

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	Pamela Snyder
Council Member:	William Borowsky
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato
Council Member:	John Wisniewski (Absent)
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola
Council Member:	Charlene Archer (Absent)
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 10, 2020 edition of *The Ocean Star* and *The Asbury Park Press*.

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “We are going to start this meeting with one of our favorite things to do which is to acknowledge an outstanding individual. A man who knows what he wants out of life. A man who has a family behind him. He is truly an asset to this town. He has done so much for this town in the past and we know in the future he will continue to do it. As you know, for the people in the audience who are here for the first time, this Mayor and Council are very strong endorsers of our Police Department. We have the best of the best. They truly are the thin blue line that stands between us and the problems of society that other towns are facing. As always, as people retire, we need people to step up. We need people who want to take the position of authority to help the younger officers to become bigger and better. Without a doubt, our newest Sergeant to be, Josh Gunnell, is that man. He has shown an example of intelligence, caring, compassion and dedication, giving to this town and the people of this town. I want to thank his family and his wife especially and his kids for sharing him with all of us. All of you in the back and on the side know that it takes a special person to be a police officer. In today’s modern society, a lot of people don’t realize the problems and the trials and tribulations that you all face. This Mayor and Council does. And I am up here to say thank you for all you do for this town. Thank you for being the best that you are. And without a doubt, thank you Josh, for being the man that you are.”

A. RESOLUTION

1. Authorize Promotion of Joshua Gunnell to Police Sergeant

MOTION: Adopt Resolution

MADE: Mrs. Snyder

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Absent

CARRIES:

Josh Gunnell takes Oath of Office for Police Sergeant.

B. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Borowsky stated the following: “The Rec Advisory Board had a meeting on January 15th. Some of the things we discussed that night was the senior’s programs. Sheri does an awesome job with the seniors. It is really a specialty of hers. There was 135 units of assistance and information this past month. The seniors now exercise three times a week. Tax season started and they have AARP come in to do taxes for them. There is an arts program with the County now which is the first Wednesday of every month. Ceramics is back once a month with a planned project. There is mandatory registration for that. March 12 there will be a senior’s Saint Patrick’s Day party. We will have a catered lunch and music. And back by popular demand the seniors are going to go back to the Tropicana on March 23rd to have lunch at Carmines and they receive a slot payback. Lots of good things for the seniors in this town.

There has already been five permits submitted for the upcoming rental season at Riverfront Park. We discussed the Centennial Celebration and it is set for May 16th with a rain date of May 17th. There is going to be opening ceremonies like the Brue Crew, a DJ and the Nerds are going to be playing. There is going to be fireworks. It is going to be a good time. There is also going to be a Centennial Scavenger Hunt which I have right here. There is 20 places in town where either the individual or a group has to go to the location and take a selfie. There is 20 locations and there is a point for each location. You can earn extra points by making a collage. It sounds really awesome. There is going to be a grand prize for it.

Some of the winter registration highlights, there was 479 registrants. Some of the very successful programs were the Young Rembrandts, ice-skating and kids and teens boot camps. There is a new voice and musical theater program. Sewing, which as a single male I should probably take that since I have tears and rips everywhere. Pickle ball and Mad Science for K-3.

The application for summer camps are now going to be online. So if you want to apply for a job, you can do that online now. That is something new this year.

This Tuesday on the 18th, we will have a meeting with Maser about the upcoming Recreation project that we are trying to get off the ground. So we are going to sit with some of those representatives from that engineering firm and hear them out. I will keep everyone updated at our next meeting.

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “First off, as the Liaison to the Public Safety Committee and Liaison to the Police Department I would, once again, like to congratulate the Police Department on the promotion of Sergeant Gunnell. It is a very well deserved promotion. He is an awesome police officer and very diligent. He has had to respond to a health care crisis at my home and he acted with nothing but professionalism and put everybody’s minds at ease. He is just an all-around great person and a great family man. So once again, I would like to congratulate him and his family because I know how hard his family works to be able to support him in his endeavor.

Also, the police department will continue to be part of what is now being called the Blue Hope Program. It was previously called the Blue Heart Program that began in 2017. What it is, is that one day a week on Tuesdays, the Police Department will accept anybody who is struggling with addiction. They can come in and talk to a trained officer and they will point them in the right direction. The reason that the name was changed is because now the Prosecutor’s Office is going to be working with the Ocean County Health Department to be able to connect people to resources quicker and easier and help them find the right source of a cure for them. All of us that have been touched by addiction here in Point Pleasant Borough really appreciate the job that the Ocean County Prosecutor and our Police Department are doing.

Also in the Police Department, Sergeant Leonhardt, received a letter of thanks from one of our crossing guards. One morning when Sgt. Leonhardt was not on duty, he witnessed somebody who went right past the crossing guard even though she had her sign up that said STOP. Luckily, there were no children in the crosswalk and no one was injured. The crossing guard did not get injured either but the fact that somebody wasn't paying attention and went right through, there could have been a tragedy. So Sgt. Leonhardt, in his time off, made sure that the crossing guard was okay and got the license plate number of the person that acted inappropriately and was able to track them down. That person went back to the crossing guard and apologized stating that they didn't realize what they did and they were sorry. But, the point is, that even when our officers are off duty, they are working so I would like to give them a lot of kudos and thanks to Sgt. Leonhardt.

The Community Watch Organization is continuing its duties trying to help the women and families at Dottie's House. They will be doing something again this year for Easter but it has not yet been determined so I will give you more details when they come.

Also the Kiwanis Club is going to be starting a chapter here in Point Pleasant Borough in conjunction with Point Pleasant Beach. It is a wonderful service organization and they are looking for projects so if you are a member of a non-profit organization and can use some help or even the Environmental Commission with cleanup, they are more than happy to lend their skills. So it is something to keep in mind as another new addition to the Borough."

Council Member Furmato stated the following: "Two weeks ago we had a DPW meeting. What we did is we went over all the roads projects that weren't finished last year so we have a timeline scheduled for everything to start up again in the spring. We are authorizing Remington & Vernick for engineering services for Rue Rivoli and the Rue Lido sidewalk project which is being funded by the DOT and that is all I have."

Council President Snyder stated the following: "First I would like to echo Councilwoman DePaola's congratulations to the Police Department and to Sergeant Gunnell and his family for his most recent promotion. Certainly well deserved to a wonderful gentleman and police officer in the Borough.

Also, you will notice on the agenda that there are several resolutions for the Point Borough First Aid Squad various fundraising efforts. Point Pleasant Borough is very fortunate. I know I have said this before but it cannot be emphasized enough that both our First Aid Squad and our Fire Department are all volunteer. No one gets paid. So every little bit that you can give to support them is appreciated. If you do see them out and about, please give them your thanks and our thanks. For Point Borough to exist as we do with an all-volunteer First Aid and Fire Department is tremendous.

Also, you will notice on the agenda tonight that Steven Blank, who has served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for several years, is stepping down from that position. So we wish him well in his next endeavors and he is truly going to be missed on the Zoning Board.

Lastly, there will be a Council Construction and Zoning Committee Meeting in the next couple weeks. Just to pick up from where we left off last year addressing some issues around town that may require some slight changes to our Borough Ordinances."

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: "I know the FEMA maps have been in the newspapers and on some of the social media sites. The FEMA maps are still in a state of flux. New York City has appealed their FEMA maps. With our town engineer, we will continue to use our 2006 map rather than the preliminary map from 2015 because the 2015 map added 658 new structures which we strongly disagree with FEMA on. They have not taken into consideration all the dunes and all the work that they have done to restore the

safety factor that our town deserves and needs from the ocean and unwanted intrusions from breaches. It is rather ridiculous that one end of the Federal Government doesn't talk to another department and realize that everything they are doing really decreases our exposure to loss. So, this Mayor and Council will keep everyone apprised of that situation. It looks like it is going to be 2021 or 2022 by the time this gets resolved."

C. MINUTES

- 1. Approve Re-Organization Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2020**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Borowsky

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Absent

CARRIES:

- 2. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2020**
- 3. Approve Executive Session Meeting of January 13, 2010**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Mrs. Snyder

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Absent

CARRIES:

D. ORDINANCE

- 1. Introduction**

Ordinance No. 2020-01 Amending Chapter X, Entitled "Water and Sewer Utility" As It Affects Water and Sewer Rates and Charges

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Mr. Borowsky

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Absent

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. Furmato

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Snyder opened the meeting to the public.

Seeing no hands, Council President Snyder 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. (054-2020) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (055-2020) Void Check Resolution**
- 3. (056-2020) Authorize Transfer of 2019 Budget Appropriations**
- 4. (057-2020) Approve Emergency Temporary Appropriation**

The bills totaling the amount of \$5,845,894.84 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: Mr. Borowsky

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Absent

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. (058-2020) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accts.**
- 2. (059-2020) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
- 3. (060-2020) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 235, Lot 19, 2233 Kenneth Road**
- 4. (061-2020) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 292, Lot 17, 2031 Beach Blvd.**
- 5. (062-2020) Authorizing Release of the Performance Bond for Block 9, Lot 25, A/K/A 3305 River Road**
- 6. (063-2020) Authorizing Release of the Performance Bond for Block 274, Lot 21, A/K/A 1621 Bay Avenue**

7. (064-2020) **Accepting and Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Shared Services Agreement for Animal Facility Services with the Ocean County Board of Health**
8. (065-2020) **Authorize Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor – “Move Over” Law Enforcement Program (M.O.L.E.P.) 2019/2020**
9. (066-2020) **Authorize Recreation Department – Establishment of Fees for 2020**
10. (067-2020) **Resolution Confirming the following Personnel Action:**
 - **Resignation of Stephen Blank as Alternate Member No. 2, from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, effective January 1, 2020.**
11. (068-2020) **Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property Online Auction**
12. (069-2020) **Resolution Approving the Following Applications:**
 - **The Shore House Bar & Grill, Petition to Extend Licensed Premises, Tent Party, Sunday, March 17, 2020 from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM.**
 - **Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweeps, Saturday, April 25, 2020 and Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM.**
 - **Point Boro First Aid Squad, Fundraising Efforts by mail in the month of May with additional mailing during the month of October.**
 - **Point Pleasant Rotary, 5K Run at Community Park on Saturday, June 20, 2020 from 6:00 AM – 11:30 AM.**
 - **Point Boro First Aid Squad, Coin Toss, Saturday, July 11, 2020 (rain date Saturday, July 18, 2020) from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the intersection of Bridge Avenue and River Avenue.**
13. (070-2020) **Amending a Professional Services Contract with FSD Enterprises, LLC, for Wireless Telecommunications Consultant for 2020**
14. (071-2020) **Amending Resolution No. 015-2020 Entitled Appointment of Special Counsel for Affordable Housing – Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq., of the Firm Surenian, Edwards & Nolan, LLC.**
15. (072-2020) **Authorize RVV for Engineering Services for Rue Rivoli and Rue Lido Sidewalk Project and Solicitation of Funds, COF #2020-120**
16. (073-2020) **Approving Five Year Contract with the Patrolmen and Sergeants of the Police Department**

H. AUTHORIZATION

1. **Authorization to Solicit Bids Cellular Tower Leases at the Memorial Drive Water Tank**

MOTION: Approve Authorization

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Borowsky

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Absent

CARRIES:

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MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: Mr. Furmato

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Asked about the Introduction of the ordinance. Wanted to know why they are raising the water and sewer ready to serve and not raising the actual water use. Expressed that he believes it is unfair to senior citizens and low income people who try to watch their water use.

Mr. Pannucci: Responded that the actual rates in the Introduction will be discussed at the next council meeting by our Borough Auditor. Detailed that as far as the ready to serve charge goes, every public utility has a ready to serve charge that has to be uniform between all properties whether they are commercial or residential. Explained that the ready to serve charge guarantees that the Borough of Point Pleasant can deliver water at any moment to any property and cover charges for people to go out to and service properties.

Dennis Vitkauskis: Stated that he understands that we need a ready to serve charge but wanted to know why we are raising that fee instead of actual water use fees. Believes that it would be fairer to raise water use fees instead.

Mr. Pannucci: Answered that all rates are being looked at including meter costs, connection fees and things of that nature.

Dennis Vitkauskis: Asked again, why can't the Borough raise the water rate higher to cover all of these charges?

Mr. Pannucci: Stated that we have to be uniform all around and that there are different things that go into the water and sewer rates including that water/sewer charge.

Mr. Dasti: Stated that we are going to have our Borough Auditor at the next Council Meeting when this is on for second reading and that he can ask any questions he would like then.

Dennis Vitkauskis: Replied that he will bring it up at the next meeting.

Linda Troy: River Road – Stated that she is recently retired and living on River Road. – Stated that she is following up on emails that she had sent the Mayor and Council and asked if the Borough is looking into shared services opportunities.

Mayor Sabosik: Stated that some of the experts the Borough has including our Engineers are looking into this. He detailed that he knows the Governor just set aside \$10 Million dollars for special shared services. Answered that the Borough is involved in looking into these shared services. Also stated that this Administration is very progressive and looking forward to getting State and Federal money to help this town. Stated that in previous years we were not treated too fairly with the amount of money that this town received. In the last four years, we have gotten a couple million dollars for roads and sidewalks. Concluded that we are looking everywhere for monies. Pointed out that as everyone walked in today, the flooring is

being redone by grant monies because the old floor did not meet ADA requirements. These are the types of opportunities that we continue to look for.

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

J. 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: Mr. Borowsky

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mr. Dasti: "In closed session we discussed some personnel and possible litigation matters which are still ongoing."

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor.

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**