

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

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| <b>Mayor:</b>                 | <b>Robert A. Sabosik</b>       |
| <b>Council President:</b>     | <b>William Borowsky</b>        |
| <b>Council Member:</b>        | <b>John Wisniewski</b>         |
| <b>Council Member:</b>        | <b>Joseph Furmato</b>          |
| <b>Council Member:</b>        | <b>Antoinette DePaola</b>      |
| <b>Council Member:</b>        | <b>Pamela Snyder</b>           |
| <b>Council Member:</b>        | <b>Michael Thulen, Jr</b>      |
| <b>Borough Attorney:</b>      | <b>Christopher Dasti, Esq.</b> |
| <b>Borough Administrator:</b> | <b>Frank Pannucci</b>          |
| <b>Borough Clerk:</b>         | <b>Antoinette Jones</b>        |

**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*.

- A. **PROCLAMATION**  
1. **Youth Art Month 2018 Endorsement**
- B. **WORKSHOP**  
1. **Committee Reports**

**Council Member Thulen stated the following:** “This afternoon I finished up a couple things with some of our future ordinances that we will have on our next agenda with the Zoning Officer. I think they are ready to go. We just have to have our attorney’s from our boards go over the sidewalk ordinances.”

**Council Member Furmato stated the following:** “Today we had a meeting regarding the paving for Christine Court. This project should start in a week or two. That is going to be a big project over there. The whole road is going to be redone.

And the only other thing I have is leaf collection is going to start on April 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Spring.”

**Council Member Snyder stated the following:** “First I wanted to remind everybody that Earth Day is put on by the Environmental Commission and it will be held on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also Ocean Beach Sweeps are coming up in April and I will have more information on that at the next meeting.

I just wanted to congratulate some of our Point Pleasant High School Students. Some students got together and created a public service announcement. I think it was a thirty second video on the prevention of teen suicide which is a very important topic for our teens to know that they are not alone and that there is help out there. I really have to commend these students. It was directed by a student, the actors were students

and they did a fantastic job getting the message out there. There was a competition and for being a small high school, we did tremendously well. We came in second place overall and we were beat by a regional school that had 6-10 times more kids than our high school does. So congratulations and I just wanted to thank these students for putting together that very important message.

Also I want to congratulate our Borough Wrestlers. I am sure Councilman Borowsky will elaborate much more than I will but we had one regional champion and I believe six made it to States.

Finally, I just wanted to thank our police and our schools for their outstanding work and cooperation during a recent incident at the Memorial Middle School. I know several officers have children in the school system but it has been my personal experience that the Chief and all of the officers treat each student in our school system as their extended family. I know that I am very grateful and appreciative of that. So thank you very much Chief for all that you and your officers do and thank you to Superintendent Smith who is also here today for really helping to foster that relationship between the school and the police. I appreciate that.”

**Council Member Wisniewski stated the following:** “There are two ordinances we are probably going to be tabling tonight for capital improvements. We just want to take a little bit of a closer look at them and fine tune the budget. It just goes to show you that we care about the Borough’s finances.”

**Council Member DePaola stated the following:** “As the chairperson for Public Safety it has been quite a busy couple of weeks dealing with the Mayor and Council, Superintendent Smith, the Board of Education and Chief Larsen and I just want to thank everybody involved in the process of ensuring that our students go to school each day and they are in the safest environment that we can provide for them. We are constantly in ongoing talks and evaluating our safety procedures at our schools. There are a lot of safety procedures that are in place that the public do not know about because we do not give up all our secrets. In order to maintain safety there does need to be an element of surprise and therefore the police department is constantly reviewing its safety procedures so that any bad people out there that have any negative intentions toward our children will be thwarted in their efforts. So, I would just like to take this time to thank everybody, the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education and Chief Larsen and his police force for constantly looking at better ways of keeping our children safe. I have one son who graduated from the Borough Schools and a daughter who is currently at the Borough High School and safety is a concern for me not just as a resident, but as a parent. I am pleased to say that everybody is working very hard to ensure the safety of our students. As you know there will be either a uniformed police officer or a special II officer who will also be in uniform. They have been specifically trained by Chief Larsen on how to deal with certain situations so I just wanted to thank everybody and thank the community for coming forward and putting forth your ideas and your concerns and I am just pleased that we were able to address them. As the Chief always says, we are always looking for ways to improve security and safety as our communities change and the environment changes we keep changing and evolving along with them. But for the time being we felt pretty confident that the procedures we have in place will protect our students.

Also as part of Public Safety on our consent agenda you will see that we are accepting a donation from Dr. Caesar DePaço for an amount of money that would enable us to purchase four patrol rifles for our police department. For those of you who do not know, Dr. Caesar DePaço has previously donated 2 police dogs to the Borough of Point Pleasant. One that was trained to be able to get evidence sniffing for drugs. Officer Popiel lives with the dog. We were fortunate enough for Dr. DePaço to purchase a second dog for us because he was so pleased with the town of Point Pleasant, the professionalism of our police department and the welcome that he received here. So he did purchase another dog for us that just came back from Wisconsin. He will be trained as a bomb sniffing dog and the trainer for that dog will be Officer Johnson. We now have added resources with two police dogs giving us a K-9 patrol. Our police force is evolving because our environment is evolving and so will the security at our school system.

As far as our Community Watch Organization goes, we did have a meeting last Monday night. The purpose of that meeting was to square away a scholarship application for any student that is graduating from the Borough High School. They are able to put in for an application for that scholarship fund. We are also accepting donations and putting baskets together for Dottie's House."

**Council President Borowsky stated the following:** "I am happy to announce that this past Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> we had a groundbreaking for the Heritage Park with no boundaries project. This project has been in the works for over two years and it is very exciting. It should be completed in 8 to 10 weeks depending on the weather. I am very happy to see this finally come to fruition after all the work that has been put into this.

Last Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> the Recreation Advisory Board met. Myself, Councilman Wisniewski, Sheri Silversmith and several members of the Advisory Board. Some of the things that were discussed was the Heritage Park with no boundaries project, some possible improvements for the Arnold Avenue property, the possibility of some after school programs, the 2018 Spring Recreation program was discussed and also Board Member Jordan Beverly is going to put together a demo at our skate park sometime in July. A demo is something that you reach out to a couple of manufacturers and they come and bring their products and you get a couple professional skaters in there to skate and then the companies that endorse these professional skaters give away some products to our youths. We have had such a great success with our skate program and I am really hoping that Jordan can put this together and get it done.

Preschool registration is all set for April 10<sup>th</sup>. Mayor's Cup is tomorrow night at 6:30pm at Ocean Road School. Point Pleasant Recreation's first Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Park will be March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Sheri told me that we already have 175 children signed up so that should be a huge success.

Last but not least, I am sad to say that the most successful season in Point Pleasant Borough wrestling history has come to an end.

Council President Borowsky goes on to list the extraordinary accomplishments of the Point Pleasant Borough Wrestling Team."

## **2. Report of Mayor**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** "Our town has progressed significantly since Sandy. Rebuilding our homes and rebuilding our infrastructure. Adding programs and events for all generations. Society's main focus should always be to protect the future of our society. The most important asset of our society is our children. Recent events have shown that increased security is not only warranted but essential. We cannot educate when fear is in our schools. When students want to stay home because they fear for their safety. When parents are so concerned that the main topic is their children's safety rather than normal topics that brings smiles to everyone's face. FDR in the greatest depression known in our countries history in 1932 stated "You have nothing to fear but fear itself." And last week, some of this town showed fear. So, therefore the Mayor and Council, the Board of Ed and our Police Department gathered together to take the fear out of our schools. We went over various security matters that this Board of Education and our Police have completed prior to any recent events. They have increased security in the schools and special programs for the last three or four years. That was not part of recent events but their concern for the wellbeing of our students. But we wanted to ensure the safety and bring back the positivity in our schools. Therefore everybody at this joint meeting fully endorse supplying full time police presence in each of our schools while continuing other security protocols. Our professionals, our Police Chief Richard Larsen is here tonight and our school Superintendent Vinnie Smith is here. This Mayor and Council will continue to provide the safeguards to protect our society's most important asset, our children. That we will make sure of. That our town continues to be one of the safest in the state of New Jersey to the best of our ability."

**C. MINUTES**

**1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2018**

**MOTION: Approve Minutes**

**MADE: Mr. Thulen**

**SECOND: Ms. DePaola**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Wisniewski: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Abstain**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Snyder: Yes**

**Mr. Thulen: Yes**

**CARRIES: Yes**

**D. ORDINANCES**

**1. Final Reading and Public Hearing**

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

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public for comment on Ordinance No. 2018-01. Seeing no hands, Mayor Sabosik closed this portion of the meeting.

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: Mr. Thulen**

**SECOND: Ms. DePaola**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Wisniewski: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Snyder: Yes**

**Mr. Thulen: Yes**

**CARRIES: Yes**

**2. Final Reading and Public Hearing**

**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**

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public for comment on Ordinance No. 2018-02.

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Asked the Council if there was money for the new sound system in this Bond Ordinance.

Mr. Pannucci responded that the sound system is not a capital item but an operating item.

Mayor Sabosik stated that they will be getting a new sound system.

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

Mr. Winsiewski asked for discussion and stated that as per the comments from his committee report, it is suggested that they table this Ordinance and the next one for further discussion.

**MOTION: Table Ordinance**

**MADE: Mr. Wisniewski**

**SECOND: Mr. Borowsky**

Mr. Borowsky: Yes  
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes  
Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes  
Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

3. **Final Reading and Public Hearing**  
**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**

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public for comment on Ordinance No. 2018-03. Seeing no hands, Mayor Sabosik closed this portion of the meeting.

MOTION: **Table Ordinance**

MADE: Mr. Wisniewski

SECOND: Mr. Thulen

Mr. Borowsky: Yes  
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes  
Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Furmato: 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: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

APPROVED: All in Favor

**Council President Borowsky opened the meeting to the public.**

**Seeing no 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. (085-2018) Bills and Claims

2. (086-2018) Approve Emergency Temporary Appropriation
3. (087-2018) Void Check Resolution

The bills totaling the amount of \$1,117,581.11 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: Mrs. Snyder**

Mr. Borowsky: Yes  
 Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes  
 Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Furrato: Yes  
 Mr. Thulen: Yes

**CARRIES: Yes**

**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. (088-2018) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 240, Lot 11, 2204 North Road
2. (089-2018) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accts.
3. (090-2018) Accepting Dr. Caesar DePaço’s Donation of (4) Four Patrol Rifles for the PD
4. (091-2018) Authorizing Release of Performance Bond and Acceptance of Maintenance Bond for the Rehabilitation of Memorial Drive Elevated Water Tank Project
5. (092-2018) Authorize Recreation Department to Hire Part-Time Seasonals
6. (093-2018) NJDEP Green Acres Enabling Resolution – Heritage Park
7. (094-2018) Approving the Following Applications:
  - Point Pleasant Fire Department, Mailing Fundraiser Commencing April 2018
  - St. Martha’s Roman Catholic Church, Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 9, 2018, from 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM at Riverfront Park.

**MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda**

**MADE: Mr. Thulen**

**SECOND: Ms. DePaola**

Mr. Borowsky: Yes  
 Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes  
 Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Furrato: Absent  
 Mr. Thulen: Yes

**CARRIES: Yes**

**H. 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 Borowsky opened the meeting to the public**

Nicole Draper: 2225 Rogers Road – Wanted to discuss the school safety issue with the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Sabosik: Asked Chief Larsen and Vincent Smith to come forward to help address Ms. Draper's concerns.

Nicole Draper: Stated that she had been in touch with other districts, teachers and police and feels that there is a lot more that can be done in our schools for security and safety. She indicated that after speaking to a police officer in Wall who is very involved in school safety measures, he recommended the use of licensed scanners in the buildings.

Mayor Sabosik: Noted that this should be brought to the attention of the Board of Education because the schools are under their authority.

Vincent Smith: Explained to Ms. Draper that he saw her email that detailed many suggestions and wanted her to know that many of them the Board of Ed is already doing. Some of the items they have been doing for years. He told her that they will evaluate everything along with the Chief of Police, as they always do, to ensure the safety of the students. Also noted that we are way ahead of many other districts in the safety measures they have put in place. Also noted, that he does speak with fellow Superintendents to other schools to see what they are doing.

Mayor Sabosik: Stated that there are certain security measures that this town has done already with the Board of Ed and our Police Department that they are not at liberty to talk about for the benefit of the kids and our residents.

Nicole Draper: Also mentioned she would like to see the School Resource Officers get to know our kids and our kids get to know the police in town. It helps them build relationships between the police and the youth in town and develop a rapport with one another.

Chief Larsen: Described to Ms. Draper the many programs and interactions the police have with our youth creating strong relationships. Conveyed to her that as a father of 4 children that he put through this school system, it is also very important to him.

Kerry Hudanish: 613 Boulton Avenue – Thanked the Mayor and Council for approving this year's Hudanish Foundation 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock for Awareness festival.

Sarah Reichenbecher: 557 Summit Drive – Gave background on herself as a daughter of a former Business Administrator and Police Chief in a Monmouth County town and she is a High School English

teacher and President of the Regional Education Association. She has two children in the Nellie Bennett School system. She spoke to the Mayor and Council about how concerned parents are with recent events and hopes that everything can be done not only to keep schools safe but also to make sure the children's learning environment is not negatively affected. Also asked for more transparency.

Mayor Sabosik: Responded that transparency is there. Also explained that much of what she is outlining should be taken up with the Board of Education.

Sarah Reichenbecher: Suggested to the Mayor and Council that we take input from the community when appropriate. Asked if, in the future, a chance for the residents and parents to share their concerns with the Council, Police and Board of Education together. Stated that she is happy to know that the town is implementing appropriate safety measures and she knew that they were progressive to begin with but just wanted to ask that they have more of an opportunity to provide community input when major changes happen.

Mrs. Snyder: Mentioned that in addition to school board meetings and Council meetings, PTO meetings provide a good opportunity to discuss concerns with school safety.

Nicole Draper: Stated that the PTO wants no involvement with the school safety issues. They want to remain neutral.

Mayor Sabosik: Stated that we do have professionals who take care of these issues. Commented that they are elected to govern and lead and that is why, with the advice of our professionals, the decision for police in the schools was made.

Kathleen Ebert: 1203 Dorsett Dock Road – Thanked the Mayor and Council for implementing the police program in the schools. Also wanted to let the Council know that on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a New Jersey Bike and Walk Summit in West Windsor.

Carla Nedza: 1404 Rue Mirador – Stated that she was at the school a couple times and saw the police officers and felt comforted that they were there. Asked the Council if the police officer would be there intermittently through the day or all day.

Chief Larsen: Confirmed that there will be an officer there from start to finish of the school day and also added that they have access to the camera feed in all of the schools.

Jennifer Mahieu: 2407 Dorsett Drive – A long term resident and a teacher in Sayreville, New Jersey. Wanted to know if they are looking into new models that are more proactive. Heard of one called the ALICE program. Stated that she would like their children to feel empowered and not just like sitting ducks. Suggested that there may be ways for them to defend themselves.

Vincent Smith: Responded that there are different models and they will look at different things. Stated that he thinks it is a good model but maybe not appropriate for every grade level.

Chief Larsen: Stated that the Police Department also have keys to all the rooms in all the schools in our district which is not typical in other towns. Some districts want to use models like that and some Police Departments support it and work with the districts. Others, there are parents that say, "No, I don't want my kid fighting someone with an assault weapon." Stated that there are good and bad things about these models and we have evaluated them and when we last evaluated it, it was a mutual agreement that it didn't seem right for us at the time. Indicated that they will be reevaluating to see what else, if anything they need to do different.



Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Stated that there was lots of talk tonight about safety in the schools but he believes that primarily safety in the schools needs to start at home. Stated that parents should be able to monitor their kids on the internet. Also stated that it is nice to see that the town is honoring the KIA. He sees that we have the flag up now. Thanks the Council for that.

**Seeing no other hands, Mayor Sabosik 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:**

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

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**ROBERT A. SABOSIK  
MAYOR**