

**COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	William Borowsky
Council Member:	John Wisniewski
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola
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 12, 2018 edition of *The Ocean Star* and *The Asbury Park Press*.

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “We are going to go a little bit out of order this evening. Dr. DePaço is running late with the Chief. So, we are going to start the meeting and when they come we will start the presentation. I was told they will be here in about 15 minutes.”

B. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Snyder stated the following: “In addition to being the Administrative Liaison, I am also the Environmental Committee Liaison and am very pleased to report the Earth Day event is set for April 21st. They are also doing a little contest for the children of Point Pleasant Borough called “Flip Your Lid.” There will be more information going out shortly but it is basically different creative designs that you can do. It is a fun competition for the kids. The theme for Earth Day is “All the Buzz” in Point Pleasant. It is all about pollinators, I am looking forward to it. They have already started the signups. If you go on to the Environmental Commission’s Facebook page you can find all kinds of information there. Also, the Environmental Commission Meeting for February is changed to February 15th at 7pm.”

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “I have a couple DPW updates for you. The Memorial Drive Water Tank is 100% done and back in service. Well #10 on Memorial Drive is also complete and available for service. Generators at Wells #8 and #10 are also completed and we received final permits and they are in service.

On the paving end, we had a preconstruction meeting last week for Perch Hole Point Place and that project will start in either March or April and will take approximately 4 to 5 weeks. There will be new roadway, curbs and drainage work.

Bids will be opened for Christine Court and Rue Mirador on February 15th and that work will be done in late spring or early fall depending on the construction time frame.”

Council Member Thulen stated the following: “Our Land Use and Zoning Committee were able to meet and we discussed a couple items for ordinance changes. A couple of the really important one’s deal with helping people with adding handicap ramps to their house and adjusting our zoning rules. We also are dealing with short term pod trailers for people doing construction on their properties. People are also having issues with their driveways. So, we are also looking at that. We should be wrapping that up soon.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “I am sure most of you have noticed the new crosswalks on Route 88. I want to extend my thanks to Chief Larsen, Captain Lokerson and the Point Pleasant Police Department for their working so diligently with the State of New Jersey to get these crosswalks at various places on that State Highway. Councilwoman Snyder and I have been advocating the State of New Jersey for at least the last two years. We have contacted the County Engineer who wrote letters to the State on our behalf. Finally, all our work was not for naught because we finally have our crosswalks. The signage for the crosswalks should be installed by the State within the next week or so.

Also, I would like to congratulate Travis Popiel, our Police Officer who is also the owner of our first police dog. Thanks to a generous donation from a private citizen, the Borough of Point Pleasant was finally able to add a police dog who will be used to help with drug enforcement. The police dog was sent along with Travis to a very rigorous training program before the dog could join the police force. Officer Popiel is then obligated to house the dog and take care of the dog. This is a huge commitment by Officer Popiel, so we really do thank him for being able to step up and go through the training and take care of Juno because we really do believe in this day and age, this is a really great addition to our police force.

Finally, the Community Watch Organization will be holding their meeting on February 26th at 7pm here at town hall. The next events that they will be doing will be having a table at Earth Day to help them facilitate their good deeds. They are also working on a fundraiser or collection for the women and children of Dottie’s House which is a safe haven for battered women and children. So that is the next project of Community Watch.”

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: “Tomorrow we will be having our first budget review with the Finance Committee. We are excited to look at it and one of the things that we are most excited about in this budget process is our Tax Collection Department has achieved its highest collection rate at 99.37%. It is almost unbelievable that it is that high. What makes it exciting is, it allows us to be able to budget certain rates going forward that will then allow us to limit the tax increase for another year since we have all that money coming in. So, our Tax Collection Department and our Finance team really do deserve a lot of credit for that.

Finally, Councilwoman Snyder’s committee report was incomplete today. She left out a very important detail which is that today is her birthday. Happy Birthday.”

Council President Borowsky stated the following: “Because of the grant that the Borough recently received from the county for our senior services, tomorrow will be the first Wednesday at the Beehive. There is going to be a pizza party planned there. The Beehive will now be open on Wednesdays from 9-3 for our seniors.

The Spring Recreation program is now in the process of being put together. Signups are projected for the end of March.

I just want to give you all an update on our Point Pleasant High School Wrestling Team. Last night in the quarter finals they won their first wrestling match. They wrestle tomorrow night with semifinals against Oakcrest and hopefully Friday night they will be a championship match between the winner of Haddonfield and West Deptford.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “As all of you have previously heard on this dais that we have always mentioned that we are a water based community. We have embarked on many campaigns including: Clean Beach Sweeps, rebuilding our piers and our boat ramps and restoring our beaches to a level never seen before. As Councilwoman DePaola has mentioned, we are embarking on an enhanced safe streets initiative that we have been working on for the last 2 ½ years. Fruition is coming. Tonight, we have a resolution opposing the offshore gas and oil exploration of our coast. This is not strictly an economic threat against our tourism and our local fisherman incomes but one of a quality of life issue. How many of us have fond memories of our fathers teaching us to fish and crab? The excitement of catching your first flounder and pulling your crab trap and seeing your first blue claw. Passing down this knowledge to our kids and grandkids is an important element of what Point Pleasant truly is. A seagoing community. These types of memories cannot be bought, cannot be leveraged because it is the core of our very being in Point Pleasant. We will enjoy the ocean to the fullest extent and we will do everything in our power to protect the integrity and the cleanliness of this ocean. Let’s hope that we all can make that happen.

On a different note, I must thank the Nellie Bennett School. I was over there for the “Start with Hello Program.” This is a get to know your fellow students program. Everyone had a name tag and came up to me to say, “Good morning, Mayor.” It is a great reaffirmation of a positive program that helps the kids get to know one another and to instill friendship that might last throughout their school years or their lifetime. So once again, I must congratulate the Board of Education with this program. It was one of the best I have seen. The kids were really into it. They enjoyed their name tags and hopefully this will continue and foster good friendships for the rest of their lives.”

C. MINUTES

1. **Approve Re-Organization Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2018**
2. **Approve Council Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2018**
3. **Approve Executive Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2018**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Mr. Wisniewski

SECOND: Mr. Thulen

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes/*Abstain

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

Ms. DePaola Voted Yes to January 7, 2018 and Abstained from minutes of January 16, 2018

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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: Ms. DePaola

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Borowsky opened the meeting to the public.

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Asked what Consent Agenda Item #2 was about.

Mr. Pannucci: Responded to Dennis that since Mayor Sabosik is a member of the Bay Head Shore Property Association, Council cannot vote for approval so it goes back to the State to make the decision.

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

E. RESOLUTIONS

“All matters listed under item “Resolution” 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. (055-2018) Bills and Claims
2. (056-5618) Approve Emergency Temporary Appropriation
3. (057-2018) Void Check Resolution

The bills totaling the amount of \$1,509,863.78 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. Wisniewski

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: *Abstain/Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

* Mrs. Snyder Abstained from all payments to Bathgate Wegener Wolf and to D-Fitness 7 and voted 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. (058-2018) Authorize the Institution of In-Rem Foreclosure Proceedings with Respect to Certain Tax Sale Certificates
2. (059-2018) Conflict License Place-to-Place Expansion of Premise Transfer – Bay Head Shores Property Owners Association
3. (060-2018) Amend Resolution #013-2018 Appoint Borough Conflict Public Defender – Brian J. DiStefano and Alexandra Nieves-Martinez
4. (061-2018) Authorize Payment for Consulting Services to Maintain Network for Police Department – Breaker Group, Inc., - COF #2018-117

5. 062x-2018) Authorize Purchase of One (1) Police Vehicle Through Cranford CO-OP #47-CPCPS and Outfitting Through State Contracts #T-0106, 81334 and 81308 – COF #2018-118 and COF #2018-119
6. (063-2018) Authorizing Execution of a Lease Agreement between Borough of Point Pleasant and St. Martha’s Church – COF #2018-120
7. (064-2018) Authorize Additional Engineering Services to T&M Associates for Bay Avenue Boat Ramp Project – COF #2016-108 and COF #2018-107
8. (065-2018) Authorizing Refund of Added Assessment for Block 321, Lot 1, 1610 Cherry Blossom Lane
9. (066-2018) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale
10. (067-2018) Authorize Disposal of Surplus Property Via Online Auction-Fire Department
11. (068-2018) Approving the Following Applications:
 - Clean Ocean Action, Beach Sweeps, Saturday, April 21, 2018 and Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm.
 - Nellie F. Bennett PTO 2 Mile Family Fun Run/Walk, Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 8:30 am at the Nellie Bennett Elementary School.
 - Point Pleasant Fire Department, Coin Toss, Saturday, June 2, 2018 between 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at intersection of Bridge Avenue and Route 88, (rain date June 9, 2018).
 - Point Pleasant Fire Department, Coin Toss, Saturday, September 8, 2018 between 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at intersection of Bridge Avenue and Route 88, (rain date September 9, 2018).
 - Point Boro First Aid Squad, Fundraising Efforts by Mail in the Months of May and June.
 - Point Boro First Aid Squad, Coin Toss, Saturday, July 14, 2018 Between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at intersection of Bridge Avenue and River Avenue, (rain date July 21, 2018).
12. (069-2018) Opposing Offshore Oil and Gas Activities

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Mr. Wisniewski incited a discussion regarding the Fire Department coin toss at the intersection of Bridge Avenue and Route 88. After some discussion with the rest of Council and Mr. Dasti, they decided to table this portion of the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Table Consent Agenda No. 11 Regarding the Fire Department’s Requests for Coin Tosses

MADE: Mr. Wisniewski

SECOND: Mr. Thulen

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

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APPROVED: All in Favor

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Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Commented that Public Works did a great job on the potholes in town and that the Tax Office has a great atmosphere in there now.

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

Mayor and Council take a 10-minute recess.

A. PROCLAMATION

1. Honoring Dr. Caesar DePaço

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Tonight is a special occasion. We are here to honor a man and his wife with their generosity in helping this town establish a police canine unit. Dr. DePaço, welcome to Point Pleasant. We deeply appreciate your generosity and helping this town become better. As you can see, some of our police officers are standing in the back. The respect and the honor they are giving you tonight is richly deserved. We deeply appreciate this dog and we are proud to announce that our dog was voted number one in bite strength. He had the strongest bite of all the dogs in the class. So Chief, if you would like to step forward.”

Chief Larsen asked to take a moment to recognize Dr. DePaço and his generous heart and to thank him on behalf of the Police Department and town. He communicated to the audience that our new police dog, Juno has been called for duty 10 times this month and has resulted in 4 arrests. These arrests would not have been possible without the help of Juno and his special detective senses. Chief Larsen also let the public know that we will be receiving another donated police dog from Dr. DePaço this year and thanked Dr. DePaço once again for his generosity.

Chief Larsen and his Police Department presented Dr. DePaço a plaque as an expression of gratitude.

Mayor Sabosik thanked Chief Larsen and his Police Officers for attending the meeting and thanked Dr. DePaço and his family once again.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**ANTOINETTE JONES
BOROUGH CLERK**

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**