

**COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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 (Arrived 7:26pm)</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Charlene Archer</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Valerie Coulson</b>
<b>Borough Attorney:</b>	<b>Jerry J. Dasti, 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*.

**Mayor Sabosik Stated the following:** “Please let us stay standing for a moment longer. We lost Roger Pyrtko over the weekend. He was a Rotarian, and he was a business owner in town. He was also an ex-councilman. The man had a heart of gold. He really was a man who had passion for this town, and we are really going to miss him. Please let us take a moment of silence in his honor. Rest in Peace Roger.”

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR ROGER PYRTKO**

**A. MAYORAL APPOINTMENT – OATH OF OFFICE**

- 1. Fred Potter – Planning Board Member, Alt. #1 with a term expiring on 12/31/23.**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “Tonight we have the great honor of appointing one of the favorite sons of Point Pleasant. One of the original Point Pleasant Hospital births. He has lived his whole life in this town and has a great love of Point Pleasant. I know he will do a great job. Fred Potter will be appointed as a Planning Board Member, Alternate #1, with a term expiring on December 31, 2023.”

Mayor and Council each congratulated Fred Potter on his appointment.

**Fred Potter thanked his family and friends for being there.**

**B. PROCLAMATION**

- 1. National Friends of the Library Week 2021**

## C. WORKSHOP

### 1. Committee Reports

**Council Member Charlene Archer stated the following:** “First, I know that many of us will be mentioning this, but finally being able to celebrate our 100-year anniversary was a huge success. It was wonderful. I want to thank everyone who was involved and worked on it. DPW, the Chamber of Commerce, Police and Recreation did a great job.

In our Environmental Commission, we did have a resignation. Christopher Constantino has been with the Environmental Commission for quite a while and due to personal reasons, he has stepped down. And now with his retirement, we do need another member. But they are going to have Earth Day. It has been delayed and delayed but we will be having Earth Day. April the 23<sup>rd</sup> is going to be Earth Day. We did the Slade Dale Project a few years back where they put the Christmas trees in the Slade Dale marsh and it is doing exactly what it was supposed to do by building up the marsh. It has been successful, and we are going to continue to do it by collecting Christmas trees again this season and every year. Also, the Environmental Commission has replaced the signs coming into Point Pleasant. Some were missing or damaged and so now, all new signs have been installed. The Point Pleasant Rotary Club donated \$500.00 towards the new signs, so we thank them for that.”

**Council Member Valerie Coulson stated the following:** “The Land Use Committee met with our new Code Enforcement Officer, Colleen Malvasio. We are beginning the process of reviewing dated Land Use Ordinances that we could possibly update, improve and streamline some of the permitting processes. We will be reviewing and making these recommendations from now through the Spring.”

**Council Member William Borowsky stated the following:** “I too would like to congratulate our Recreation Department, Public Works, Police Department, Frank, I know you had a big hand in it, on a successful Centennial Celebration. What a great job the other night. That Centennial plus one was absolutely amazing. I am so proud to be from Point Pleasant and be a part of that. I would also like to take a moment to thank some of the sponsors that made it possible. This event went off and did not cost the taxpayers a penny. The sponsors were: Pine Belt and Charlies of Bay Head. All American Ford, Dasti, Murphy and McGuckin Law Firm, CME Associates, Manasquan Bank, Ocean First Bank, Statewide Exterminators, Investor’s Bank, Crestpoint Rehab, Dunkin Donuts, Natures Reward, M. E. Sabosik Associates, Northeast Sign and Lighting and Butler’s Pharmacy. Thank you to all of those generous businesses. This event took off and didn’t cost this town a penny. And, once again, I would like to thank Public Works Buildings and Grounds Department. They are the unsung heroes of this event. Setting this place up and taking it all apart after everyone was gone.

Next, I have Haunts in the Park this Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-9pm for the bigger kids. There is a family friendly hour from 5pm to 6pm for the little kids. You can prepurchase tickets at the Rec Center so that you don’t have to wait in the long line to get tickets. Sheri is hopeful that it will help things run a little smoother and a little faster than it has in the past. Over 400 tickets have already been presold.”

**Council President Antoinette DePaola:** “First off, tomorrow night, the Point Pleasant Police Department in conjunction with the Community Watch Organization was to sponsor a Trick or Trunk event tomorrow night. However, due to the impending storm, we have moved the event to Thursday along with Haunts in the Park. So, it will be a big night in town. The Trick or Trunk event is mainly for younger children, preschool through fifth grade generally. There will be a costume contest during the evening. So we urge all of our families to come on out Thursday night for a fun evening in the park. I too would like to thank DPW, the Rec Department, Police, Fire, First Aid and all of our volunteers for a wonderful event at the park on Saturday night. It has been a long time due to Covid when we were all able to get together and I saw people at the park Saturday night that I haven’t seen in a very long time. So, it was nice to have a safe, outdoor, family friendly event, with lots of free giveaways thanks to our sponsors. And again,

thanks to the hard work of the Borough Employees who helped put this together and keep it going to the enjoyment to all of us. That is why we love living in Point Pleasant.

Lastly, the Police Department did submit a request to the state of New Jersey to look at some traffic calming ideas for the intersection at Northstream Parkway and Route 88 due to some concerns that were brought to our attention. At the last meeting there were residents that stated they felt it could use a little additional help at one end by the ice cream parlor at one end and Pat's Pizza at the other end. There is just so much going on at that intersection. As the Chief explained last time, it is a very difficult intersection because it is not a typical "T" intersection so we will see if the state responds to that request.

I would also like to send my condolences to the Pyrtko family for the loss of Roger. He was a great member of our community. He was always there when we needed him. He did a lot for us for our National Night Out and for our Community Watch. He was always volunteering and always giving back. This truly is a loss, and I would be remiss if I didn't say something."

## **2. Report of Mayor**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** "The last 18 months has been an unprecedented time for our residents through Covid. Through it all, the people on this dais have kept a steady hand for safety, disseminating information and being transparent for the benefit of all of us. We have maintained town services and planned for the emergence of Covid 19, like the events that we had this past weekend. These events have allowed for the socialization of multi-generations. And we will continue with what we are doing this week with Trunk or Treat and Haunts in the Park. We must continue to return to normal interaction. We must continue to have economics in our government. Some of the finer points that this Council and this Administration has done in the town are this: Our home values have gone up dramatically, we have created new recreation facilities, A safety factor with our new Police Chief, Community Policing, installing sidewalks throughout our town, we have paved a record number of roads, and our finances have never been better. Our state audit has come back with no blemish and no problems. Let's talk about finances for a short minute. Sandy came and really destroyed this town many years ago. This administration has been fighting with FEMA and extending our loan not paying the interest because we felt in our hearts that the right thing to be done would be for them to forgive this loan as they have done in other parts of the country. Louisiana, Kansas, anywhere else they have forgiven this money. I am happy to report tonight that I have received a letter from FEMA that our congressional delegation has accomplished it and we are receiving a dispensation of payment for \$3,207,967.00 as well as over \$300,000.00 in interest that we did not pay them because we were in a dispute. So, as you can see, we do many things behind the scenes to ensure that this town gets the just reward and that we are not overcharged by any government agency. So, I want to thank Council for being strong in this regard. I want to thank DPW and the Police for a great weekend that we had, and I look forward to a lot of great events coming up. And rumor has it that Santa Claus will be coming to Point Pleasant again this year."

## **D. MINUTES**

- 1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2021**
- 2. Approve Executive Session Minutes of September 27, 2021**

**MOTION: Approve Minutes**

**MADE: Ms. Coulson**

**SECOND: Ms. DePaola**

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

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

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

**CARRIES:**

**E. ORDINANCE**

**1. Final Reading and Public Hearing**

**Ordinance No. 2021-18 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 2-29 Entitled,  
“Length of Service Award Program”**

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public to discuss this ordinance.

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

**MOTION: Approve Ordinance**

**MADE: Ms. DePaola**

**SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**

**Mr. Wisniewski: Absent**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**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. Borowsky**

**APPROVED: All in Favor**

**Council President DePaola opened the meeting to the public.**

**Dennis Vitkauskis:** 2117 Foster Road – Asked the Council about Consent Agenda Item #16 who Joseph Veni was.

**Mr. Pannucci** responded that he is not a new member, he is an alternate member being moved to a regular member.

**Seeing no other 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. (235-2021) Bills and Claims
2. (236-2021) Void Check Resolution
3. (237-2021) Request Chapter 159 Budget Insertion – Ocean Area Plan Grant, for Services Provided to the Elderly
4. (238-2021) Request Chapter 159 Budget Insertion – CDBG Grant CT-1525-21, for Handicap Access Improvements
5. (239-2021) Cancel Outstanding Grant Balance – 2021

The bills totaling the amount of \$12,186,251.61 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. Archer**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**

**Mr. Wisniewski: Absent**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**H. 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. (240-2021) Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit
2. (241-2021) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accts.
3. (242-2021) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale
4. (243-2021) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4 3.32 – Dascoli
5. (244-2021) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond, Block 239 Lot 24, 223 Kilkare Parkway
6. (245-2021) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond, Block 279, Lot 260, 1821 Boat Point Dr.
7. (246-2021) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond, Block 108, Lot 29, 1125 Morris Avenue
8. (247-2021) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond, Block 145, Lot 55, 1314 Cottage Place
9. (248-2021) Accepting All Closeout Documents and Authorizing the Release of the Performance Guarantee and Approving Change Order No. 1 for the School Street Reconstruction Project
10. (249-2021) Authorize Recreation Department Refund
11. (250-2021) Authorize Recreation Department to Hire Part-time Seasonals
12. (251-2021) Memorializing the Certification of the Review of the Local Government Best Practices Check List

13. (252-2021) Authorizing Participation of Employee Dental Insurance Plan Offered by Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc., Effective January 1, 2022
14. (253-2021) Confirming the Following Personnel Appointments:
- Resignation of Glen R. Purves as part-time Plumbing Inspector, effective October 8, 2021.
  - Retirement of John N. Kaklamanis as Substitute Crossing Guard effective, November 8, 2021.
  - Resignation of Tyler Decker as Telecommunications Operator effective, October 29, 2021.
  - Charlie Willever is hereby appointed to the position of temporary, full-time DPW Laborer for leaf season, effective November 1, 2021, at \$14.00 per hour.
  - John Bennett is hereby appointed to the position of temporary, part-time Plumbing Inspector, effective October 25, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$55.00 up to 18 hours per week.
  - Anthony Lardieri is hereby appointed to the position of temporary, part-time Plumbing Inspector, effective October 25, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$55.00 up to 18 hours per week.
  - Robert Louis Colucci, Jr., is hereby appointed to the position of temporary, part-time Electrical Inspector, effective November 4, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$48.00 up to 18 hours per week.
  - Retirement of Cheryl Olsen as Registrar of Vital Statistics effective, September 1, 2022.
15. (254-2021) Approving the Following Application:
- Shore House Bar and Grill, Extend License Premises, Pat Dadas Cancer Fundraiser, Friday, November 26, 2021, from 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM.
16. (255-2021) Appointment of Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Joseph Veni moved from Alt. #1 to a Regular Member

**MOTION:** Adopt Resolutions as Amended (Removing items #9 and #10)

**MADE:** Ms. Coulson

**SECOND:** Mr. Borowsky

Ms. DePaola: Yes  
Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Mr. Borowsky: Yes  
Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent  
Ms. Coulson: Yes

**CARRIES:**

**I. AUTHORIZATIONS**

1. Memorialize the Advertisement for a Part-time Plumbing and Electrical Inspector.
2. Authorize the Advertisement for a Substitute Crossing Guard.
3. Authorize the Advertisement for a Full-time Telecommunications Operator.

**MOTION:** Approve Authorization

**MADE:** Mr. Borowsky

**SECOND:** Ms. Archer

**Ms. DePaola:** Yes

**Mr. Borowsky:** Yes

**Mr. Furmato:** Absent

**Mr. Wisniewski:** Absent

**Ms. Archer:** Yes

**Ms. Coulson:** Yes

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

**MADE:** Ms. DePaola

**SECOND:** Ms. Archer

**APPROVED:** All in Favor

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

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Before I start with public session, I just wanted to let everyone know that I will be having Mayor’s Hours again. I will also have it placed on the website. We figure it is a good time to reopen our one on one. I look forward to talking to people in a less formal setting than this. So stay tuned for the dates for that. That will be starting soon.”

**Dennis Vitkauskis:** 2117 Foster Road – “I just wanted to say thank you to the Borough Clerk for the “Do Not Knock sticker that came to my house.”

**Maria Ritter:** Did not state address – “I was talking with John with the Open Space Advisory Committee that some property amount has become available. It is the old Kennel property and I know that there was some interest, and I just wanted the Council to know that there is a group of us that all live in that neighborhood as well as some fisherman who I have talked to who fully support that and will do whatever we can do to help the council to acquire the land. We would like to start a conversation with you all about this.”

**Mayor Sabosik** “Well I am happy to report that we have done more than start a conversation about that because I have always thought that is the perfect place to keep in its natural state. It is a perfect place to teach young people how to fish. Sons, daughters, grandchildren. So I have been in contact with the County. They have Open Space money that far exceeds what we have obviously. So I hope to announce very shortly that we will have a positive end to this story.

**Mr. Pannucci:** Mayor Sabosik and the Council about two weeks ago, directed me to write a letter to the County to the Natural Lands Trust that they fully support them using the Natural Lands Trust money to purchase it for preservation purposes. So now what happens is, the short version is now the County will contact their landowner and do their due diligence and go through whatever that process is. Hopefully, it goes accordingly. It is good that you came because when they do contact us again, I can say that the members came to a public meeting and spoke on the record in support of this.”

**Maria Ritter:** “It is small, but it is beautiful.”

**Mayor Sabosik:** “It is the perfect location in that part of town to continue the tradition of fishing and having a peaceful coexistence there. But the county has informed me that they do have plans to buy it. We just have to talk with the owner and go through the process.”

**Mayor Sabosik stated on the record that Council Member John Wisniewski just attended the meeting. He was late due to his flight being 4 hours late.**

**Mr. Wisniewski apologized for his tardiness.**

**Britta Forsberg:** “Good evening, Mayor and Council, I am the executive director of Save Barnegat Bay. I am also born and raised in Point Pleasant Borough, so I am very familiar with the property at 720 Mount Place and, our organization as I believe you already know, has been a long-time supporter of the Canal Walk and also a pocket park in that location. I have been in contact with the listing agent and the Ocean County National Lands Trust and this afternoon I got off the phone with Trust for Public Land. There is a lot of public support for this initiative. I just wanted to remind you that we are here, and we are standing beside you, and we will help you in any way as this process moves forward.

**Mayor Sabosik:** “You and I have had many conversations over the years, and you know that this administration believes in Open Space. We want to continue the tradition of what this town has. Which is perfect, quiet locations to just sit in a chair and watch the boats go by. I am very happy to say that the County was very positive and have reacted quickly for us. They do have the money set aside. They did vote on it already.”

**Britta Forsberg:** “We appreciate your leadership on this.”

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

**Mayor Sabosik stated that there was no need for an Executive Session this evening.**

**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**