

**COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	William Borowsky
Acting Council President:	John Wisniewski
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola (Arrived 7:03pm)
Council Member:	Pamela Snyder
Council Member:	Michael Thulen, Jr
Borough Attorney:	Jerry J. 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*.

A. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Snyder stated the following: “First, I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank Veronica Thwing and Shannon McIninch in the Clerk’s Office at Borough Hall. They stepped up to the plate and embodied the team spirit and atmosphere that we have been trying to instill in Borough Hall for the past several years. Multiple people came in at once towards the end of the day for some Registrar related issues and without being asked or prompted they stepped up to the plate and assisted our Registrar. So, I would like to publicly thank and acknowledge Veronica and Shannon for really putting our residents first.

Second, I just wanted to let everybody know that the Greater Mercer Transportation Authority is working with our town and our town Administrator to help develop comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian education plan improvements and to assist us in grant applications. I am very excited about this plan being created with us and the Transportation Authority. For the past couple of years, they have been helping us out with little things, but we are really looking forward to increasing that relationship with them.

As a reminder, school resumes September 5th. Please be careful out there, both as a motor vehicle driver and as a pedestrian and bicyclist. I want to thank the Police Chief and the Police Department because when we went online to obtain our children’s teacher assignments we had to acknowledge that we read and discussed with our children a bicycle safety pamphlet that was put out by the Police Department. So, thank you very much to the Chief for doing that this year.

I just wanted to remind everyone about light reflectors and helmets. It is so important especially as it gets darker earlier.

The Environmental Commission has many things that they are working on. I am going to just touch upon a few. First, to give you an update on the mosquito GAT traps. I know a lot of people were very excited about this project beginning. The bad news is that the traps are on backorder. They have been ordered by the Environmental Commission to help some folks get started on that project. We are not certain if we are going

to get the order in time for the fall. As a reminder, there appears to be a misunderstanding on the effectiveness of the traps. The traps do target the Asian Tiger Mosquito. That is one specific species of mosquito. Please do not think that if you put this trap in your backyard, all your mosquitos will be eliminated. That is not the case. However, if there is an 80% participation rate in your sector, then the Asian Tiger Mosquito population will be significantly reduced. The Asian Tiger Mosquito is the mosquito that carries a number of diseases that you do not want to be infected with. The purpose of the GAT traps is to break and reduce the breeding cycle. So, you should notice a depreciation of mosquitos in the area if we get enough participation with these mosquito traps.

The Environmental Commission is continuing to work on some other projects. I will be reaching out to our Clerk later this week. There are some resolutions and ordinances that the Environmental Commission would like to get on the agenda. Many of the items in the resolutions and ordinances we already do in the town, but we just have not actually codified them and if we do codify them we get extra points. More points mean we get a higher rating for Sustainable Jersey. The higher our rating the higher the likelihood of getting some grants.

There was a Boy Scout who had made a presentation to the Environmental Commission on a project he would like to do. I believe it was for his Eagle Scout award. It concerns the creation and monitoring of Bluebird nesting boxes. The Bluebird is making a comeback to this area and so he would like to install these Bluebird nesting boxes, monitor them, keep track of them and report that information back to the State of New Jersey. I am sure he will be coming to council to make an official presentation and ask for our blessing and our assistance in that.

Finally, the Environmental Commission would like to do a hazard tree audit. Hazard trees are basically trees that are in the final phases of actively dying or are already dead. The idea is to identify and mark those trees so that they can be removed by DPW or by a contractor sponsored by the town so that the trees do not fall during storms due to decay and provide potential injury.”

Council Member Thulen stated the following: “I only have a couple little things. There is an ordinance on the agenda tonight regarding violations. I haven’t had a chance to read the final ordinance today, but I believe there is a word or two we need to add so I ask that we have that tabled so that we can fine tune it. Other than that, I will read you a little bit from our construction reports. We had 7 CO’s issued in June and 6 in July. That is exciting news for our town because that is people buying new houses or renovating homes and we have a great community here.”

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “Twelve roads have been completed so far this spring and summer. Right now, drainage work is being done at Beaver Dam and Bridge Avenue and sidewalks will be started soon maybe by the end of October.”

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: “Unfortunately we had to cancel our last Open Space meeting due to the passing of our secretary’s mother. We send our thoughts and prayers out to Kerry. She is down in South Carolina and hopefully doing ok. I have no report on Finance tonight so that is all I have.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “First off I would like to recognize Steven Grady who received a letter of thanks from a homeowner on Curtis Avenue. They had been advocating for an additional street light near their home and with the help of Steve Grady they were able to get a street light located at a very dark intersection near their home. It took a lot of leg work and paperwork, but it finally got done. So, I would like to thank him for his extra effort that helped this come to fruition.

Also, I would like to thank all our first responders who went and helped rescue 50 residents from Greenbriar after the torrential rainstorm we had last week. Brick put out a request for aid and we were able to go over there. Our Police, Fire and First Aid do have rescue boats and they were able to rescue 50 residents out of

the 100 residents in Greenbriar. That is pretty remarkable when you look at the size of our town and our first responders as opposed to Bricktown and their first responders. So, we truly appreciate the efforts of them and our OEM who went out when help was really needed.

As for Community Watch, we had our National Night Out a couple of weeks ago and I would again like to thank our first responders and our Police Department and all our volunteers in town who came out to make it a huge success. The Police Department began their bicycle education plan that evening in addition to poster boards and other information. They were handing out safe bicycle riding pamphlets once again reminding our children that they need to wear their helmets if they are under 17 and they need to have lights on their bikes if they are riding at night. Some of the people riding on our local roads as we know are not familiar with our roadways, so we need to make our children as visible as possible. That does not take away from the fact that our drivers need to be very cautious and aware of bicyclists. But our kids need to understand the rules of the road. This pamphlet is very useful and very helpful so that parents can start a dialogue. The schools thought that it was very important to place this on their website so that the children and the parents of Point Pleasant can access it. In addition, our Safe Streets Grant has been submitted to the State. Our Engineer worked closely with the Board of Education and they were able to put together a comprehensive grant application to be able to hopefully get some grant money to help enhance the walkways by all our schools. We are very hopeful that some monies will come in. We were able to install sidewalks over by Nellie Bennett School and hopefully this will be the beginning of greater things to come.

Also, our Police Department has received a shared responsibility Safe Passage Initiative grant from the State of New Jersey. This will allow our Police Department to enhance patrols at crosswalks and other busy intersections here in the Borough. Our Police Department has also agreed to work with the Board of Education to come and give a demonstration to high school students on bicycle safety. They will have officers at all the bike racks on the first day of school reminding students that they must wear their helmets while cycling to school and just be available if they have any questions.

Also, our Police Department will be sending a letter to the County asking for a 25mph speed restriction on Bridge Avenue, Beaver Dam Road, Herbertsville Road and River Road. We are also going to be requesting additional speed display signs for Rue Avenue, Beaver Dam, Herbertsville and River Road. Another request we are making to the County are for sidewalks and curbs along Bridge Avenue, Beaver Dam, Herbertsville and River Avenue. We are also advocating for crosswalks at the Rec Center. That is a little more difficult of a task. We have tried to do it before and there seems to be some impediments because it needs to be ADA compliant. But we will once again go back to the County to see if there is any way we can do something by the Rec Center so that our students that are walking there after school have a safe passage. So, there is a lot going on. The Mayor and Council are working diligently with the Police Department and our Engineer to make our streets safer for passage for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. We appreciate everybody's patience as we wait and see some of these projects come to fruition."

Council President Borowsky stated the following: "Unfortunately our Recreation Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled. I felt that July's meeting was one of the most productive meetings that we have had in a while.

As for Haunts in the Park we are going to look to make that more of a family night out. Sheri Silversmith mentioned other activities besides the walk so it would appeal to all ages. Movie night attendance has been light this year and Ms. Silversmith suggest pairing movie night with something else. I suggested maybe having DPW bring over some of their equipment and do like a touch a truck thing with the children.

The Fall Recreation Schedule is completed and ready for print and should be out in early September. Just a reminder school will be starting in two weeks, please remember children will still be in summer mode and please be careful on our side streets and main roads."

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “I firmly believe that Point Pleasant Borough is a very unique town. We are a town with a heart. We are a town that cares for people. This year we have an opportunity to help an organization, whose helped many people over generations including special needs kids and veterans. For the first time ever, the Elks will be in Point Pleasant Borough at the Arnold Avenue park. They need our help, they need attendance, they need people to come over, visit with them and share their food and have a great day. This is a unique opportunity to be able to help an organization that has helped so many people for so long. I am very excited to be able to offer one of our facilities. The Police Chief and DPW Superintendent have worked with them to create a safe, great event for families. This Administration is totally behind the Elks and we look forward to helping them have a very successful day. I hope everyone of you out there will go home and go on Facebook, Twitter and every other social media to spread the word and help the Elks.

Tonight, there is a very unique situation up here. We have an individual who became part of the Administration three years ago. She is an integral part of the team effort that has made this town and this Administration open to the public. She has attained everything we have asked her to do. She is probably the best Clerk in the State of New Jersey, in my humble opinion. Tonight, she gets appointed for a second term. I look forward to council on being unanimous in this. She has worked hard. She is a professional. She has done everything to the best of her ability. She is an outstanding individual. I sometimes tease her up here a little bit about various items, but from the bottom of my heart, she is one of the best of the best that this town has to offer. When I became Mayor four years ago, we had a little change going on at town hall. You saw a lot of new faces, who had positive feelings. Now you see people who care and enjoy doing their job. Toni has helped create that culture. She has worked with Frank for the past three years to create a positivity for our residents to enjoy. So, I must look at her and say thank you for the work you’ve done for the last three years. She is truly an asset to this town and I look forward to working with you in the future.

The last thing, remember kids are going back to school and we must be attentive. We must share the roads with children and we have to be careful. We are the most densely populated town in Ocean County. We are doing everything we can to create a safe environment, but we need drivers to be aware of how many children that are on our roads.”

B. MINUTES

1. **Approve Council Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2018**
2. **Approve Executive Session Minutes of July 17, 2018**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Thulen

Mr. Borowsky: Abstain

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Abstain

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

C. ORDINANCES

1. **Final Reading and Public Hearing**
Ordinance No. 2018-14 Amending and Supplementing Chapter II of the Borough Code Entitled “Administration” and Specifically Section 2-20 entitled “Miscellaneous Fees”

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting for public comment on Ordinance 2018-14.

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

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Thulen

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES:

2. Introduction

Ordinance No. 2018-12 Amending and Supplementing Chapter II of the Borough Code, Entitled, “Administration” and Specifically Section 2-15.3 Entitled “Procedure Upon Discovery of Violations” for the Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Thulen previously stated that this ordinance needs further review and would like it to be tabled.

MOTION: Table Ordinance

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Ms. Snyder

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

**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. Furmato

SECOND: Ms. Snyder

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Borowsky opened the meeting to the public.

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road asked about Resolution No. 2.

Frank Pannucci: Responded this is simply extra money for our senior programs for our Recreation Department. The County is happy with the way we are spending our money on the senior programs, so they have decided to give us more money.

Dennis Vitkauskis: Asked about Consent Agenda No. 8.

Mr. Pannucci: Replied that the State has been seeking approval from every town along the Route 88 corridor for bus stops. Most of the bus stops are already there and the Police Chief reviewed them to make sure there weren't any issues.

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. (203-2018) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (204-2018) Request Chapter 159 – Ocean Area Plan Grant, for Services Provided to Elderly**
- 3. (205-2018) Void Check Resolution**

The bills totaling the amount of \$3,398,073.23 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: Ms. DePaola

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

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. (206-2018) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accts.**
- 2. (207-2018) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
- 3. (208-2018) Amending Resolution #188-2018 Authorizing Reduction in the Performance Bond for Block 265, Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, 715 & 719 South Street**
- 4. (209-2018) Authorize Final Change Order No. 1 for the Bay Avenue Boat Ramp Project**
- 5. (210-2018) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 279, Lot 254, 1809 Boat Point Dr.**
- 6. (211-2018) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 306, Lot 6, 16 West End Dr.**
- 7. (212-2018) Authorize T&M Associates for Engineering Services for**

- NJDEP Water Quality Restoration Grants**
8. (213-2018) **Supporting NJDOT Recommended Bus Stops in Point Pleasant Borough**
 9. (214-2018) **Re-Appointing Antoinette Jones as Municipal Clerk for a Three-Year Term**
 10. (215-2018) **Authorize Recreation Department to Hire Part-time Seasonals**
 11. (216-2018) **Authorize Recreation Department to Hire Preschool Teachers**
 12. (217-2018) **Authorize Disposal of Surplus Property Via Online Auction DPW**
 13. (218-2018) **Confirm Appointment of Shannon McIninch-Alternate Deputy Registrar**
 14. (219-2018) **Approval the Following Applications**
 - Bay Head Shores Property Owners Association – Social Affair Permit, Labor Day Celebration, Saturday, September 1, 2018 from 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM (rain date Saturday, September 8, 2018).
 - Point Pleasant Elks – Social Affair Permit, Arnold Avenue Park, Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM (rain Sunday, September 16, 2018).
 - Point Boro First Aid Squad, Fundraising Efforts by Mail in the Months of November and December.
 15. (220-2018) **Appointing Phoenix Advisors, LLC as Municipal Advisor the Borough COF #2018-139**

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

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

G. 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: Ms. Snyder

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public

Brick Wenzel: Lavallette, stated he brought a Resolution to Mayor and Council asking their support for a seafood gleaning pilot program in Ocean and Monmouth Counties. Mr. Wenzel gave a description of the program and the benefits of seafood gleaning.

Jennifer Farina: 2705 River Road, stated she came here today to listen and she is so happy about what she heard. Her reason for coming to the meeting is because of street safety on our roads. Her daughter was hit on June 26th on Beaver Dam Road. She is healing, and she feels like our town is healing with her. She did go to the Freeholders meeting and was so impressed with that meeting as well. She talked with the County Engineer and it gave her so much faith. She loves this town and is so grateful to hear that so much is starting to get done. Knowing that her daughter's scars are healing, but we have a long way to go. There are new residential homes going up and she just wants to let council know that there are a whole community of people who want to help. If anything positive came from this, it is the positive response from the town. She received the school email and there was this pamphlet to review with her children. She hopes we continue to keep reaching out to other towns and looking for solutions for the safety of our children. Thank you so much for all your efforts.

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road, asked if the first parking spot by the clothing bins could be made into a handicap parking space for the Post Office. A lot of the Borough elderly park in the Borough parking lot when going to the Post Office.

Police Chief Larsen and Mr. Pannucci: Stated they will look into it.

Candace Ross: 2032 Barnegat Boulevard, stated she's been living here for 33 years and she loves this town. She lives across the street from Nellie Bennett School, she taught there for ten years and she is retired now. This is her second summer as a retiree and she has noticed that Nellie Bennett is used a lot. The Rec Center program is there, as well as, cheerleading and lacrosse practice. The school is in constant use. She would like signs put up at the crosswalks that state, "It is the law to stop for pedestrians in a cross walk."

Chief Larsen: Responded that he will evaluate it but that there are specific guidelines to the narrowness of the local roads. He also stated that sometimes too much signage causes more accidents because motorists are so busy reading the signs they take their eyes off the road.

John LeCompte: Stated there is an application being made for the Safe Streets to School Grant for sidewalks and he will look into it.

Seeing no other 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 Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Ms. Snyder

APPROVED: All in favor

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dasti, Esq., stated the following: “While we were in closed session we discussed two items regarding contractual issues and litigation matters.”

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor.

**TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK AND
ANTOINETTE JONES, BOROUGH CLERK**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**