

**COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	William Borowsky
Council Member:	John Wisniewski
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato (Absent)
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola
Council Member:	Pamela Snyder (Arrived 7:10pm)
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: “Tonight we are going to start this meeting with some proclamations for a group of individuals who are outstanding in making this town the best that it can be. All of you young adults who have had great seasons in your sport, you will never forget this for the rest of your life. We hope that you will never forget the proclamations we are now going to read to you which are so richly deserved, for you are truly the future of our country and this town.”

A. PROCLAMATIONS

- 1. Fall Sports Teams Recognition – Point Pleasant High School**
 - a. 2017 Boys Cross Country**
 - b. 2017 Girls Cross Country**
 - c. 2017 Football**
 - d. 2017 Field Hockey**
 - e. 2017 Boys Cross Country – NJSIAA Meet Champion Devin Hart**

B. WORKSHOP

- 1. Committee Reports**

Council Member Thulen stated the following: “We had our Construction Committee meeting which had a couple things I mentioned at our last meeting on a few ordinances we were working on. We put the finishing touches on them today. So, the rest of the Zoning Committee, if you could look at your emails when you get a chance. I think it is all good. When doing ordinances, we try to go back and forth not only with our attorney and the committee but with the people who enforce those rules as well to make sure that we are all on the same page for what we want to accomplish. If this wasn’t a part-time position, we would have gotten it done a little faster but we are back in action now.

The other thing I have is our Construction Official also does our Flood Plain Management and our CSR program. Something has come across his desk to adopt a certain kind of map which we have to work on for the Council to adopt. When that comes back I will add it to my report.”

Council Member Snyder stated the following: “First I just wanted to congratulate the young ladies and gentlemen who were acknowledged today. They worked very hard and all their hard work has shown through their amazing accomplishments both on the field and off the field. So, my heartfelt congratulations to everybody.

I also wanted to remind everyone that the Environmental Commission Earth Day is scheduled for April 21st from 12pm-4pm with a rain date of April 22nd. Vendor applications are out. If you were a vendor last year for Earth Day, you have probably received the application. If you have not received one you can go on to the Point Pleasant Borough’s Environmental Commission’s Facebook page and you can download the application from there. I am looking forward to that. The theme is “All the Buzz in Point Pleasant” and it is all about pollinators. And just so everyone knows, there is a plastic bag ban at Earth Day. So, vendors are requested not to put their wares or anything in plastic bags.

I also wanted to congratulate Officer Terrence Berkeley on his one year of service. He was a Telecommunications Trainee and he is now moving up to Telecommunications Officer.

Finally, Lt. Leon Downs of our Police Department is always keeping track on ways to improve safety in the Borough. He has applied for a pedestrian safety education and enforcement grant so we will keep our fingers crossed. Hopefully the Borough will receive that grant and that will help our efforts in pedestrian safety in the Borough especially in and around our schools.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “I just want to congratulate all of our Point Pleasant Borough High School students for a tremendous season. We are very fortunate living in town where the students not only are scholars but also athletes. They go out there and represent what Point Pleasant is. So, I give kudos to the Board of Education, our school system, all the coaches, their assistants and parents who get behind the students and really encourage them to be the best that they could be.

Other than that, the Point Pleasant Boro Community Watch is planning on being at the Earth Day festivities.”

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: “I met with Open Space last week and one of the things I wanted to confirm with the Administrator is that money for the outside maintenance is all taken care of so we can get that going in the Spring.

The big news on the Finance Committee, is we are introducing the Municipal 2018 Budget. I have a comment from Himanshu Shah. The total general appropriation for 2018 is \$19,905,788.00 compared to \$19,652,119.00 in 2017. The proposed tax rate for municipal purposes for 2018 is estimated to be 44.4 cents. This reflects a tax increase of 3/10 of a cent which is less than .7%. This is probably the lowest rate increase that I can ever remember. A formal presentation for public hearing of the municipal budget is scheduled in 30 days on March 20th. If you have any questions we will be getting together with the Finance Committee to make sure all the I’s are dotted and all the T’s are crossed. Other than that, I thank our Municipal Finance Department. Chris Santiago is in the back and should be proud of himself, he did a great job.”

Council President Borowsky stated the following: “Not a lot going on with the Recreation Department right now, so let’s talk about our wrestling team for a minute. Last Friday night, the Point Pleasant Wrestling Team made history when they won their second South Jersey Group 2 State Wrestling Championship. The last one was won in 2007 and this is the second one in the history of Point Pleasant Boro Wrestling. This was our 50th anniversary season so this is only the second championship. And then this past weekend at the District 21 Championship at Manalapan High School, the team pretty much ran away with the team championship and it is the first district championship since 1991. Over 27 years, we had 11 wrestlers make it to the semifinals and 7 made it the finals. There are four 1st places, three 2nds and three 3rds. So, we will

have 10 wrestlers competing in the region championships this week starting tomorrow night. They were ranked by Wrestling Full Circle and Jersey Wrestling number 20 in the state in their final polls. NJ.com had them ranked number 22 in the state. This is the highest ranking the Boro Wrestling Team has ever achieved. The team really blew it out this year. They did a great job and I couldn't be prouder. Coach Brady won district coach of the year so congratulations to him. They all did a great job and hopefully their work is not done, we still have the regions and the states next week."

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: "Tonight's agenda included the introduction of the 2018 budget. It is probably one of the earliest in the history of our town. We have stabilized our tax base. But let's talk about our recovery from one of the greatest disasters that have hit our town, Superstorm Sandy. Our town was devastated. We had materialistic items gone. Our people were devastated. The psychological impact was enormous. That recovery has been accomplished due to the hard work of all concerned. The Administration, the Borough Council, employees and residents who believed that Point Pleasant would come back. The team approach worked for all staying positive and working in a bipartisan manner for the betterment of Point Pleasant, believing in oneself, the town and the elected officials. We have governed in a positive manner, we have established guidelines, we have a 5-year plan for this town and we want to continue in our success. We want the same items and things that our residents want. Safety and economic success for our businesses and home ownership because we are residents and we share the common goals. We are the number one town in Ocean County for safety for our families and one of the safest towns in the state. I want to thank the Council for all the work they have done in bringing this budget to fruition tonight. The economic footing that this town will embrace and deserve to have is here. The future looks bright and we will continue to embrace safety for our kids and our senior citizens. That is what a Governing Body should do and that is what this Governing Body will do."

C. MINUTES

1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2018

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furfato: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

D. ORDINANCES

1. Introduction

Ordinance No. 2018-01 to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furfato: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

2. **Introduction**

Bond Ordinance No. 2018-02 Providing for Various Capital Improvements in and for the Borough of Point Pleasant and Appropriating \$2,038,100.00 Therefore, and Providing for the Issuance of \$1,935,100.00 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Point Pleasant to Finance the Same

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

3. **Introduction**

Bond Ordinance No. 2018-03 Providing for Various Water and Sewer Improvements in and for the Borough of Point Pleasant and Appropriating \$925,500.00 Therefore, and Providing for the Issuance of \$879,000.00 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Point Pleasant to Finance the Same

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

**E. 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: Mrs. Snyder

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Borowsky opened the meeting to the public.

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Asked why Council tabled the Fire Department Coin Toss but are approving it now.

Mr. Pannucci: Responded that the Borough just wanted to make sure they got approval from the County since it is a County road.

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

F. 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. (070-2018) Bills and Claims
2. (071-2018) Authorize Municipal Budget to be Read by Title Only at Public Hearing
3. (072-2018) Introduction of Municipal Budget – Fiscal Year 2018

The bills totaling the amount of \$6,991,102.64 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: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: *Abstain/Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

* Mrs. Snyder Abstained from all payments to Bathgate Wegener Wolf and voted Yes to all others.

G. 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. (073-2018) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale
2. (074-2018) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accts.
3. (075-2018) Authorize Tax Collector to Adjust Records to Various Tax Sale Certificates Per Court Order
4. (076-2018) Certifying Compliance with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
5. (077-2018) Authorize Change Order Number 1 – Emergency Generator for Public Works Department, Well No. 8 and Well No. 10 – COF #2018-121
6. (078-2018) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond-Block 265, Lot 11, 1405 Jackson Street
7. (079-2018) Confirming Participation of Employee Prescription Plan Offered Through Bollinger, Inc., Effective March 1, 2018
8. (080-2018) Tax Certification for Solid Waste Collection
9. (081-2018) Confirming Personnel Action – DPW

- Dennis Adametz, withdrawing his intent to retire as Heavy Equipment Operator, effective December 1, 2018.
- 10. (082-2018) Confirming Personnel Appointment – Police Department
 - Terence K. Berkeley – DOH February 8, 2017, be hereby Appointed as Public Safety Telecommunicator, effective February 8, 2018.
- 11. (083-2018) Approving the Following Applications:
 - Idle Hour, Petition to Extend Licensed Premises, St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, Sunday, March 11, 2018, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
 - Idle Hour, Petition to Extend Licensed Premises, Bay Head PBA Fundraiser, Sunday, May 6, 2018, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
 - Point Pleasant Fire Department, Coin Toss, Saturday, June 2, 2018 between 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the 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 the intersection of Bridge Avenue and Route 88, (rain date September 9, 2018).
 - TABLED Green Light Events, LLC, Mud Run Event, Sunday, September 16, 2018 between 6:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Riverfront Park.
 - The Nicholas Hudanish Foundation Festival at Community Park on Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM.
- 12. (084-2018) Awarding Bid for Christine Court & Rue Mirador Roadway Reconstruction to Earle Asphalt Company - COF #2018-122

Mr. Pannucci: Requested that Item No. 11 Green Light Events, LLC Mud Run Event at Riverfront Park be tabled until he could get more information on the event.

MOTION: Table Consent Agenda No. 11 Regarding Green Light Events, LLC Mud Run Event

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes
Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent
Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

MOTION: Adopt the Remainder of the Consent Agenda

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes
Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent
Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

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MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

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SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Borowsky opened the meeting to the public

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Commented on how nice it is to see the infamous house on Bay Avenue getting fixed up.

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

Mayor Sabosik stated that there would be no Executive Session and moved for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**ANTOINETTE JONES, RMC, CMR
BOROUGH CLERK**

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**