

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

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| Mayor: | Robert A. Sabosik |
| Council President: | Charlene Archer |
| Council Member: | William Borowsky |
| Council Member: | Joseph Furmato |
| Council Member: | John Wisniewski |
| Council Member: | Antoinette DePaola (Absent) |
| Council Member: | Valerie Coulson |
| 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 7, 2022, edition of *The Ocean Star* and January 7, 2022, edition of *The Asbury Park Press*.

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Tonight, we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Older American’s Act Nutrition Program.”

A. PROCLAMATION

- 1. March 2022 Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program**

B. WORKSHOP

- 1. Committee Reports**

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: “We had a Finance meeting and reviewed the budget. It was a very productive meeting. I still have some discussion topics with the CFO, and I am just trying to wrap my head around it. The CFO and I did have a good talk last week but I am still just trying to get some understanding on his perspective on certain things. Other than that, the budget looks very good and there is probably very few changes. I think we have a pretty solid budget.”

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “Last week we had a meeting. It was with John LeCompte, the Mayor, and Bob Forsyth. The meeting was about all the grants that are out there. There are tons. The Federal Government has fifty billion dollars that we can look at and see what we can get out of it. The State has 5 billion dollars. A couple of highlights of what we saw was regarding sidewalks. We looked at some sidewalks in town. Mainly Herbertsville Road and River Road. Maybe we can get sidewalks up and down both of those roads. We were also looking at a couple other ones like Dorsett Dock Road. We can get some money for the Rec Center with some of these grants as well. There were about 25 categories of what kinds of grants we could get, so we are looking into them.”

Council Member Coulson stated the following: “The Land Use Committee reviewed the ordinance that was introduced last month, and we are going to move forward with that.”

Council Member Borowsky stated the following: “Our Registration opens on Wednesday at 10am for Spring Recreation programs. It opens the 16th for residents and then it will open on the 23rd for non-residents. Dates have been confirmed for this years summer camp. It will be June 27th through August 5th. The half day summer camp is going to be at Nellie Bennett and the Kindercamp will be back. Also, our Easter Egg Hunt will be April 9th at 11am this year. There are going to be different divisions. Residents can go on to our website and look up the different divisions and the times. There is no registration necessary for that.

Mayor, you had asked me last month to be a member of the strategic planning at the high school put on by the Board of Education. I attended the workshop on March 2nd. I missed the first one but the second one I was able to make and that one was a little bit more involved. There was about 70 of us there. It was parents, students, some faculty and some administrators. There was a representative from the NJ Schoolboards Association who facilitated the meeting. We were broken up into groups of 10 and some of the things we worked on were core values and developing a mission statement. The mission statement that my group came up with using our core values was that the Point Pleasant School District fosters a robust Panther pride village/community of support to allow for adaptability in order to form a pathway forward providing guidance and support developing skills and promoting each students’ unique goals to become valuable and productive members of the community. That is what we came up with. There were 8 different groups, so you had 8 different mission statements. Our new Superintendent, Dr. Adam Angelozzi was saying that now he and his team will get together and take the similarities out of each mission statement and develop a full mission statement at the next meeting. Then, we can work off that mission statement moving forward for the next 5 years to create programs. This was a great meeting. I am so glad that you asked me to attend this. There is a couple questions that have come up recently about some things involving our school district which I will ask at the next meeting. So, I will have answers to those questions that residents have come to me with at the next meeting. I feel this will be very informative.”

Council President Charlene Archer stated the following: “As I said at the last meeting, the Environmental Commission is just becoming more involved in the Earth Day event coming up April 23rd. They are very busy getting vendors and sponsors for the day and making sure they have food trucks and the bands all in place. They have been diligently working on that, and that is what all the meetings have been about since February.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Thanked Mr. Borowsky for attending the Board of Education meeting and taking part in it for the upcoming years.

Councilman Borowsky brought up an important point. The history of our town and enthusiasm around town has been great. I was very happy to see a turnout at Mayor’s Hours. We had Sal Marino come in. Sal is a lifelong resident of Lovelandtown of Point Pleasant. He came up with a couple different ideas that our Council has approved. One of them will be putting heritage signs up for Loveland Dock Road which is at the end of Bay Avenue. That was basically the first name of that street when Point Pleasant first became a town. So, I want to thank Sal Marino for bringing that forward to Mayor and Council. I think it is important that we keep our history and we keep what this town is, which has a very unique culture. Almost like a village, as Councilman Borowsky just said.

Speaking of a village, the Chamber of Commerce will having new blue bags coming out. As you know, the state has outlawed plastic bags from supermarkets. The blue bags will be available from the Chamber of Commerce. Some of the town businesses have donated. The town of Point Pleasant is one of the sponsors.

When you see them, there will be a nominal cost but it shows that we are being environmentally green. We are moving forward and upholding the law of the land in helping to keep our environment safe for our future kids and grandkids.

On the same note, the 37th Annual Beach Sweeps will be on April 9th. You can contact town hall. They will have the information. Allison Jones is the Watershed Program Coordinator for Clean Ocean Action. We will be participating. The town will be helping with the cleanup of bags.”

C. MINUTES

1. **Approve Council Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2022**
2. **Approve Executive Session Minutes of February 28, 2022**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Mr. Borowsky

SECOND: Ms. Archer

Ms. Archer: Yes
Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Absent

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

D. ORDINANCE

1. **Final Reading and Public Hearing**
Ordinance No. 2022-05 Amending Chapters 8, 9, 12 and 19 of the Borough Code

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting for public comment on this ordinance:

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Asked about the section that mentioned hheds on the property. He wanted to clarify that anything pre-existing sheds would be okay.

Mayor Sabosik: Answered yes, that is correct. They would be grandfathered in.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. Archer: Yes
Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Absent

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Coulson: 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: Mr. Borowsky

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Archer opened the meeting to the public.

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

F. 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. (100-2022) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (101-2022) Void Check Resolution**
- 3. (102-2022) Authorize Transfer of 2021 Budget Appropriations**
- 4. (103-2022) Approve Emergency Temporary Appropriation**

The bills totaling the amount of \$7,229,117.49 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. Furmato

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Absent

Ms. Coulson: 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. (104-2022) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accts.**
- 2. (105-2022) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
- 3. (106-2022) Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantee for Property Known and Designated as Block 212, Lot 1, Block 349, Lots 3.01 & 17 A/K/A Bridge Avenue at Route 88**
- 4. (107-2022) Authorizing Execution of a Warranty Extension Agreement with Stryker Sales, LLC.**
- 5. (108-2022) Approving the Following Applications:**
 - Ocean Road School PTO Annual Sunday Runday Event on Sunday, May 22, 2022. The 1 Mile Fun Run will commence at 8:30 AM and the 5K Run at 9:00 AM.**

- Point Boro First Aid Squad, Fundraising Efforts by mail in the month of April with additional mailing during the month of September.
 - Point Boro First Aid Squad, Coin Toss, Saturday, July 9, 2022 (rain date Sunday, July 10, 2022, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the intersection of Bridge Avenue and River Avenue.
 - The Nicholas Hudanish Foundation Festival at Community Park on Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 11:30 AM – 6:00 PM.
6. (109-2022) **Confirming Personnel Appointments:**
- Andrew Welsh as OEM Director, effective March 14, 2022, with an annual stipend of \$3,500.00.
 - John Rowe as OEM Deputy Director, effective March 14, 2022. There is no stipend for this position.

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Absent

Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

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MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Commented on the clothing bins next to the Post Office asking if anything can be done to clean them up. Stated that not only is it unsightly, but it is dangerous.

Mr. Pannucci: Responded that the area there does not belong to the Borough, it belongs to the Post Office. He stated that he will call the Postmaster and make sure they take action.

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

I. 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: Ms. Coulson

APPROVED: All in favor

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Pannucci stated that they would like to pass a resolution appointing Andrew Welsh as the Director of the Office of Emergency Management and John Rowe as the Deputy Director

MOTION: Adopt Resolution

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Absent

Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor.

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED:

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**