

**COUNCIL MEETING
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021
12:00PM**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	Antoinette DePaola
Council Member:	William Borowsky (Via Telephone)
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato
Council Member:	John Wisniewski
Council Member:	Pamela Snyder
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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT: 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 and advertised in the November 27, 2020 edition of The Ocean Star and advertised in the December 18, 2020 edition of The Asbury Park Press.

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Now we all have the pleasure of administering the official oath of office to two of our Council who have worked diligently in their prior terms and I know they will continue to do the best that they can for the town of Point Pleasant.”

A. OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE

- 1. Pamela Snyder – Council Member**
- 2. John Wisniewski - Council Member**

Pamela Snyder was joined by her family to take the official oath of office.

John Wisniewski was joined by his daughters to take the official oath of office.

B. NOMINATION AND RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT - (001-2020)

Councilwoman Pamela Snyder made a motion to nominate Antoinette DePaola as the Council President for 2021.

MOTION: Approve Nomination and Adopt Resolution

MADE: Mrs. Snyder

SECOND: Mr. Borowsky

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

CARRIES:

Mr. Pannucci stated the following: “If it is okay with you, the Council President and the Council I would first like to interject real quick. This past December, the New Jersey Municipal Managers Association had their annual award ceremony. They do this with the League of Municipalities and the Rutgers Center for Government Services. Unfortunately, the actual plaque did not come in until last week so even though we announced the award, I didn’t have the chance to formally present it to the Mayor. He has tried to take it out of my office a few times and I wouldn’t let him. So even though we took a few pictures the other day and used them, I still wanted to give it to him at an actual meeting. The elected official award has gone to people such as Joe DiVincenzo, the Essex County Executive and somebody that has procured good management practices and good staff development, how they handle overall operations in a municipality that year and especially in a trying year like 2020. I am glad that the Association selected Mayor Sabosik as the Elected Official of the Year for 2020. So, congratulations Mayor Sabosik.”

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “I really want to thank the Municipal Managers Association for this award. But it is not for me, it is for the town. I think we are the first town in history that has got 4 awards in the last 4 years. CFO, the town Administrator, the local newspaper and now myself. But, it isn’t for me. This is for all of us. All of the volunteers who are standing here to take their oath of office. All of the Council who have taken their oath of offices today. We have created a culture in this town of positivity of helping one another. Trying to be the best that we can be. Our Police Department is one of the best in the state, if not the best in the state. But what has done this? What has done this is positive energy. We are doing things together. We are not going against one another. We are working together. Working together creates a culture. That culture goes to the people in the town. People have come to all of us and have told us what a great place the town of Point Pleasant is to live in now. The last year has been tough. I had a lot of phone calls from a lot of people about not being able to visit their elders or losing their family members. But in any pandemic, there is always an end. There is always a bright future. A couple of people asked me about my tie. The tie has bright colors because next year, brightness will return to all of us. We are going to get through this. We are going to get bigger and better and we will continue the positivity and the culture of togetherness that this town has. All the negativity that is out there, the shining star along the Jersey Shore has been the Borough. And we will continue to do that. We are not perfect up here. We make mistakes, but we try our best. What is important is to have elected officials knowing, doing and helping. Not for egos, not for oneself, but to create a culture for what they are elected for. To make their towns the best that they can make it. So, while I appreciate the award, this is for all of us. This is not a Bob Sabosik award. This is an award for the Borough. Thank you all.”

C. COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Member Snyder stated the following: “I just wanted to take a moment to thank my family for their unwavering support. I could not be up here or at the many night meetings and weekend meetings and the just one more phone calls, or our Borough events when we actually can have them. I could not do all that without their understanding and their flexibility. So to them, I owe my greatest gratitude. I would also like to extend my thanks to the residents of the Borough of Point Pleasant, our Borough employees, our first responders, volunteers and Mayor and Council for everything that they do to help make our town one of the best places to live, work, shop and engage in leisure activities and recreation. The spirit and determination that I have seen this past year is inspirational and shows the true heart of this town. Working together, we were able to keep our parks open so that people could safely have some much-needed outdoor time during the quarantine. Sports and recreational activities resumed on a modified basis. And the Borough business did not stop. Our employees are to be commended for showing up and doing the work necessary to keep our Borough functioning seamlessly. For the most part, everyone navigated the myriad of restrictions and the regulations that have been imposed. Our residents continued to support our most vulnerable residents, our first responders, our small shops, our restaurants and bars however they could. Seeing this community come together makes me proud to be a Borough resident and a Council Member. I am honored and humbled that the Borough residents elected me to a third term. One of the most difficult hurdles to overcome when on Council for several years, is the ease in which one can fall into a state of

general complacency. I trust that the Mayor and my Council colleagues will help make sure that does not happen. At all times, we will focus on what is best for the residents of the Borough as we continue to hone our individual skills and talents so that together we can make the best decisions for our community. We still have a long road ahead of us and there is still room for improvement. Continuing to improve pedestrian safety by installing more sidewalks remains a priority. Bicycle safety and education are also paramount as our Borough continues to grow in population. And it seems as though there is more traffic, not just in the summer months but year-round. Working with the Mayor and Council we will continue to look for cost effective ways to improve our infrastructure. So, in closing, these have been trying times, but we are getting through them and we have seen the best qualities of our residents shine through the darkness. Borrowing from my daughter's 8th grade valedictorian speech, I would like to leave everyone with a quote originally from Ralph Waldo Emerson and made more famous by Martin Luther King, Jr. "Only when it is dark enough, can you see the stars." And I can proudly say that the best of Point Borough is shining brightly."

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: "My first request would be to never have to speak after Pam again. Hopefully this will be short and sweet. I would like to thank my family. My daughters are here and I didn't really have to pull teeth to get them here. I really appreciate you being here and for putting up with all the frustrating times and the times away from home. I would also like to thank the residents, the volunteers, employees, my fellow Council Members and professionals. Most of all, Pam has been a great sounding board and Council President this past year. The way she speaks and her thoughtfulness, three more years of that is only going to help the Borough. In closing, the challenges that we have faced we have faced them head on directly. I look forward to more years of doing that as we recover. This council has experience with doing that. A few of us went through Sandy. We know what it takes to get through to recover. I would like to thank everyone here. I appreciate it. I appreciate three more years."

Council Member Borowsky stated the following: "First and foremost, I would like to say, I cannot think of someone who is more deserving and has worked harder to earn that award than you have. I would like to say congratulations because you truly deserve it. You have spearheaded our team for years. You have been the driving force behind us being the best we can be. You really deserve that award. Congratulations. I would like to say thank you to all of our volunteers, our Borough employees and our professionals that make Point Pleasant such a great place to live. I would like to congratulate John Wisniewski and Pam Snyder on their re-election to council this year. I am looking forward to working with you again. And congratulations Toni as Council President for 2021. I know you will do a phenomenal job. You always do."

Council Member Furrato stated the following: "Congratulations John and Pam. It is great to be working again with you guys. Bob, great award, congratulations. Toni, good to see you back on as Council President. And congrats to our new Chief over here."

Council Member Archer stated the following: "I want to thank my husband. He has been my biggest supporter throughout my whole career. As I have said, this has been a very interesting first year on Council. It started out with the excitement and the anticipation of our Centennial and upcoming events. First with the Fire Company's 100th Anniversary Gala in February which was awesome. Then we had the highly anticipated town celebration, and then the pandemic hit and the whole world changed. As Administrative Chair, I want to thank Frank Pannucci and the town staff for all they did to make the town hall a safe environment for all of our town employees. They put in tireless time and effort ensuring the town was able to run by setting up a remote workplace and also putting in safety guidelines in town hall to provide a safe work environment. Because of all their hard work and dedication, the town was able to function with no interruptions. I also want to thank all the first responders for all their hard work and dedication. The First Aid, the Fire Department, and Police Department worked tirelessly during this unprecedented time. Again, I thank them all for their efforts in making our town safe for our residents. Congratulations John and Pam and to Toni for Council President. I am looking forward to working with you all again. As I have said, this has been a learning year for me. I learned that the Mayor and Council are truly a team. We support each

other for guidance and for advice. I thank you all, Mayor and Council for all your assistance this year. Now, with 2020 in the past, let's all hope for a brighter 2021."

Council President DePaola stated the following: "First I would like to thank my fellow Council members for nominating and electing me Council President. I assure you I will do my best to uphold the office of Council President and be here to help any way that I can to facilitate this team moving forward as we make very difficult decisions, almost on a daily basis here in the Borough. I would like to thank Pam Snyder for the nomination and to follow in her footsteps which are big shoes to fill but I promise that I will do my best to adhere to the duties of Council President to the best of my ability. I also would like to thank Mayor and Council for a wonderful tenure here in the Borough. We have had a very difficult year and as Councilman Wisniewski stated, we thought Sandy was going to be the end of the Borough as we knew it. Instead we rose from the ashes after Sandy to become a bigger, better and stronger community. And unfortunately, with the pandemic, I do believe we will come out of this bigger and stronger again. The Borough has a heart like no other town I have ever lived in and we all pulled together. As an example of that, we have our first responders here, the Police, Fire and First Aid. And during the pandemic while we were all able to stay home and shelter, they went right out there in the middle of the pandemic not knowing what they were going to encounter and dealing with people that were not always cooperative. They really, truly put themselves in harms way and as a result of that, they brought that home to their families. So I would like to say, thank you very much for your sacrifice and for all you do for the Borough. This has been an absolutely trying year and we absolutely could not do it without the support of our first responders. So thank you all very much for what you do for us. For helping to keep us safe. For keeping our residents safe. Moving forward, I want you to know that you have the support of Mayor and Council to do what we can within our limitations to make your jobs a little bit easier. Thank you all again and congratulations for getting sworn in today. I won't keep this long. I would like to thank my children who could not be here today. But I would like to thank them for supporting me in what I have been doing on this Council since 2010. Without the support of my children who are now young adults, I never could have done this. I understand what Pam goes through with having younger children, with homework and activities and things that we miss sometimes. We all have the best interest of the Borough at heart. We are a fabulous team with the best leader in the state of New Jersey, Bob Sabosik. He truly is a leader among men and we are very fortunate to have him here. Without the support of the Mayor and the Council this town would not be in the good position that it is in. I would also like to thank all of our professionals that help us get through the day because without them, we wouldn't be able to do some of the projects and things that we know are important to our residents. Once again, I would like to thank our Borough Employees for all they do. I know that they have been working hard through this pandemic. I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and joyful New Year as we move forward. Let's hope this pandemic comes to an end soon."

D. FIREFIGHTERS – Oath of Office

FIRST AID – Oath of Office

Mayor Sabosik Stated the following: "Before the First Aid takes their oaths, I want to congratulate you on a phenomenal year. Such dedication and hard work that your department did was just outstanding. You guys were the best of the best. In these trying times you were probably looked upon as a very unusual squad. You did such a phenomenal job for our residents and for our people. I just want to publicly acknowledge that you guys were phenomenal. And I am just so happy to see the younger generation picking up the mantle for this great endeavor."

E. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS – Oaths of Office

- 1. Planning Board - Robert Forsyth to Class II, Borough Official; Mary Jane Bavais, Class IV Member; John McHugh, Jr., Class IV Member; Brian J. Welch, Class IV Member and Paul Altero, Alt. #1**
- 2. Open Space Advisory – Richard Morris, Dawn Wagner, Joanne Goetting, Greg Zyry, Craig Bowers, James Hoffmaster, Ed Lavan, Jack McHugh, Cortland Coleman, and Marilyn Pribish as Alt. #1 and Jim Dempsey as Alt. #2**
- 3. Environmental Commission – Chris Constantino, Member; John Burke, Sr., Member; Mike Romanowski, Member; Laura Malta, Member; Dennis Blazak, Member; Heidi Riley, Member/Garden Club Liaison; Ann Marie Dorsett, Member; Marianne Grant, Alt. #1**
- 4. Recreation Advisory Committee - Mary Jane Bavais; David Shaver; Jordan Beverly; Liz Schrader; Clint Hunt; Aimee Parani; Karen Damerau; J. Adam Hutchinson; Tom Boesch**

**F. 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. Archer

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President DePaola opened the meeting to the public.

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

G. RESOLUTIONS

“All matters listed under item “Resolutions” 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. (002-2021) Transfer of 2020 Budget Appropriations**
- 2. (003-2021) Temporary Operating Budget – 2021**
- 3. (004-2021) Bills and Claims - 2020**
- 4. (005-2021) Bills and Claims – 2021**

The 2020 bills totaling the amount of \$676,241.01 and the 2021 bills totaling the amount of \$353,191.00 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: Approve Resolutions

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

CARRIES:

H. RESOLUTIONS CONFIRMING ALL APPOINTMENTS TO POSITIONS – Oaths of Office

1. (006-2021) Appointment of Municipal Attorney – Jerry J. Dasti, of the firm Dasti, Murphy, Ulaky, Koutsouris & Connors-COF #2021-100
2. (007-2021) Appointment of Municipal Auditor – Robert Allison, of the firm Holman, Frenia & Allison, P.C.-COF #2021-101
3. (008-2021) Appointment of Municipal Engineer – John R. LeCompte, of the firm Remington & Vernick Engineers-COF #2021-102
4. (009-2021) Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor – Brian W. McAlindin, of the firm Bathgate, Wegener & Wolf, P.C. - COF #2021-103
5. (010-2021) Appointment of Public Defender – Brian J. DiStefano, Esq., and Alexandra Nieves-Martinez, Esq., of the firm Brian J. DiStefano, Esq., LLC – COF #2021-104
6. (011-2021) Appointment of Bond Counsel – William R. Mayer, of the firm DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole, Giblins, LLP
7. (012-2021) Appointment of Conflict Municipal Attorney – Kevin B. Riordan, Esq.- COF #2021-105
8. (013-2021) Appointment of Conflict Municipal Attorney – The firm of Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky - COF #2021-106
9. (014-2021) Appointment of Special Projects Engineer – Maser Consulting P.A. - COF #2021-107
10. (015-2021) Appointment of Special Projects Engineer – T&M Associates-COF #2021-108
11. (016-2021) Appointment of Special Projects Engineer-CME Associates, Inc.- COF #2021-109
12. (017-2021) Appointment of Special Projects Engineer – Morgan Engineering – COF #2020-110
13. (018-2021) Appointment of Special Counsel for Affordable Housing (COAH) – Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq., of the firm Surenian, Edwards & Nolan, LLC – COF #2021-111
14. (019-2021) Appointment of Professional Planner – Peter Van den Kooy, of the firm CME Associates, Inc. – COF #2021-112
15. (020-2021) Appointment of Health Insurance Consultant – Scott Davenport of the firm Connor, Strong & Buckelew – COF #2021-113
16. (021-2021) Appointment of Shared Services Attorney – Bonnie Peterson, Esq. – COF #2021-114
17. (022-2021) Appointment of Animal Control Officer – John Neary T/A Muskrat Jack – COF #2021-115
18. (023-2021) Appointment of Borough Conflict Prosecutor – Bonnie Peterson, Esq. – COF #2021-116
19. (024-2021) Appointment of Borough Alternate/Conflict Public Defender – John J. Novak, Esq.; COF #2021-117
20. (025-2021) Appointment of Regular Crossing Guards:

Robyn Cataldo	Che Langan
Tracey Ruffini	Marie Saporito
Mary Sue Hammell	Alice VanNote

Phyllis Willever
Kim Johnston
Denise Kuncken
Rose Scura

Kimberlee Barnes
Kim Poggio
Theresa Gahr

and Substitute Crossing Guards:

John Kaklamanis, Stephen Grady and Eric Leonhardt

21. (026-2021) Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers IIs (SLEO II):
Richard Otto, Terrence Berkeley, Pierce Drzymkowski, and Michael Cappello, John Jakubiak, Matthew Ippolito
22. (027-2021) Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers IIIs (SLEO III):
Daniel Guthrie, Joseph Robertazzi, Kevin O’Hara, and Richard J. Marinelli
23. (028-2021) Appointment of Tax Search Officer – Jennifer Burr and Tax Assessment Search Officer – Antoinette Jones
24. (029-2021) Appointment of Tax Assessor as Agent in Tax Appeals - Robyn Palughi
25. (030-2021) Appointment of 2021 Community Development Block Grant Representative - Robert Forsyth and Alternate – John LeCompte
26. (031-2021) Appointment of Representative to Ocean County Joint Insurance Fund – Robert Forsyth
27. (032-2021) Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer - Frank Pannucci, Jr.
28. (033-2021) Authorize Richard J. Banach to Perform Real Estate Appraisal Services - COF #2021-118

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Furfato

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furfato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

CARRIES:

I. 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. (034-2021) Establish Council Meeting Dates
2. (035-2021) Establish Cash Management Plan and Designate Official Depositories
3. (036-2021) Designate Official Newspapers – The Ocean Star and Asbury Park Press
4. (037-2021) Authorize Continuation of Petty Cash Funds – \$200.00 Borough Clerk’s Office, \$100.00 to DPW and \$100.00 to Recreation
5. (038-2021) Authorize Continuation of Change Funds
6. (039-2021) Set Interest Rates and Penalty for Delinquent Tax and Utility Charges
7. (040-2021) Annual Salary Resolution – Borough Employees

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

MADE: Ms. Archer

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furfato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

CARRIES:

J. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS – Council Approval – Oaths of Office

1. (041-2021) Appointment of Class III Member to the Planning Board – Councilman Joseph Furmato
2. (042-2021) Appointment of Council Representative to Open Space Advisory Committee – Councilman John Wisniewski

MOTION: Approve Appointments

MADE: Ms. Snyder

SECOND: Ms. Archer

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

CARRIES:

K. COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

1. (043-2021) Confirm Sub-Committees and Liaisons

MOTION: Approve Council Committees

MADE: Ms. Archer

SECOND: Ms. Snyder

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. Snyder: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

CARRIES:

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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

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor.

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**