

**COUNCIL MEETING
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2019
12:00PM**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	William Borowsky
Council Member:	John Wisniewski
Council Member:	Joseph Furfato
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 December 14, 2018 edition of *The Ocean Star* and Communicated to *The Asbury Park Press*.

A. OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE

1. Robert A. Sabosik - Mayor
2. William Borowsky – Council Member
3. Antoinette DePaola – Council Member

B. NOMINATION AND RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT - (001-2019)

Council President Borowsky asked to make a motion to nominate Michael Thulen as the Council President for 2019.

MOTION: Approve Nomination and Adopt Resolution

MADE: Mr. Borowsky SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Borowsky: Yes Mr. Wisniewski: Yes Mr. Furfato: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Thulen: Yes

CARRIES: Yes

Oath of Office – Michael Thulen, Jr. - Council President

C. COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “First of all I would like to thank the Point Pleasant community for once again supporting our nomination and our election to Borough Council and Mayor. I

would also like to thank them for their support throughout the nine years that I have been fortunate and blessed enough to be able to help the Borough of Point Pleasant.

I would also like to thank my children first and foremost for always being there for me and for sacrificing their mom for more Borough business. I would also like to thank my family, my friends, my neighbors and the Point Pleasant Borough community for their support throughout the year. Thank you everybody and have a blessed New Year.”

Council Member Borowsky stated the following: “First and foremost I would like to thank the Mayor and CJ for loaning me their grandkids. I tried to get my son to come over here just for five minutes. I told him I was proud of him and wanted to show him off a little bit and he said, that is why he is not coming. He is a very modest kid. But I too would like to thank the residents of the Borough of Point Pleasant for having the faith in this team up here. I would like to thank all of our professionals. I would like to thank all our Borough employees. I would like to thank all the volunteers in this town that help make this town the greatest town in America. That is it, I am a little under the weather so I am going to keep it short and sweet.”

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: “First of all I would really like to thank the residents of the Borough of Point Pleasant for keeping this town together. I have enjoyed working with everyone up here. We have done some good things together and we have more work to do. Congratulations to the Mayor, Toni and Billy and congratulations to Mike, I know you will make a great Council President.”

Council Member Snyder stated the following: “First, congratulations to the Mayor, Councilmember Bill Borowsky, Councilmember Toni DePaola and Council President Mike Thulen. It has been my absolute pleasure and honor to have served with you in the past and I look forward to the exciting work we are going to be doing together for the Borough. I would also like to echo Councilman Borowsky’s and Councilman Wisniewski’s thanks. A heartfelt thank you to the employees of the Borough of Point Pleasant, first responders, volunteers and our community. With your help we have really made the Borough a wonderful place to live. It is my sincere wish that we can keep this momentum going. I am really excited to see what 2019 will bring.”

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “I want to thank everyone for coming out today. It is a great day for us up here and team Point Pleasant. I want to thank our Borough employees and our volunteers in town, 2019 is going to be a great year.”

Council President Thulen stated the following: “Thank you for coming in today and enjoying as we swear in many of you from the Borough. You have taken time out of your busy lives to benefit all of our residents. We have many people who have offered up their services to sit on all kinds of boards and make decisions effecting our Borough. Sometimes the act of sitting on these Boards is no easy thing and takes hours and hours of sorting through facts and testimony provided by the neighbors to make the right decision for the whole Borough. I know that it is a hard job and they are doing great work. So thank you for providing this service to us. We also have an outstanding fire department. They do a wonderful job protecting our Borough every day. I have been a Councilman for a few years and I see firsthand the countless hours these men and women spend volunteering for our Borough outside of just fighting fires. Thank you to all of our firefighters for your support and thank you to their families for supporting them as well.

Over the time I have spent on Council I have had the opportunity to work with most of the Borough employees and professionals we appoint to serve this Borough. I believe these people working for us are some of the best municipality and government workers in the County and in the State. They share the goal of outstanding service to our residents that the Mayor and the Council described. I would like to say thank you to them and to keep up the great work in 2019. This year we had our Mayor Sabosik, Councilwoman DePaola and Councilman Borowsky run for re-election. We received a huge amount of support by the Borough voters. Winning re-election in today’s political environment is no easy task. The hard work they

have put in has been seen by our residents and in the last several years the residents know that most times past actions predict future actions. So re-electing this team is the best thing to do for the Borough. I am very glad that I can continue to work with them on this dais and congratulations on your well-deserved victory.

In closing I would like to say thank you to my fellow councilmembers for making me council president this year. I look forward to taking on this new role in 2019 and working more closely with our administration to continue the services that we provide for the residents in this Borough.

Also, thank you to my wonderful wife Jen for supporting me as a councilman. Without her I would not have the strength to do this job. And thank you to all my family for coming out today as well.”

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “I too would like to say thank you to everybody for coming today. In the audience we have four more officials of Point Pleasant Borough. We have our former Mayor, Martin Konkus. We have former Councilman Mitch Remig, former Councilman Brian McAlindin and we have Councilman Mike Thulen, Sr. from Bricktown. And above all, we have our Assemblyman Ned Thompson here today. He has been in office awhile and he has been doing a great job helping the town of Point Pleasant so I would like a round of applause for him also.

As we gather here today, we can reflect upon the resilience of Point Pleasant Borough. Like the phoenix coming out from the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, Point Pleasant has shown what makes us different from other towns. How we were able to restore our community’s mental and physical well-being by providing essential services and giving our residents the support they need to rebuild their homes and businesses. This took a team effort. Looking back, this Mayor and Council stand before you taking great pride in the accomplishments that have been completed. Point Pleasant Borough has been rated the number one town to raise a family in Ocean County. We are rated in the top 30 towns in safety in the whole State. While accomplishing this, this Mayor and Council has also completed a bond rating improvement for our residents and a record number of capital improvements. Some people exist in towns but the residents of Point Pleasant are very different. There is a tremendous sense of community here and a lot of our residents are active in every element of the towns business. Today we have volunteers from our First Aid and Fire Department to be sworn in. We thank them for their service and dedication. We have residents serving with no pay as volunteers on our Planning, Zoning, Recreation, Environmental, Community Watch and other committees too numerous to name. This is the team that we fostered and supported. Not just as Mayor and Council but encouraging residents to volunteer to contribute to our vision of making Point Pleasant the best that it can be. The team you see up here, as has been previously mentioned by a lot of my Councilmembers, Team Point Pleasant, are proud of the number of accomplishments over the last four years. A record number of outside grants, a bronze award for our efforts in pedestrian safety with the Greater Mercer Safe Routes to School. We have rebuilt our beaches and facilities. We have completed a staggering number of drainage and road work. And as you know coming in today, one of them is the uncompleted Bridge Avenue and rebuild of Beaver Dam Road. I am happy to report that the County is supplying \$3.3 million dollars for the rebuild and our town is supplying \$128 thousand dollars. This is how local government can work with higher up government to bring value back to the residents.

In the future, 2019 we will be renovating our Recreation center. We want to keep rebuilding our roads, increasing our senior services and continue to upgrade our social events for all of our citizens to enjoy. We use the team approach. Together everyone achieves more to accomplish everything that has been done and what will be done. We acknowledge all our volunteers and the tremendous work that they do. We take this philosophy to heart as we begin to plan the celebration of Point Pleasant Borough’s centennial in 2020. In closing, I thank all of you here today and all the residents of Point Pleasant and their support and re-electing myself and the rest of council up here. But I really want to thank my family who have put up with me being late to parties and missing meals and understanding my duty here and my measures to make this Borough the best we can all make it. Above all, I want to thank my wife. Through her love, devotion and

acceptance of our busy life, she is undoubtedly my strongest supporter. God bless all of you and God bless America.”

D. FIREFIGHTERS – Oath of Office

E. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS – Oaths of Office

1. **Planning Board Robert Forsyth to Class II, Borough Official; Jack Vitale, Class IV Member**
2. **Open Space Advisory – Richard Morris, Dawn Wagner, Joanne Goetting, Greg Zyry, Craig Bowers, James Hoffmaster, Ed Lavan, Jack McHugh, Cortland Coleman, and Marilyn Pribish as Alt. #1 and Jim Dempsey as Alt. #2**
3. **Environmental Commission – Chris Constantino, Chairman; Sheryl Burke, Member; Mike Romanowski, Member; Noel Novak-Schulz, Member; Laura Malta, Member; Heidi Riley, Member/Garden Club Liaison; Al Clericuzio, Associate Member/Founding Member; Al Faraldi, Member/Planning Board Liaison; Dennis Blazak, Alternate Member**
4. **Recreation Advisory Committee - Mary Jane Bavais; David Shaver; Jordan Beverly; Liz Schrader; Clint Hunt; Aimee Parani; Karen Damerou; Adam Hutchinson; Tom Boesch**

**F. 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. Borowsky

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Thulen opened the meeting to the public.

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

G. RESOLUTIONS

“All matters listed under item “Resolutions” 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. (002-2019) **Transfer of 2018 Budget Appropriations**
2. (003-2019) **Temporary Operating Budget – 2019**
3. (004-2019) **Bills and Claims - 2018**
4. (005-2019) **Bills and Claims – 2019**

The 2018 bills totaling the amount of \$453,857.01 and the 2019 bills totaling the amount of \$7,052,019.65 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: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Furfato

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Furfato: Yes

CARRIES:

H. RESOLUTIONS CONFIRMING ALL APPOINTMENTS TO POSITIONS – Oaths of Office

1. (006-2019) Appointment of Municipal Attorney – Jerry J. Dasti, of the firm of Dasti, Murphy, Ulaky, Koutsouris & Connors-COF #2019-100
2. (007-2019) Appointment of Municipal Auditor – Robert Allison, of the firm of Holman, Frenia & Allison, P.C.-COF #2019-101
3. (008-2019) Appointment of Municipal Engineer – John LeCompte, of the firm of Remington & Vernick Engineers-COF #2019-102
4. (009-2019) Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor – Brian W. McAlindin, of the firm of Bathgate, Wegener & Wolf, P.C.-COF #2019-103
5. (010-2019) Appointment of Public Defender – Michael D. Schaller, of the firm of King Kitrick Jackson & McWeeney, LLC-COF #2019-104
6. (011-2019) Appointment of Bond Counsel – William R. Mayer, of the firm DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole, Giblins, LLP
7. (012-2019) Appointment of Conflict Municipal Attorney – Kevin B. Riordan, Esq.-COF #2019-105
8. (013-2019) Appointment of Conflict Public Defender – Brian J. DiStefano, Esq., Alexandra Nieves-Martinez -COF #2019-106
9. (014-2019) Appointment of Special Projects Engineer–T&M Associates-COF #2019-107
10. (015-2019) Appointment of Special Projects Engineer-CME Associates, Inc.-COF #2019-108
11. (016-2019) Appointment of Special Counsel for Affordable Housing (COAH) – Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq., of the firm of Jeffrey R. Surenian & Associates, LLC. -COF #2019-109
12. (017-2019) Appointment of Professional Planner – Peter Van den Kooy, of the firm of CME Associates, Inc. – COF #2019-110
13. (018-2019) Appointment of Borough Conflict Prosecutor – Bonnie Peterson, Esq. – COF #2019-111
14. (019-2019) Appointment of Health Insurance Consultant – Scott Davenport of the Firm Connor Strong & Buckelew – COF #2019-112
15. (020-2019) Appointment of Shared Services Attorney – Bonnie Peterson, Esq. – COF #2019-113
16. (021-2019) Appointment of Animal Control Officer – John Neary T/A Muskrat Jack- COF #2019-114
17. (022-2019) Appointment of Regular Crossing Guards:
Robyn Aiello
Emma Connors
Kim Poggio
Tracy Ruffini

Theresa Gahr
Mary Sue Hammell
Che' Langan
Carol Mead
Barbara Woolley

Marie Saporito
Rosemarie Scura
Alice Van Note
Phyllis Willever

and Substitute Crossing Guards:

Stephen Grady, John Kaklamanis, and Arturo Perez

18. (023-2019) Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers IIs (SLEO II):
Richard Otto, Terrence Berkeley, Pierce Drzymkowski, and Michael Cappello
19. (024-2019) Appointment of Tax Search Officer – Jennifer Burr and Tax
Assessment Search Officer – Antoinette Jones
20. (025-2019) Appointment of Tax Assessor as Agent in Tax Appeals - Robyn Palughi
21. (026-2019) Appointment of 2019 Community Development Block Grant
Representative - Robert Forsyth and Alternate – John LeCompte
22. (027-2019) Appointment of Representative to Ocean County Joint Insurance
Fund – Robert Forsyth
23. (028-2019) Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer - Frank Pannucci,
Jr.
24. (029-2019) Authorize Richard J. Banach to Perform Real Estate Appraisal
Services - COF #2019-115

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Furrato

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Furrato: Yes

CARRIES:

I. 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. (030-2019) Establish Council Meeting Dates
2. (031-2019) Establish Cash Management Plan and Designate Official Depositories
3. (032-2019) Designate Official Newspapers – The Ocean Star and Asbury Park Press
4. (033-2019) Authorize Continuation of Petty Cash Funds – \$200.00 Borough Clerk’s
Office, \$100.00 to DPW and \$100.00 to Recreation
5. (034-2019) Authorize Continuation of Change Funds
6. (035-2019) Set Interest Rates and Penalty for Delinquent Tax and Utility Charges
7. (036-2019) Annual Salary Resolution – Borough Employees

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

MADE: Mr. Furrato

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Furrato: Yes

CARRIES:

J. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS – Council Approval – Oaths of Office

1. (037-2019) **Appoint Member to the Planning Board – Class III, Councilman Joseph Furmato**
2. (038-2019) **Appoint Members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment – Elaine Petrillo, Regular Member (3 year term); Cortland Coleman, (Vice-Chairman, 3 year term); Pamela Masterson, Alt. #2; Steve Blank, Alt. #4**
3. (039-2019) **Appoint Council Representative to Open Space Advisory Committee – John Wisniewski**

MOTION: Approve Appointments

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

CARRIES:

Oaths of Office performed for Joseph Furmato in Planning Board and John Wisniewski in Open Space Advisory Committee.

K. COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

1. (040-2019) **Confirm Sub-Committees and Liaisons**

MOTION: Approve Council Committees

MADE: Mr. Borowsky

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

CARRIES:

L. ORDINANCE

1. **Introduction**
Ordinance No. 2019-01 – Setting Salary Ranges for the Borough’s Governing Body and Certain Full Time Officials and Employees

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

CARRIES:

M. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public

Elizabeth McLaughlin: 19 Sea Point Drive – Lives in the Sea Point Condos. Wanted clarification on how the formula works for snowplow reimbursement.

Mr. Pannucci: Responded that as far as reimbursements for snow removal and public services go the formula changed about 4 years ago to model the State.

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

Mayor Sabosik: Again, I would just like to thank everyone who attended today and say I deeply appreciate the residents of the Borough of Point Pleasant. They have embraced this team attitude by volunteering to so many different boards. I thank you for all your input and hard work. All I can say is wait till you see 2019 and 2020. This town is going to be phenomenal.”

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor.

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**