sweeps sponsored by Clean Ocean Action on October 21st at the River Avenue and Maxson Avenue Beaches from 9am to 12:30pm. They will accept any and all volunteers. Come one, come all to help do the beach sweep.

Lastly, John Robertson who is a longtime member of the Environmental Commission, I would like to publicly thank and acknowledge him. Most people do not know this but he has been maintaining the Borough entrance signs coming in to our town for many, many years. He does that selflessly and for love of the Borough.”

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “I only have one thing tonight. We are awarding the bid for recycling. We are doing a 5-year contract and that is a savings of \$40,000.00 a year.”

Council Member Borowsky stated the following: “Not a whole lot tonight. The upgrades to the playground equipment across the street are complete. It is getting a lot of use and looks fantastic. Go over and see the great job that was done.

On Thursday, we will be getting a new addition to Community Park. We will be making a trek up to the Poconos and we will be picking up the new tree that will be planted by Public Works across the street. It is an 18-year-old, 14 foot Norway spruce. I am very excited about it. I can’t wait to drive up there and bring this tree home.

The Recreation Department is running smooth and everything is good.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “Last week we held a public safety meeting with the Police Chief and Lieutenant Downs as well as myself, Administrator Frank Pannucci, Bill Borowsky and the Mayor. We met to discuss public safety concerns circulating around the Halloween Parade that we do here in the Borough. The Halloween Parade will be kicking off not this Sunday but next Sunday and this year the only change to the parade will be that there will be no throwing of items from the floats or the walkers in the parade to any of the people gathered to watch the parade. Instead, at the end of the parade the families and children will be asked to gather at Community Park where they will be giving out bags of candy to the children. This new safety regulation was put in place by the Chamber of Commerce in order for them to qualify for insurance coverage for the event and to make certain that the event is safe for all the attendees, as well as, the participants.

The Community Watch Organization will be hosting the annual Trick-or-Trunk event which will take place here at borough hall in the parking lot. Various non-profit groups and businesses are invited to come and decorate their trunks and have the children go from trunk to trunk letting them trick or treat in a safe and closed environment with no moving vehicles.

Lastly, I would like to thank our DPW for the wonderful job they did. If any of you have ridden down Hardenberg Avenue which is generally a cut through street. The Hardenberg Avenue well has been an eyesore to the neighborhood for quite a long time. The Department of Public Works has revamped the trees and the fencing to make it fit in with the residential nature of the neighborhood there. They did a really great job. It is a huge difference and it really improves the area and I would like to thank them for all their hard work in seeing that project come to fruition. It was really over grown; the fencing was falling apart and it really was an eyesore. They really did a great job. Thank you, Mr. Forsyth and your crew because they did a fabulous job.”

Council President Wisniewski stated the following: “We started receiving department budgets in and everyone on the Finance Committee will be getting ready to set up a meeting to schedule preliminary budgets for 2018.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “As you can see, the theme for this evening is the continuing renovation of our Recreation and our Parks facilities. The site amenities will include bike racks, trash receptacles, benches and picnic tables for one and all. We want everyone to feel welcome and enjoy the best park that this Mayor and Council can provide. By the way, a couple of people have called and asked me about the Heritage Park location for the park with no boundaries. Lovelandtown is rich in heritage. Lifelong friendships were born there, vibrant with energy and it is a calming area. This area is perfect for a park such as this. I know there are many looking forward to this park with no boundaries. We will be going out to bid shortly and we will have the answers for the total design after that. We look forward to bringing something new and exciting to our town.

Mayor’s Hours are Thursday, October 19th at 5:30pm. I will be here to 6:30 or 7pm depending on how long people wish to converse.”

B. MINUTES

1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2017

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Thulen

Mr. Wisniewski: Abstain

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

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

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

Council President Wisniewski opened the meeting to the public.

Seeing no hands, Council President Wisniewski 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. (301-2017) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (302-2017) Request Chapter 159 Budget Insertion – Body Armor Replacement Fund**

The bills totaling the amount of \$4,944,782.24 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: Ms. Snyder

Mr. Wisniewski: *Abstain/Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: **Yes**

***Mr. Wisniewski abstained from payments made to T&M Associates and voted Yes to 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. (303-2017) Authorize Recreation Department to Hire for Haunts in the Park**
- 2. (304-2017) Authorizing the Issuance of a “New” Retail Plenary Consumption Liquor License to Ryan T. Sansone**
- 3. (305-2017) Authorize Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts Less than \$10.00**
- 4. (306-2017) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accts.**
- 5. (307-2017) Award Motorola Equipment Through NJ State Contract #83909 for the Fire Department – COF #2017-159**
- 6. (308-2017) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond, Block 27, Lot 7, 101 Maxson Avenue**
- 7. (309-2017) Authorize Change Order Number 1 – FEMA H.M.G.P. #519 Tide Flex Valves Installation – COF #2017-162**
- 8. (310-2017) Awarding Bid for Recyclable Materials Collection Services to Meadowbrook Industries, LLC – COF #2017-163**

9. (311-2017) Resolution Confirming the Following Personnel Appointment:
 - Peter M. Remondelli be appointed to the position of Substitute Crossing Guard, effective October 18, 2017 at the rate of \$21.58 per hour, as per the current Teamsters Local Union No. 469 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Thulen

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes
 Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes
 Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
 Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

F. AUTHORIZATION

1. Authorize RFPs for 2018 Professional Services

MOTION: Approve Authorization

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Thulen

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes
 Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes
 Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
 Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

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MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

APPROVED: All in Favor

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Remarked about the playground across the street that it was nice but it is hard to see with all the kids around. Also mentioned that he saw JCP&L trimming trees.

Kathleen Ebert: 1203 Dorsett Dock Road – Discussed Complete Streets in town. Stated that she has been going around town and getting feedback from different neighborhoods regarding their streets. Also wanted to let the Mayor and Council know that there was a bike safety assembly on Thursday at the middle school and in the next couple weeks they will be having Walkability Audits with Jerry Foster and the Greater Mercer TMA around the middle school. She stated that she would like to invite anyone who would like to come to this audit to see what the students do when they leave for lunch and when they leave school for the day. This is all done by grants that the schools apply for.

Mrs. Snyder: Suggested they meet to get a collective effort going since they are working towards the same thing.

Kathleen Ebert: Asked if they could create a committee for this.

Mrs. Snyder: Responded that it would be a fantastic idea to have a group similar to the Community Watch Organization or something along that line.

Mayor and Council thanked Kathleen Ebert for what she is doing.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Sabosik 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. Contractual/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. Thulen

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

APPROVED: All in favor

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dasti stated the following: “In closed session we discussed a number of potential litigation matters regarding abandoned properties in the Borough and a former employee of the Borough.”

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

ANTOINETTE JONES
BOROUGH CLERK

ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR