

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	Michael Thulen, Jr.
Council Member:	John Wisniewski
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato (Absent)
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola
Council Member:	Pamela Snyder (Arrived 7:08pm)
Council Member:	William Borowsky
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 11, 2019 edition of *The Ocean Star* and *The Asbury Park Press*.

A. PROCLAMATION

1. National Library Week 2019

The Friends of the Library spoke to announce that they will be having a jewelry and accessory sale on Friday, April 12, 2019 from 10am-4pm and on Saturday from 10am-3pm. All proceeds go to the Library to fund programs and different needs.

2. Child Abuse Prevention Month 2019

Mayor Sabosik read and presented the Proclamation.

B. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Snyder stated the following: “Just a reminder to everybody that Earth Day will be on Saturday, April 27, 2019 with a rain date of Sunday, April 28, 2019. The theme for this year is “Better in a Bucket”. Also the Environmental Commission is launching their GAT trap program which is mosquito traps. I do want to dispel a few misconceptions. This is not like a bug zapper where you put the trap in your yard and your yard is then rid of all mosquitos. The GAT trap is intended primarily if not solely for the Asian Tiger Mosquito, the mosquitos that carry yellow fever and some other diseases. It will not trap all mosquitos. Also, you need at least 4 people in your immediate area to have those traps out. If you only have one, it is not going to do anything. If it is just you and your neighbor, you may see a little reduction in mosquitos but it is not going to have the effect that it is really intended. You really need a zone of these traps to be the most effective. If you are interested in obtaining these traps, they are being offered for free to people who are willing to participate in the pilot program. Just reach out to the Environmental Commission. There are a limited number of traps available and they are trying to do it by zone as opposed to just having random people pick up the traps.

I just want to say that our Garden Club is doing a great job with getting the planters ready. They are working on updating the planters again. I am looking forward to seeing everybody at the Easter Egg Hunt. I am very excited for the program this year.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “First off, I would just like to remind our residents that we have the Safe Streets Campaign that is going to be run in conjunction with the Greater Mercer TMA and our Police Department and Recreation Department. Most of the campaign will be on educating the public on how to navigate our roadways and sidewalks in a safer manner so that we can cut down on motor vehicle collisions with pedestrians and cyclists. I believe we will have campaign materials at Earth Day. So anybody that visits us at Earth Day will also get some information on that. It is a great project and I would like to thank our Police Department for helping to enforce this.

I would also like to remind our residents that the Community Watch Organization is doing an Easter donation to Dottie’s House. As a result, they will be collecting art supplies for the children of the moms who have taken refuge at Dottie’s House. They will need markers, pencils and lots and lots of paper. If you have any of those items, new of course, would be appreciated. They can be dropped off at Investor’s Bank here on Bridge Avenue or our Police Department.”

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: “First I would like to wish everybody a happy empanada day. I mention that because with the temperature in this room we are apparently trying to cook empanadas. This weekend I had the pleasure of throwing out the first pitch for the little league which was exciting. We had a great time.

As far as Finance goes, we had a meeting on Saturday morning to talk about some changes to the existing version of the budget that we are still discussing. We are reviewing those and we are looking to try to set up some sort of meetings to discuss everything in greater detail.”

Council Member Borowsky stated the following: “I would like to commend Councilman Wisniewski on a great opening day pitch. Rumor has it, it is the second best in recent history. We all know who the best was.

This coming Saturday, April 13th we are all very excited about the Easter Egg hunt. There are 5,000 eggs ready to go and upwards of 500 kids showing up. The weather looks like it is going to be 70 degrees. It is going to be a great day and I encourage you all to come out.

We have a Recreation Committee meeting next Wednesday night so I will have a more extensive report at the next meeting.”

Council President Thulen stated the following: “I am sorry I missed the big pitch. As far as the Land Use Committee, I do not have anything to report at the moment. We are trying to put together a meeting within the next 2 weeks.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Just to make everything crystal clear, I had absolutely the worst pitch 3 years ago. As a softball coach, I should have underhanded it but it was absolutely horrendous so I am in awe of the prowess of the baseball throwing capabilities of Councilman Wisniewski to such an extent that I have signed him for a long-term contract as my relief pitcher.

All kidding aside, I am happy to announce tonight that we have received a NJ Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$396,462.00 to continue helping us pave roads in this town. As all of you know this administration has embarked on a very heavy program of improving our roads and

infrastructure. I am very happy to see that NJDOT decided to help us out to the tune of \$396,000.00, it is definitely going to be put to good use on a Sandy damaged road where a lot of people travel.

I am happy to announce that the Ocean County Mayor's Association Scholarship Committee has selected two residents in Point Pleasant Borough to receive \$1,000.00 Scholarships. Devon Hart and Grace Shaver. Grace and Devon did a great job submitting their applications to the Mayor's Association. They will be getting an award and a letter from the town and they will also be getting a day named after both of them. It is indeed an honor to have two great scholars excel for the town of Point Pleasant.

In front here I have some New Jersey Natural Gas April Safe Digging Month brochures. If you know anybody who is thinking of digging, please tell them it is free from New Jersey Natural Gas to come out and stake out the lines. It is much safer.

Mayor's Hours are on April 18th from 5:30pm-6:30pm. I also want to put in another plug about Slade Dale Restoration on April 20th. This is a great partnership between the American Littoral Society, Point Pleasant Borough and various corporations. This is something that is unique. We are the first town in the State of NJ to attempt this type of reconstruction. It is exciting and puts to good use old Christmas trees that we have saved up. I will personally be there that day directing traffic because we expect a lot of volunteers from around the state to come and help us with this new program to restore Slade Dale."

C. MINUTES

- 1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2019**
- 2. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2019**
- 3. Approve Executive Session Minutes of March 25, 2019**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

D. ORDINANCES

- 1. Final Reading and Public Hearing
Ordinance No. 2019-09 – To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank**

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting for Public Comment.

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

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

**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: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Thulen opened the meeting to the public.

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Asked about Consent Agenda Item #8.

Mr. Pannucci: Stated that it is a small space of land between the Shore House and the adjacent building that has been there for years that needs to be taken care of. Detailed that it serves the Borough no purpose.

Mr. Dasti: Explained that when they re-aligned Route 88 and built the new bridge, it left a sliver of land where the road used to be.

Dennis Vitkauskis: Asked about Consent Agenda Item #9, inquiring if they will be doing anything to lower the rate?

Mr. Pannucci: Answered that he doesn't know. Stated that it has been a few years and simply needs to be done.

Seeing no hands, Council President Thulen 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. (109-2019) Bills and Claims
2. (110-2019) Void Check Resolution
3. (111-2019) Approve Emergency Temporary Appropriations

The bills totaling the amount of \$2,128,599.26 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. Wisniewski

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

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. (112-2019) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accts.
2. (113-2019) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale
3. (114-2019) Approving Participation in the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety Grant for Cops in Shops – Summer Shore Initiative 2019
4. (115-2019) Confirming 2018 Length of Service Award List (LOSAP)
5. (116-2019) Authorizing Amendment to Contract with Bonnie Peterson, Esq., for Conflict Prosecutor Services
6. (117-2019) Confirming Personnel Action
 - William Marshall, resignation as Zoning Board of Adjustment Member, effective April 8, 2019.
7. (118-2019) Approving the Following Application:
 - Idle Hour, Petition to Extend Licensed Premises, Paddleboard Awards Ceremony, Saturday, May 18, 2019, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
8. (119-2019) Relinquishing Any and All Rights it Might Have to Vacant Property Bisecting Block 39, Lot 1 and Block 169.01, Lot 34, A/K/A “Old Route 88”
9. (120-2019) Awarding a Contract for Professional Services to Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. for Water and Sewer Utility Rate Study, COF #2019-123

Councilman Borowsky asked for a Discussion on Consent Agenda Item #8. Asked how many properties are adjoined to it and will they be given the opportunity to possibly acquire the property.

Mr. Dasti: Stated that he is not exactly sure but believes there are two properties and they will both be given the opportunity.

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

H. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public

Judy Vilano: 2100 Evergreen Lane – Asked everyone to save the date for the Sunshine Harbor marsh cleanup.

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Stated that he read in the paper that we were going to be getting money from the NJDOT and is happy. Also mentioned that at the library entrance there is a park in the back and the sign for it has been damaged.

Mrs. Snyder: Stated that it is a County park but that we have someone who has a connection to the County and that we would follow up.

Dennis Vitkauskis: Mentioned that on the corner of Bridge and Beaver Dam Road there is a big curb drop and that someone will end up having a bad fall.

Mayor Sabosik: Stated that he believed our town Engineer has already spoken to them about it and has notified the County.

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

I. 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. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mr. Dasti: “In closed session we discussed a couple of minor things which need to remain confidential because they are contractual issues.”

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor.

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**