

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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 (Absent)
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*.

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Tonight I would like everyone to stand for a moment of silence for a great Ocean County resident Coach Warren Wolf who passed away last week.”

A. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “Last week we attended the League of Municipalities down in Atlantic City where our Borough Administrator was on a panel that included some state Senators that were engaged with the global collapse of the recycling market and how it effects municipal operations. Since our recycling program is known as a mode for its success, Frank was asked to be part of the panel.

Going on to paving, Chambers Bridge, Academy and Marshal Drive are being paved currently. These are the last roads to get done until the spring.

Tonight we have a resolution to approve RVV to begin work on our front lobby right out here after they were awarded CDBG grant money to make a more handicap accessible area in the Borough Hall.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “The Community Watch Organization is going to once again be doing a collection for Dottie’s House. We will be collecting clothing items and toys for the children residing there. We will be doing that shortly so be on the lookout for that notice.

Also, a few of our police officers were recognized by citizens over the last month. Sgt. Woit and Officer Gunnell helped a resident remove a car seat and reinstall it into her new vehicle. She said she was reassured to know that her grandson would be sitting in the seat safely. Also, Officer Waterson received a thank you for helping one of our students find his bicycle after school. The child said that they learned their lesson because they did not lock it up. And Detective Hill and Officer Rossi helped one of our Point Pleasant homeowners whose car was stolen right out of their driveway. Their car was eventually found in East Orange. The resident just wanted to say thank you because they treated this case as if it were their own vehicle that was stolen and their attention to detail and care really made the resident feel comfortable.

There were also thank you notes written to Officer Phillips, Rossi and Henrich for help with another family issue and they wanted to say thank you to our officers. And another resident called to say thank you to Officer Brennan for helping with an issue that the resident was having with a neighbor. So as you can see our officers are quite busy and they do enhance the quality of life here in the Borough so once again, good job Chief. Thank you to you and all your officers for a job well done.”

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: “We are waiting on the reviewed budget for the 2020 municipal budget.

On a jollier note, December 14th and 15th Santa will at Bennett Cabin. I understand he has a brand new polished up suit this year. The folks at Bennett Cabin and Rich Morris are always looking for donations if you bake cookies or have anything that can be a gift, they would appreciate it. It is always a great event and always well attended. We are looking forward to it. I will not divulge who will be Santa but I am looking forward to meeting him.”

Council Member Borowsky stated the following: “First and foremost I would like to apologize for my appearance tonight. I am not trying to replace a certain person as Santa Claus. I was challenged to the No-Shave November thing and I can promise you that December 1st it will be shaved off at 5:00am. It is annoying.

This past November 6th the Rec Committee had a meeting. Some of the things discussed were seniors. Dennis, to answer your question, there was 135 units this month of information and assistance. One unit equals one interaction with a senior. It can be a minute or it can be an hour. It is whatever it takes to satisfy the senior’s needs. Also discussed at the meeting were the permits this year. It was a big success. 60 permits were issued at Riverfront Park. It brought in over \$3,600.00. Some of the things for the upcoming centennial were discussed. The date is set for May 16, 2020. Some of the bands are going to be the Brue Crew, there is going to be a DJ, the Nerds are going to be there and fireworks.

Fall registration was pretty amazing. In 2017 we had 791 total registrants. In 2018 we had 890. In 2019 we had 959. And from last year to this year the revenue was over \$10,000.00. It looks like our programs are really taking off.

Haunts was a huge success. There was something new that was done this year was a no scare walkthrough for the little ones beforehand. Nearly 300 kids went through between the hour of 5pm and 6pm. Approximately 1,000 people went through the Haunts.

Christmas tree lighting will be December 13th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. This is going to be fun. There is going to be a horse and carriage ride. There is going to be a Christmas trackless train that will be a little bigger this year. There is going to be a brass group with Holiday music. There is going to be a snow globe that families will be able to go into and there will be a photographer to take pictures of this. There is going to be the market in the park. It is going to be a great night. I would suggest that no one miss this.

Winter registration opens on Tuesday, December 3rd at 9am for Borough residents and Tuesday, December 10th for non-residents. Registration closes for everybody on Tuesday, December 17th at 5pm.

I would like to thank Frank and Rob Michalkowski, our Court Administrator for this new PA system. Too bad Al Clericuzio is not here to hear us. And last but not least, I would like to thank Jeff Schroeder, Emma Connors and Leon Downs for their many years of service to this community. Between the three of them they probably have close to 100 years of service to this community. Absolutely amazing, thank you.”

Council President Thulen stated the following: “A couple things with the Land Use Committee and Zoning. The construction department is doing pretty well with receivables this year so we should be exceeding our cost and not having an extra cost for our tax payers in town which is great. What also is good news is that people are actually working and investing in their homes here in town. That is always good for the Borough to have their neighbor do a little work on their home because then the next neighbor does a little work and it continues down the line. We have a great and resilient economy here in town.

Our Chairman Jeff Schroeder is retiring from the Zoning Board. He has been in office for 31 years doing Zoning with us. That is quite a dedication to a job that you don't get paid for. He is a true volunteer to this town and the Borough. Watching the Zoning Board meetings and being involved here can be a thankless job sometimes so someone devoting that much time is really nice for the town.

Finally a quick thing about Warren Wolf. Before I played football for him for a couple years, I got involved with politics as a very young man with my father. My father was involved with transforming Brick from Non-partisan to Partisan. During that time I spent a lot of time with Warren Wolf and watching him deal with politics and talk to people whether it was a room of 2 to 3 people or a packed room talking to a huge audience. So not only was he a big part of my life with sports but he was also a big part of my life in politics and one of the reasons why I am up here today is because I watched Statesmen like him do their job and how to treat people and get things done. He was a coach all around and I appreciated him very much.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “We have one of the three people here so I am going to continue the Councilman's acknowledgment. Leon Down's is here this evening. I hate the word resignation because we have to put that in according to state law. This is actually a richly deserved retirement. I have known you a long time Lee, and you have been one of the best of the best that this town has been able to have. We are going to miss you next year and I am sure we are going to do something before July 1st, 2020 which is your official retirement day, not resignation day. I want to thank you.

As the Council stated up here tonight, 3 people who have served almost 100 years who are retiring and going off into the next stage of their lives. Well, this November, we have the opposite occurring. We have somebody who was re-elected and I want to congratulate Joe Furmato on his re-election. And we have a brand new person who is starting her job with the town. She has done a lot in the Chamber and a lot in Rotary but this will be her first time up here on the Dias coming in January. I thank her for volunteering. And I want to thank the people of Point Pleasant who have faith in this team up here to continue making the town the best that we can make it. Do we always agree? Absolutely not but the passion is here. We all have passion to make this town the best that we can make it. So Charlene we look forward to you up here in less than 2 months.

All the events that we are doing in town just goes to the quality of life and that is what is important. This year we got another award. Last year we got a bronze award for school safety and this year we skipped the silver and went right to gold. So other organizations can see the progress this town is making. From the safety of our Police Department to the Engineers drawing up plans for sidewalks and curbs. For this Council, voting for the money to set this town different than other towns.

So as Thanksgiving is coming, I want to give thanks for all of you who have helped make this town the best that it is. I want everyone to enjoy and relax because someone told me one time that if you eat a lot of turkey you get tired and fall asleep. I don't think my wife can agree to that. But I look forward to everybody at the Christmas extravaganza we will have across the street. It is going to be a great time. It is going to show truly what this town is made of which is happiness, sharing, fellowship and just bringing everyone together in a positive manner.”

B. MINUTES

- 1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2019**
- 2. Approve Executive Session Meeting of October 28, 2019**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Absent

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

C. ORDINANCES

- 1. Final Reading and Public Hearing
Ordinance No. 2019-20 – Removing Curtis Avenue as a Designated Through Street by Amending and Supplementing Chapter VII, Section 7-6.1 Entitled “Through Streets”**

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

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

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Absent

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

- 2. Final Reading and Public Hearing
Ordinance No. 2019-21 – Creating a New Two-Way Stop Sign at the Intersection of Curtis Avenue and Moore Avenue and Removing Existing Two-Way Stop Signs at the Intersection of Curtis Avenue and Moore Avenue and, and Thereby Amending and Supplementing Chapter VII Section 7-6.2 Entitled “Stop Intersections”**

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Asked for clarification as to whether there will be two stop signs.

Mr. Pannucci: Responded that there will be two stop signs but it is described in the body of the ordinance and not listed in the title.

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

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Mrs. Snyder

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Absent

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

**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. 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.

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. (255-2019) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (256-2019) Void Check Resolution**
- 3. (257-2019) Authorize Transfer for 2019 Budget Appropriations**

The bills totaling the amount of \$2,722,133.21 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 Resolutions

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Absent

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

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. (258-2019) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accts.
2. (259-2019) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale
3. (260-2019) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 300, Lot 56, 2104 Evergreen Lane
4. (261-2019) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 238, Lot 35, 2203 Rogers Road
5. (262-2019) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 30, Lot 11, Block 30, Lot 12, Block 235, Lot 26, 311 Hall Avenue, 309 Hall Avenue, 2219 Kenneth Road
6. (263-2019) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 205, Lot 9, 1016 Lynn Avenue
7. (264-2019) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 295, Lot 5, 2108 Barnegat Blvd.
8. (265-2019) Authorize Refund Zoning Fee – Block 256, Lot 47, 922 South Street
9. (266-2019) Memorialize Recreation Department to Hire Part-Time Employees for Haunts in the Park
10. (267-2019) Authorize Recreation Department to Hire Part-Time Seasonals
11. (268-2019) Authorize RVV for Engineering Services for 2017 CDBG – Handicapped Accessibility at Municipal Building Project and Request for Quotes – COF #2019-143
12. (269-2019) Authorize RVV for Engineering Services for 2019 CDBG – Handicapped Accessibility at Municipal Building Project and Request for Quotes – COF #2019-144
13. (270-2019) Authorizing Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Between the Borough of Point Pleasant and Houston-Galveston Area Council for Participation in Their Cooperative Pricing System
14. (271-2019) Authorizing Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Between the Borough of Point Pleasant and Sourcwell
15. (272-2019) Authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee for Block 116, Lot 1, A/K/A 900 Arnold Avenue, Point Pleasant, NJ, Goodwill Industries of Southern NJ & Philadelphia
16. (273-2019) Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of an Agreement with the County of Ocean Concerning Recycling Center Use and Revenue Sharing Agreement
17. (274-2019) Confirming Personnel Actions:
 - Resignation of Jeff Schroeder as Zoning Board of Adjustment Chairman/Member, effective December 31, 2019.
 - Resignation of Emma Connors as Crossing Guard, effective January 1, 2020.
 - Resignation of Leon Downs as Lieutenant, of the Point Pleasant Police Department, effective July 1, 2020.

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Furrato

Mr. Thulen: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Furrato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Absent

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

G. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: Mr. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Stated that the new sound system works well. Also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Sabosik: Responded that the best part is that the Borough did not have to pay for it. The County Court System paid for it.

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

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. Thulen

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik: “In closed session we discussed a couple of contract negotiation issues. We also discussed a request for an easement from a property in the Borough that we are going to look into more closely.”

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor.

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**