

**COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021  
7:00 P.M.**

<b>Mayor:</b>	<b>Robert A. Sabosik</b>
<b>Council President:</b>	<b>Antoinette DePaola</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>William Borowsky</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Joseph Furmato (Absent)</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>John Wisniewski (Absent)</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Charlene Archer</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Valerie Coulson</b>
<b>Borough Attorney:</b>	<b>Patrick Varga, Esq.</b>
<b>Borough Administrator:</b>	<b>Frank Pannucci</b>
<b>Borough Clerk:</b>	<b>Antoinette Jones</b>

**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 8, 2021, edition of *The Ocean Star* and January 7, 2021, edition of *The Asbury Park Press*.

**A. WORKSHOP**

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

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “We are still not doing the Committee Reports due to Covid, but we will have them soon. One thing I would like to announce is the Elk Fest is coming back to the Elks on September the 18<sup>th</sup>. It is a great event and one of their premier fundraisers. If you are around them that day, please stop by. They have great food; great entertainment and you would be helping a worthy organization. On Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> we are going to have the Fall Fest which is our Summer Fest across the street at the Community Park run by our Chamber of Commerce. At the next meeting I will be talking more about it. They are going to have vendors, food and a beer garden. Come and enjoy with your friends, your family and your neighbors.”

**B. MINUTES**

- 1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2021**
- 2. Approve Executive Session Minutes of August 23, 2021**

**MOTION: Approve Minutes**

**MADE: Ms. DePaola**

**SECOND: Mr. Furmato**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**

**Mr. Wisniewski: Absent**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Abstain**

**CARRIES:**

- 3. Approve Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2021**

Mr. Borowsky asked that he would like the August 30, 2021, meeting minutes to reflect that he changed his vote to Yes in the vote for Valerie Coulson to Council.

**MOTION: Approve Minutes**

**MADE: Ms. DePaola**

**SECOND: Mr. Furmato**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**  
**Mr. Wisniewski: Absent**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**  
**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**  
**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “Before we go into open public session, we have a short presentation from our town engineer Mr. John LeCompte, who has a preliminary plan for Manetta Drive. I know there are some people in the audience that are very interested in this. Just so everyone knows, we just got the approval from the State to take down the stop signs. John finished this today. We haven’t seen it until about 3:30 this afternoon. He still must get approval from the Police Department and then we must go to legal. But it shows you the intensity of our actions and that we are reacting to this.”

**John LeCompte:** “Thank you Mr. Mayor and members of the Council. This is the final design. It still needs some approval. We tried to do as much as we could to keep drivers away from turning right down that one way street. As discussed in the previous meeting, the street is a one-way street approved by the State, so we are going to have the stop bar and remove the stop sign. That should help to some degree. We also are going to include 3 Do Not Enter signs along that road. In addition, we added a striped island in. We are going to run a paint line paralleling the curb on the side. We are going to hatch that area off with yellow markings to keep people from driving through there. We are going to push the traffic right back around the road. Instead of doing a curved island like we discussed in the past, we decided to go with a paint island to see if that works. This will direct the traffic to continue to the left. We have a no right turn sign and a stop sign.”

Mr. LeCompte continued to explain the designed plan to the residents.

Mayor Sabosik stated that more discussion can take place later in the meeting during open public session.

**C. 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: Mrs. Archer**

**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.

**D. 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. (211-2021) Bills and Claims

The bills totaling the amount of \$7,680,645.97 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. Archer**

**SECOND: Ms. Coulson**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**

**Mr. Wisniewski: Absent**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**E. 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. (212-2021) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accts.
2. (213-2021) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale
3. (214-2021) Authorize Recreation Department Refund
4. (215-2021) Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the NJDOT for the Safe Routes to Ocean Road Elementary School Project
5. (216-2021) Authorize RVV for Administration and Inspection Services for the Crestview Terrace Roadway Reconstruction Project
6. (217-2021) Authorizing a Lease to Point Paws, a Not-For-Profit NJ Corporation, of the Borough’s OEM Building Pursuant to the Provisions of NJSA 40A:12-14C
7. (218-2021) Authorize Salary Increase for Special Law Enforcement Officers IIIs
8. (219-2021) Confirming Personnel Appointment – Police Department:
  - Pierce Drzymkowski be appointed as Public Safety Telecommunicator, effective August 3, 2021.
9. (220-2021) Confirming Personnel Actions:
  - Memorialize Resignation of Paul Altero from the Planning Board, effective September 1, 2021.
  - Memorialize Resignation of Valerie Coulson from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, effective August 30, 2021.
  - Retirement of Dennis Adametz from the Department of Public Works, effective January 31, 2022.
10. (221-2021) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 294, Lot 7, 2118 Beach Blvd.

**MOTION: Adopt Resolutions**

**MADE: Mr. Borowsky**

**SECOND: Ms. Archer**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**  
**Mr. Wisniewski: Absent**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**  
**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**  
**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**F. AUTHORIZATION**

- 1. Memorialize the Advertisement for a Part-time Electrical Inspector.**

**MOTION: Approve Authorization**

**MADE: Mr. Borowsky**

**SECOND: Ms. Archer**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**  
**Mr. Wisniewski: Absent**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**  
**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**  
**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**G. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

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**MOTION: Open the meeting to the public**

**MADE: Mrs. Archer**

**SECOND: Ms. DePaola**

**APPROVED: All in Favor**

**Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.**

**Kevin Ostrander: 609 South Manetta Drive** – “First off I would like to thank the Mayor, the Council and the Chief of Police. We have noticed the presence of police there. My first question is, did you hear anything back yet about that stop sign? Because that is very confusing. I also saw that you put something on there about cameras or a speed trap? What did we get from that?”

**Chief Lokerson:** “That tracks speed and motion. It determines speed of vehicles and motion. It did show that there were vehicles going the wrong way. So as far as the speed sign, there were some violations.”

**Kevin Ostrander:** Stated that he has some concern that the proposed stop sign will be placed right in front of his house. He detailed that the law states you must park 50 feet from a stop sign which means he cannot park in front of his own house. Stated that he has lived there for 26 years and usually parks three cars in front of his house. Stated reasons why he believes this will be a nuisance to him. Feels that because of an

incident that happened to someone else who lives at the opposite end of the road, he is being encroached upon. Noted that he is all for everything here, except for the stop sign.

**Chief Lokerson:** Stated the findings report from the speed survey that was taken.

**Dennis Vitkauskis:** 2117 Foster Road – Asked the Mayor about the meeting he had with JCP&L.

**Mayor Sabosik:** Stated that they had a very productive meeting. They will be analyzing our situation with the demand structure that we have. And they will be analyzing the power coming into our town. Further stated that he has another meeting coming up and he will have more details at the council meeting.

**Mr. Pannucci:** Stated that the Mayor is going to be hosting a meeting with all the barrier island Mayors and JCP&L.

**Paul (last name unclear): Manetta Drive** – Asked who is going to enforce the issues on Manetta Drive? Stated that the people who work at the lumber yard have no regard for the residents on Manetta Drive.

**Caroline Rothlisberger: 626 South Manetta Drive** – Agreed with the last resident that there needs to be enforcement. Stated that her mother was literally run over by a car leaving tread marks on her shoes. Asked what is going to be done differently.

**Chief Lokerson:** Stated that they are going to continue to go out there and monitor the area and continue to do studies. Noted that they have been out there every morning for 2 weeks and they will continue this on a periodic basis. Detailed that he has officers strictly for traffic enforcement. They try to address issues as they are being presented but they still must work the road and answer calls.

**Caroline Rothlisberger:** Stated that she appreciates all that the police have done, however this is the same story they got 17 years ago, and they are looking for something real that will work.

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “I sense the neighborhood frustration. You came before us a couple months ago which was the first time this Mayor and Council heard about this problem. In that short period of time, we have gotten State approval to take down the stop sign that our predecessors could not do. We have completed a preliminary improvement plan that John just got today. We got a police two-week report on the violations. I think what you will be seeing, without giving up what the Chief likes to do, that you are going to have enforcement. When you have enforcement, the word gets out. We are aware of the problem and have done all we can in a very short period of time. It is phenomenal in my humble opinion. I just ask you have a little more patience. We will go back and look at the stop sign in front of your house. We are going to analyze the one-way problem. We are not going to tolerate this. You can be rest assured. What we have done in the last two months is an indication of what this Mayor and Council thinks this problem is.”

**Caroline Rothlisberger:** “I just want to add that this came about because one person at the opposite end of the street complained because someone tailgated his mother going down the street. The mother doesn’t even live at the house anymore. Just so you know.”

**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 likely 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: Mr. Borowsky**

**APPROVED: All in favor**

**RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mr. Dasti:** “In closed session we discussed a potential litigation matter.”

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**All in Favor.**

**TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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

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**ROBERT A. SABOSIK  
MAYOR**