

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	Pamela Snyder
Council Member:	William Borowsky (via telephone)
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato (via telephone)
Council Member:	John Wisniewski (absent)
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola
Council Member:	Charlene Archer
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*.

A. OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE

1. Promotion of Robert Lokerson to Chief of Police

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Tonight is a very special night in Point Pleasant Borough. We have a lot of distinguished guests out here in the audience. We have current Chief’s, retired Chief’s and we have a new command structure for Point Pleasant Borough. We are recognizing four individuals who have spent years achieving these promotions. Point Pleasant Borough is a family town. The Point Pleasant Police Department is part of that family. Due to Covid, some families could not attend tonight. So we will take our time to make sure that we can get a video made, go on zoom or whatever we can do to highlight these officers’ careers and these promotions tonight. They have spent so much time and energy. The families have suffered through holidays when they had to work and through other events that they had to miss. The least that we can do is acknowledge them in a professional manner tonight which they richly deserve. So tonight, we will recognize our newest Chief. Chief Robert Lokerson.”

Chief Robert Lokerson stated the following: “First I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for the confidence they have shown in me and appointing me to be the Chief of the Point Pleasant Police Department. I also want to thank all the Chief’s I have worked under: Chief Larsen, Chief Williams, Chief Hilling and Chief Cooper. I would like to also thank everyone else who have taken the time to be here tonight. Especially some of the retired officers that are here tonight. Those who are in law enforcement knows, no police officer can truly be successful without the support of their family. The hours, the shifts, the stress, missing holidays, birthdays and everything that goes along with that. Fortunately, I have a great family. I thank my daughters Julie and Hailey, my son Matthew and of course my wonderful wife Debbie for putting up with my schedule and events over the years. We have an excellent Police Department and I plan on making it even better than it is. We get so many positive comments made about our Department. Our training, our level of service and our commitment is second to none and I am happy to be a part of this team. As Chief I will continue to do my best to keep that reputation intact. Serving as a Police Officer today means facing adversity and overcoming challenges. We are asking more of our officers on the street today. It is not just simply investigating events. We help provide counseling to families in distress, help those suffering from mental illness, work out civil disputes with neighbors and work with our youth in the

community. We realize that some things that need to be done that are not easy to do and sometimes we are not very pleasant. But we come to work every day. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We always try to treat people fairly, with dignity and with the respect that they deserve. Please know that on my watch, I will continue to keep that level of service and try to find ways to improve wherever we can. To all my staff and officers in our Police Department I do need your help. No Police Chief can be successful without their officers and staff members at every level of the agency. I want to hear your ideas. I want you to be part of the decision-making process in the years ahead as we identify future leaders of the Police Department. Please know that the Point Pleasant Police Department is committed to working with you to make this community a safe and great place to live, create our families and to work. And we will continue to work hard to maintain your trust. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Police Chief.”

B. RESOLUTIONS/OATH OF OFFICE

1. (292-2020) Promotion of Lieutenant Adam Picca to Captain

MOTION: Adopt Resolution

MADE: Mrs. Snyder

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

CARRIES:

Captain Adam Picca stated the following: “I just want to thank everyone for coming out tonight. I want to thank Chief Lokerson for his support. I also want to thank Retired Chief Larsen for being here tonight and for all the guidance over the years. I look forward to taking on this new role and working for Chief Lokerson. I couldn’t ask for a better crew to work with. I look forward to serving the public in the future in my new role as Captain. Thank you.”

2. (293-2020) Promotion of Sergeant Brad McNally to Lieutenant

MOTION: Adopt Resolution

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

CARRIES:

3. (294-2020) Promotion of Officer Kevin Aurin to Sergeant

MOTION: Adopt Resolution

MADE: Mrs. Archer

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

CARRIES:

Sergeant Kevin Aurin stated the following: “I just want to thank the Mayor and Council, the Chief and all of our past Chief’s along with everyone I work with in the Police Department. I took a little bit of what everyone had to offer and made it my own style. So, I want to thank everybody, not only the upper ranks but everyone I work with every day. Like I said, I take a little bit from everybody, so I want to thank everyone I have worked with in the past, everyone I work with now and everyone I will work with in the future. Thank you.”

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “In these trying times, your job is tough. Society in some towns are not behind you. You can be rest assure that this Administration and this Mayor and Council will continue to provide support and to honor the work that you do. We are in this together to make this town the best that we can make it. We are in it as a family and we are in it as professionals and we will continue to make this town the best of the Jersey Shore. You know I speak from my heart and we will be there for you and with you to the best of our ability. Thank you for all you do and for all you do for the families in this town. We have a great future and we have had a great past. We will continue to go down this path of success together and continue to make this town the best that we can make it. I want to wish everybody a very merry and healthy and happy new year.”

C. WORKSHOP

- 1. Committee Reports**
- 2. Report of Mayor**

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Due to Covid-19 there will be no Workshop Committee Reports.”

D. MINUTES

- 1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2020**
- 2. Approve Executive Session Meeting of November 23, 2020**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Mrs. Snyder

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furrato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: 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: Mrs. Archer

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

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. (295-2020) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (296-2020) Authorization Transfer of 2020 Budget Appropriations**
- 3. (297-2020) Cancel Outstanding Grant Balances – 2020**
- 4. (298-2020) Cancel Appropriation Balances - 2020**
- 5. (299-2020) Request Chapter 159 Budget Insertion – Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over-Year End Holiday Crackdown**

The bills totaling the amount of \$1,561,528.40 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: Mrs. Archer

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: 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. (300-2020) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accts.**
- 2. (301-2020) Memorialize Authorization to Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
- 3. (302-2020) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
- 4. (303-2020) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond, Block 142, Lot 41, 516 Delaware Avenue**
- 5. (304-2020) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond, Block 279, Lot 20, 1735 Bay Blvd.**
- 6. (305-2020) Authorizing a Waiver of Any and All Building and Zoning Permit Related Fees for Tents, Tensioned Membranes and Canopies Related to Outdoor Dining from Businesses on their Property**
- 7. (306-2020) Authorize Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor – Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program (D.W.I.E.P) 2020/2021**
- 8. (307-2020) Authorize Execution of a Share Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor – Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program, (D.R.E.C.P.) 2020/2021**
- 9. (308-2020) Approve Carry Over Vacation Time for Borough Employees**
- 10. (309-2020) Authorize RVV for Survey and Design Services for Old Drift Road, Johnson Avenue, Memorial Drive and Burnt Tavern Road Reconstruction Project and Solicitation of Bids – COF #2020-142**
- 11. (310-2020) Authorize Refund of Inspection Fee Escrow Accounts**
- 12. (311-2020) Authorizing the Police Department to Participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office, 1033 Program to Enable the PD to Request and Acquire Excess Department of Defense Equipment**
- 13. (312-2020) Salary Resolution - 2020**
- 14. (313-2020) Confirming Personnel Actions/Appointments:**
 - Resignation of Corey Correll as Water Treatment Plant Operator effective December 18, 2020.**
 - Memorialize David Kinsley being hereby appointed to the position of part-time/temporary Water Treatment Plant Operator, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, effective December 18, 2020.**
 - Retirement of Cathy Gardner as TACO, effective March 31, 2021.**

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mrs. Archer

Ms. Snyder: Yes
Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Archer: Yes

CARRIES: YES

H. AUTHORIZATIONS

1. **Memorialize Authorization to Advertise for a Water Treatment Plant Operator**
2. **Authorization to Advertise for a TACO**

MOTION: Approve Authorization

MADE: Mrs. Archer

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

CARRIES: YES

I. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: Mrs. Snyder

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

APPROVED: All in Favor

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Seeing no hands, Mayor Sabosik closed the meeting to the public.

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. Archer

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

APPROVED: All in favor

Mr. Dasti stated the following: “We discussed contract negotiations and some appointments. I have three votes that we need to take.”

15. (314-2020) Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Employment Contract with Police Chief Robert Lokerson

MOTION: Approve Resolution

MADE: Mrs. Snyder

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

CARRIES: YES

**16. (315-2020) Authorizing a Release of Performance Guarantees for Properties
Located at 309, 311 and 313 Hall Avenue**

MOTION: Approve Resolution

MADE: Mrs. Snyder

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

CARRIES: YES

17. (316-2020) Re-Appointing Jennifer Burr as Tax Collector for a Four-Year Term

MOTION: Approve Resolution

MADE: Mrs. Archer

SECOND: Mrs. Snyder

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

CARRIES: YES

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor.

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**