

**COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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
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 Thulen stated the following: “I just have one thing, myself, our Administrator and our Construction Official had a meeting with the Fire Marshall Dan Mulligan and the Ocean County Administrator Carl Block. This was in regards to our safety inspections which are inspections for businesses and rentals and also for someone who is going to sell a house. They are all being done by the County and the County wants to clarify this years’ service agreement, so we have given that to our Borough Attorney and he will be working on that.”

Council Member Snyder stated the following: “First, I wanted to say what a wonderful time it was at the Heritage Park grand opening. It was a nice ray of sunshine in an otherwise very soggy day. I hope that our residents use it to its fullest extent. There is a lot of new equipment. There are benches and tables. You name it, it is there and I want to thank our Borough Engineers and our DPW crew, all of our citizens and everyone who helped make that park a reality. I also want to thank Investor’s Bank for their generous donation.

I also want to just generally thank all of our residents who step up to the plate to help and volunteer throughout the town. We have a lot of unsung heroes in our town and they just step in where it is needed and I just really want to thank them. Our Borough is what it is because of these people who help whether it is planting flowers, or the Police Explorers Youth Program, or all the people who serve on our Committees and Commissions, we really do have great talent here in the Borough and we have people who volunteer their time and their talents and I really do thank everyone for that.

Finally, we have been developing a great relationship with the Greater Mercer Transportation Authority. For those of you who have been here before or read the minutes that is basically the State agency that we need to interface with in order to get grant monies and different opportunities. Frank Pannucci, our Borough Administrator has done a great job being our liaison with the GMTA and there is another grant that is available that we will be looking into. It is separate from the safe routes to school. That deadline is October

8th. We are going to look into that and see if we can get even more money to help improve pedestrian safety on our roads here in the Borough.”

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: “I would like to thank the volunteers as well, especially our DPW who helped out at the Elks on Saturday which was a great time.

Secondly, this Saturday is the Borough Backyard Bikes Barbeque. Fortunately I won’t have to ride my bike all through town because I will be hosting. So when you get the map, come by 821 Rosewood Avenue. B2 Bistro will be there, and I am trying to work on a few surprises for everyone and look forward to seeing everybody.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “The Community Watch Organization is going to have a meeting on Monday night at 7pm at Borough Hall to discuss the Trick or Trunk event which is going to be held on Monday, October 22nd here in the parking lot. We are always interested in any organization, volunteers or companies in the Borough who would like to decorate their trunks and give out candy or any safe treats to the children. We will have more information forthcoming after Monday night’s meeting.

Also, as far as Public Safety goes, once again, I would like to thank the Police Department and our DPW workers for all that they did on Saturday for the Elks in the park event. It was the first time we hosted a big event like that at Arnold Avenue Park. From a Public Safety standpoint, there didn’t seem to be any issues. I know some residents were upset because there was some ticketing for parking illegally but unfortunately for people that live in those neighborhoods, it was what our Police Department needed to do to prevent people from blocking driveways, corners and hydrants. That was the unfortunate thing. Some local people got tickets for parking but the Police Department just did what they could to keep the neighborhood safe and I just hope they understand that.

Also, on Saturday the 29th there will be the Hudanish Foundation event in the park. It will be from Noon to 6pm at Community Park and that event is run by the Hudanish family in honor of their son Nicholas who unfortunately passed away from a drug overdose 2 years ago. To help them deal with their pain and help them move forward and give back to the community that gave them so much, they are hosting this fundraiser in order to raise money to give back to the schools for better drug prevention and education in our school system. Last year was the first event and it was highly successful. They were able to give the Board of Education a donation. They hope to if not beat that donation at least meet the same one as last year. Hopefully it will be a really nice day and families will come out and support it. Nicholas was a member of a band and he graduated from Point Boro High school. He was an honor student and he went off to Rutgers University and unfortunately picked up a bad habit that ultimately led to his death. This event really has a purpose and I strongly encourage everybody to come out and support it.

Also, the Chamber of Commerce is having their annual Halloween Parade on October 28th. The parade will be a little bit different this year in that organizations and individuals who will be walking in the parade will be separated from motorized vehicles. Motorized vehicles will no longer be allowed to throw candy from the moving vehicles and we are hoping to make it a very safe event but yet continue the tradition here in the Borough.”

Council President Borowsky stated the following: “I would like to thank everyone who attended the grand opening of The Heritage Park with No Boundaries. I especially would like to thank DPW for their last-minute scrambling and putting the finishing touches on the park. It is an absolutely amazing job that they did. If you haven’t been over there I strongly urge you to get down there to take a look. It is night and day from what it was. It is a real gem. I also would like to thank Divi Tree for the refreshments. I can’t tell you how satisfying it is to see this come to fruition. I have never been prouder to be on council and to see this project come to fruition. It is amazing down there.

Also, the Elks fest in the park was a blast. I would like to thank our Police Department and our Public Works for volunteering their time to make this a success. I have heard nothing but positive feedback from everyone and they are all excited about a bigger and better event for next year.

We have a Rec Committee meeting tomorrow night at 7pm right here and I will have a more extensive report for Recreation at the next meeting.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “I too attended the Elks Fest. It was a bringing together of people from various towns to have a great event. To see the outpouring and the numbers of people come and help the Elks that day was just outstanding. It goes back to the core values of this town. It is very unique how we help one another. The Elks this year had a very tough time economically because they had to cancel their Fluke Tournament. They needed this to be successful so they can carry on their programs of helping special needs children, veterans and senior citizens. I am happy to report that it was very financially profitable, beyond their wildest imagination. There were absolutely no problems at all with the attendees. Yes, there were a couple parking tickets given out but they do that every year with the seafood fest. All in all it was a perfect day helping an organization that gives help in their time of need. Talking about need, that Saturday one of our DPW workers, Jude Walker gave up his birthday to work for free to make sure that they had everything they needed. This is the type of people who work for your town. They keep giving and they do such a phenomenal job for all of us who live here. I found out Monday that it was his birthday Saturday and he never told anybody. So the next time you see Jude, tell him happy belated birthday because he really works hard and deserves it.

I have a thank you letter from a group of Girl Scouts who did large laminated maps of Point Pleasant for a Girl Scouts letter boxing activity. The best part of the pictures they gave me was that every one of the girls is wearing a brightly colored helmet. The bike safety was outstanding in this program. It really is working. As all of you know, this Mayor and Council has put in the forefront safety for our citizens. More sidewalks, more curbing and more ADA compliant corners. It is working because, if you look, there was a high predominance of these young kids wearing helmets. More than we have ever seen.

This weekend, as our Councilman stated, there will be a fundraiser for the high school, The Borough Back Yard BBQ. He hasn’t told me what the surprise is, but I will be biking that day because believe it or not that day, September 22nd is car-free day. The 22nd of September has been started as the World car free network which coincides with European/American Mobility Week. Most towns celebrate it on the 21st or the week from the 18th to the 22nd. I am happy to report that there will be 300 bicyclists going around this town on Saturday rather than cars, biking from home to home to see delicacies prepared by our great restaurants and the homes donated by people such as our councilman. So I thank them for that.

Last thing, Emma’s carwash was at my building on Sunday. 52 kids showed up to wash. She was there and she looked great. She is on the road to recovery. Her mom was there and they were very happy for the support that the town and everyone has given her and her daughter. So once again, it proves the town of Point Pleasant is beyond a doubt a very unique town to live in.”

B. MINUTES

- 1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2018**
- 2. Approve Executive Session Minutes of September 4, 2018**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes
Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent
Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

C. **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.

D. **RESOLUTION**

“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. (230-2018) Bills and Claims

The bills totaling the amount of \$1,077,265.40 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 Resolution**

MADE: **Mr. Thulen**

SECOND: **Ms. DePaola**

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes
Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent
Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

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. (231-2018) **Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accts.**
2. (232-2018) **Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
3. (233-2018) **Authorize Reduction in the Performance Guarantee for Property Known as Block 316, Lot 5, A/K/A Bridge Avenue and River Road – Dunkin Donuts**
4. (234-2018) **Rejecting Request for Release of Performance Bond for Property Known And Designated at Block 274, Lots 11 & 12 A/K/A Bay Avenue and Hance Place**
5. (235-2018) **Awarding Bid for Backwash Tank Repainting at Riviera Parkway Water Treatment Plant Project to Brave Industrial Paint, LLC**
6. (236-2018) **Approving the Following Application:**
 - **Shore House Bar & Grill, Petition to Extend Licensed Premises, Borough Bike Tour, September 22, 2018 from 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM.**
 - **Chamber of Commerce, 38th Annual Halloween Parade, Sunday, October 28, 2018 starting at 1:00 PM on Bridge Avenue.**
 - **Bay Head Shores Property Owners Association, Social Affair Permit, Corn Hole Tournament, October 6, 2018 from 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM, rain date October 7, 2018.**

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furrato: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

G. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public

James Sisco: 2000 Anderson Place – Stated that he built his home there on Anderson Place in 1995. Stated that he had gone to the DPW a few times about problems on his street regarding the guard rail that is in disrepair and the garbage and overgrowth in that area. Also stated that people use it as a dumping area. He

explained that he had gone to Jude in Public Works a few times and was told he would have the prisoners come to clean it. But that never happened. This year, after it was suggested that he speak to higher powers, he went to the Administrator's office. Indicated that the Administrator was busy, so he spoke to Veronica Thwing. He explained that she sent over Mike Kralovich and his buildings and grounds crew. Detailed that those guys came over and in that really hot day, cleaned the whole lot. They worked very hard. Also explained that there is a split telephone pole there and called JCP&L. They said to call DPW to move the guard rail because they cannot get a truck back there. Jude told him he couldn't move the guard rail until JCP&L calls him. Stated that he feels he is being tossed back and forth.

Mayor Sabosik: Stated that they are going to solve this problem and called up the Point Pleasant Borough Superintendent of Public Works, Bob Forsyth and the Borough Engineer John LeCompte.

Bob Forsyth: Explained this issue only just came up on his radar recently. Stated that when he found out about it he sent out Buildings and Grounds to take care of it. Also stated that the reason the guard rail was not moved yet is because the Police Department must approve this move because of the canal. Expressed that he will go out to the property again and see if anything more can be done and will speak to the Police Chief when he returns from vacation.

Mayor Sabosik: Stated that when the Police Chief comes back from vacation, they will come up with a cohesive plan to figure out what procedures they need to follow and who they need to get involved to take care of all his problems.

James Sisco: Also mentioned that he was upset the Borough does not advertise the Senior Freeze discount on taxes. Stated that he just found out about it and lost 12 years of this senior freeze benefit. He said that the tax office told him his accountant should have told him about it but he explained that he does his own taxes. Stated that Bricktown has a big sign advertising it and believes we should have something similar.

Mayor Sabosik: Stated that he will make sure we put a sign alerting seniors about the discount as well.

Kathleen Ebert: 1203 Dorsett Dock Road – Wanted to say congratulations and thanked the Borough Council for the Heritage Park with no boundaries. Also stated that the work on Beaver Dam Road is very nice and a lot of parents are appreciating the sidewalks. Also asked about the Complete Streets Committee and if anything is new with that.

Ms. DePaola stated that she is in the process of following up and looking to have a meeting about it next week. Stated that they would like the Chief in on the meeting so they are waiting for his return but that they will be having a preliminary meeting with the Administrator next week and then go from there.

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 Mr. Wisniewski

SECOND: Mr. Thulen

APPROVED: All in favor

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dasti, Esq., stated the following: “In closed session we discussed a possible land acquisition and some potential litigation. In that regard, I need to have council authorize CME to undertake a site inspection on a possible property the Borough is thinking of purchasing.”

F. AUTHORIZATION

MOTION: Approve Authorization

MADE: Mr. Wisniewski

SECOND: Mr. Thulen

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor.

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**