

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	Michael Thulen, Jr.
Council Member:	John Wisniewski
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola
Council Member:	Pamela Snyder
Council Member:	William Borowsky
Borough Attorney:	Martin Buckley, 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. Sergeant Brad McNally and Officer Nicholas Rossi, Point Pleasant Police Department**

Mayor Sabosik, Council Member Furmato and Chief Larsen presented the Proclamations to Sergeant McNally and Officer Rossi.

B. WORKSHOP

- 1. Committee Reports**

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “Friday night was the Borough Centennial Kick-off. It was a fantastic evening and thanks should go to our Borough Administrator, Frank Pannucci; Director of Recreation, Sheri Silversmith; the Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, our DPW and Police Department.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “Congratulations again to Sergeant McNally and Officer Rossi for a job well done. We also received a letter of recognition for Lieutenant Radsniak for his help while on traffic control when the Garden Club was in town. We also received a letter of commendation for Officer Nickerson for helping a young boy who is a Type I diabetic and had lost his insulin kit. Officer Nickerson helped him find his kit and stayed with him until his parents got there. Being the mother of a Type I diabetic, I totally understand what a big relief this was to the family. I would like to offer my thanks and congratulations to Lt. Radsniak and Officer Nickerson for a job well done.

I would like to extend my thanks to Police Chief Larsen and his crew for another wonderful and successful police camp. Graduation was on August 2nd. It was the 16th annual camp and once again we were able to do the entire camp through donations. Thanks again.

On a sadder note I would like to recognize Carol Wolfe. She passed away on Friday. She was one of those people who was always involved in the community and always gave back. She started Dottie's House in 1999 as a housing program for women and children who survived domestic violence. This cause was very important to her and it is a cause the Borough Community Watch Organization took up. Every year they do a fund drive at Christmas for the people staying there and they will continue to do so. I want to extend my deepest condolences to her husband former Assemblyman Dave Wolfe who was our representative here in Point Pleasant Borough and her family."

Council Member Snyder stated the following: "I would like to echo Councilman Furrato's comments on the Centennial Kick-off Celebration. It was the work of a lot of people and I was very impressed by just the Kick-off and can't wait for the 100th Celebration.

We are in the process of interviewing for a Confidential Assistant in Borough Hall. I would also like to echo Councilwoman DiPaola's sentiments on the police camp. It is a tremendous program and I already have had residents reach out to me to get an application for next year's program. Word is getting around, and I think you will have a big waitlist for next year's camp.

I want to make a special mention to our Recreation Department part-time employees who helped out at our Christmas in July Event and the Centennial Kick-off Celebration. They have been doing a tremendous job and our youth employees have been unbelievable. They are dealing with the public who are sometimes irate, and our Rec Department employees handle these situations as well as people who are 20 years their senior.

I presume that Councilman Wisniewski will be giving a more detailed report on this year's audit. I want to congratulate the Finance Department and the Finance Committee on a job well done.

Just a reminder that school is resuming on September 4th and to be on the lookout for children walking and biking to school. We are still spreading the word about pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers obeying the laws. It takes a team effort with everyone working together and I look forward to a safe school year."

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: "Congratulations to all of the police officers at the camp for a great job. Also thank you Sergeant McNally and Officer Rossi for the great work they did. I also want to thank all of the Borough employees for their work on the Centennial Kick-off. I didn't just receive good reviews, I received "off the charts" reviews on the kick-off.

Two things on the Finance Committee. Through the efforts of Himanshu Shah the Borough CFO, we received a new bond rating of AA3 which means over the next 12 years we will save over \$60,000 a year on our debt service. Just another example of our team here at Borough Hall. As for the audit, this is the second year in a row that we have no comments. What that means is that our professional accounting firm has deemed that we run our Borough finances properly. As an example, I brought in the audit from 2010 and it had so many comments and now we have none. These are things that you don't really see but are tangible improvements and thanks need to go out to Himanshu Shah, Frank Pannucci, Chris Santiago, the tax department and all the employees at Borough Hall."

Council Member Borowsky stated the following: "The 2019 Fall Recreation Schedule is out. Sign-ups for Point Pleasant residents start on September 10th, non-residents on September 17th and will close on September 24th. Haunts in the Park will be on October 25th, and Sheri Silversmith added a "G" rated walk-through from 5-6pm for little children and their parents. There will be no ghouls or things to scare them, which will let them enjoy Haunts without being frightened.

I too would like to say thank you to everyone involved on making the Centennial Kick-off the great event it was. It was a phenomenal night and all the responses have been very positive. It is great to be a part of that. Just to echo what Councilwoman Snyder said, please be careful and drive safely school is opening next week. Also, great job to the Finance Committee on the bond rating.”

Council President Thulen stated the following: “I want to echo all the council members before me, the Centennial Kick-off was an amazing night and I met about a half dozen newer residents to town.

The Land-use Committee had a little issue with the driveway ordinance, some of the language enforcing it needs to be revised. Also, we had a meeting back in May where we talked about signage in the Borough, but unfortunately, I got a little busy. I do plan on attending the next Chamber of Commerce meeting to discuss our sign ordinance and get some of the Chamber’s feedback because they are local business owners who will be most affected and hopefully find a little middle ground.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “The end of the summer traffic is very heavy. As soon as the summer is over, after Labor Day, the kids go back to school, so I echo my fellow council members up here. We need to be extra careful watching for kids going back to school especially when the weather is good because a lot of them will be walking and biking.

I too, attended the fireworks event which was great. Chief Larsen you had a double header, first the Rotary Car Show and then the Centennial Kick-off fireworks. Great job to you, DPW, and the Recreation Department. It was a great week to be a part of Point Pleasant. It shows how we are different, it shows how we step forward to give things to our citizens over and above what other towns can and will do.

Switching gears, I am also a member of the Census Committee for Ocean County. They are looking for part-time people who are looking to be a census taker. The pay is \$20.00 per hour and anybody that wishes to have a part-time job can call Borough Hall and Frank Pannucci our Borough Administrator will have the phone number to call the census bureau down in Toms River.

I also attended a Barrier Island Mayor’s Association meeting this week to fight FEMA. FEMA is once again coming back trying to raise the rates for our homeowners who have flood insurance. It is totally wrong, and it is a misconception in the highest degree. Out in Kansas they can rebuild where they have tornadoes year after year. This area which has a hurricane maybe every 30 years or so are being punished. This is not the right way to treat American citizens and this is not the right thing to do for the New Jersey coast line. This is totally beyond comprehension for them to try to do this. The Barrier Island Mayor’s Association met with our Congressman and he is strongly opposed to these increases because it could be up to 25%. We will do everything in our power to stop this bill from being passed in Congress.

I too, would like to offer my condolences to Carol Wolfe’s family and to Councilman Joe Furmato who is related to the Wolfe family. She was a great lady and I was very fortunate to be part of the select few to go to Dottie’s House and see the great work they do. Dottie’s House has a secret location due to the sensitivity of the wives and children. It is an amazing building, she fought long and hard before it became fashionable to take care of beat up women.

The events we have coming up are Haunts in the Park, the Halloween parade and rumor has it we are going to have an enhanced Christmas show this year. So, everybody stay tuned for the new and exciting programs coming forth from this Mayor and Council. With that my report is done.”

C. MINUTES

1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2019
2. Approve Executive Session Meeting of July 22, 2019

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

D. ORDINANCES

1. Final Reading and Public Hearing
Bond Ordinance No. 2019-16 – Providing for Various Capital Improvements in and for the Borough of Point Pleasant and appropriating \$246,000.00 Therefor, and Providing for the Issuance of \$233,700.00 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Point Pleasant to Finance the Same

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: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

2. Final Reading and Public Hearing
Bond Ordinance No. 2019-17 – Providing for Various Water and Sewer Improvements in and for the Borough of Point Pleasant and Appropriating \$622,800.00 Therefor, and Providing for the Issuance of \$591,400.00 in Water and Sewer Utility Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Point Pleasant to Finance the Same

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: Yes

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.

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

F. 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. (xxx-2019) Bills and Claims**

The bills totaling the amount of \$8,516,225.33 are to be paid as presented. The bills and claims list are 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. Borowsky

SECOND: Mr. Furrato

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furrato: Yes

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. (210-2019) Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit**
- 2. (211-2019) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accts.**
- 3. (212-2019) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**

4. (213-2019) Authorizing Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30
5. (214-2019) Authorizing the Issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1
6. (215-2019) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32
7. (216-2019) Authorizing the Tax Collector to Remove Billing Due to Block and Lot Consolidation Freeze Act
8. (217-2019) Authorize Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts Less Than \$10.00
9. (218-2019) Authorize Renewal of Membership Agreement with the Ocean Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
10. (219-2019) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 301, Lot 9, 2201 Middle Avenue
11. (220-2019) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 142, Lot 30, 610 Delaware Ave.
12. (221-2019) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 386, Lot 29.01, 1515 Bel Aire Court East
13. (222-2019) Accepting Close-out Documents, Authorizing Release of Performance Bond and Acceptance of Maintenance Guarantee for Dunkin Donuts Project Located on Property Known as Block 316, Lot 5
14. (223-2019) Authorize Recreation Department to Hire Part-time Seasonals
15. (224-2019) Authorize Recreation Department – Establishment of Fees for 2019
16. (225-2019) Authorize Recreation Department Refund
17. (226-2019) Authorize Recreation Department to Hire Preschool Teachers
18. (227-2019) Resolution Confirming the following Personnel Actions:
 - Barbara A. Woolley, resignation as Crossing Guard, effective August 15, 2019.
 - Anthony Gargani, resignation as Plumbing/Sub-Code Inspector, effective October 1, 2019.
 - Edward K. Miller, resignation as Police Department Sergeant, effective November 1, 2019.
19. (228-2019) Resolution Confirming the following Personnel Appointments:
 - Memorialize Richard Gobin, hereby appointed to the position of temporary, part-time DPW Laborer at a salary of \$15.00 per hour, effective August 19, 2019.
 - Memorialize Louis Cocuzza, having been appointed to the position of part-time Recycling Laborer at a rate of \$14.00 per hour, effective August 21, 2019.
 - Jessica Fischer, hereby appointed to the position of part-time Court Cashier at a salary of \$15.00 per hour, effective August 26, 2019.

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

MADE: Mr. Furmato

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. Snyder

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public

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 Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Ms. Snyder

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mr. Buckley: “During Executive Session we discussed a vacancy on one of our professional boards.”

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor.

TRANSCRIBED BY: ANTOINETTE JONES, BOROUGH CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**