

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	Charlene Archer
Council Member:	William Borowsky
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato
Council Member:	John Wisniewski
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola
Council Member:	Valerie Coulson
Borough Attorney:	Christopher Connors, 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 going to introduce a resolution to hire a local young man who has grown up in Point Pleasant and is a shining example of what makes Point Pleasant Borough different. He has been with us for a long time. He has been a Class II. He has been a Telecommunication Operator. He graduated from Ocean County College with an Associate’s Degree. He was a Police Explorer. It shows you the value of that program that builds upon the future police officers that we want to hire. And in these troubling times that this nation is facing, the family of Pierce should be proud that he is stepping into this role to defend this town to the best of his ability. Pierce Drzymkowski, you really are one of the best of the best. You have been through a lot so far, and you will see a lot coming up. You are going to have a vibrant professional career in this town. You are going to learn a lot from our Chief, Robert Lokerson. I know that you are up for this task. I know you will look forward to doing it. You have completed so many different tests, trials and time here working and answering calls. I want to thank his family for raising such a fine individual who will be coming forth in becoming a police officer in our town.”

A. RESOLUTION

- 1. (110-2022) Authorize Appointment of Police Officer:**
 - 1. Pierce Drzymkowski is hereby appointed to the position of Police Officer in the Police Department at the 2022 contractual salary of \$43,962.00.**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Ms. Archer

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Yes
Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

B. OATH OF OFFICE

1. Pierce Drzymkowski – Police Officer

C. PROCLAMATION

1. National Library Week 2022
2. Child Abuse Prevention Month 2022

D. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “I do not have much today. Last week All American Ford came through. They needed to move a generator because the exhaust was too close to the window. So, we approved that, and they will be finishing up their landscaping and are set for late spring.”

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: “We are introducing the budget, so as it stands right now, we are looking at a .86 percent tax increase. So, we still need to polish it up but right now it means about a \$16 increase for residents on the government side. I think, if this is not the lowest, it is the second lowest since I have been on council. So, we have done a really good job here. The Finance team and Administration along with the Council Members have had their finger on the pulse of what we need to do. If anyone has any questions, feel free to reach out to my email address or grab me on the street and I will do my best to answer them.”

Council Member Coulson stated the following: “Happy Spring everyone. For Land Use and Zoning, we do not have anything new. Last month we approved some ordinances we were updating. We will continue to review and try to improve and streamline the process.”

Council Member Borowsky stated the following: “I am proud to announce that the Spring registration was a huge hit. There was a record 700 registrations and 550 registrations in the first 5 minutes. I also want to report that there is now Senior Yoga at the Life Chapel Church every Friday at 10am. There is no charge for this and the number of attendees has been growing tremendously. It is a good time. The Seniors Atlantic City bus trip to Resorts Casino is April 12th leaving from St. Martha’s. It is \$20.00 a person and you can call the Recreation Department for details. Also, there is a Recreation Advisory Board meeting this Wednesday night at 7pm.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “I would just like to say congratulations to Chief Lokerson and his staff on their accreditation. I would also like to congratulate you on the hiring of your new officer Pierce Drzymkowski. I know he will be an asset to your department, and I wish you all the best.”

Council President Charlene Archer stated the following: “As everybody knows, Earth Day is April 23rd. The Environmental Commission is working very diligently putting that all together. So far, they have 14 vendors, 14 non-profits, and they already have a sponsor in place, and they are still looking for more sponsors for the event. They have food trucks in place. They have Shore Fresh for the seafood; they have a BBQ truck and they also have an ice cream truck. They are slowly getting things done. They are also going to have a petting zoo and a bounce house. It is going to be a very nice event. So, I hope everyone comes out to enjoy Earth Day. They are also applying for a grant from the NJEC for \$1,500.00 to help clean some hazards that are in Slade Dale. We will find out if we get that grant soon.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “My Mayor’s Hours for April will be on April 13th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm and that will be right here in the court room.

Tonight, we were able to see how this Mayor and Council is doing the best they can, not only on the budget that they worked so hard for but also by hiring a new police officer. We are stressing the safety of our town. We are protecting our families which are our greatest assets. I want to thank the Chief for the fine job that he is doing with the personnel he has and finding the young gentlemen to come forth and join our police force. It is really truly an honorable profession, and you know that this Mayor and Council will be with you as you go forward.”

E. MINUTES

- 1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2022**
- 2. Approve Executive Session Minutes of March 14, 2022**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Ms. Archer

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Abstain

Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

F. ORDINANCES

- 1. Introduction**

Ordinance No. 2022-06 – To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Mr. Borowsky

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

- 2. Introduction**

Bond Ordinance No. 2022-07 – Providing for Various Capital Improvements in and for the Borough of Point Pleasant and Appropriating \$1,782,000.00 Therefor, and Providing for the Issuance of \$1,692,300.00 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Point Pleasant to Finance the Same

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

3. **Introduction**

Bond Ordinance No. 2022-08 – Providing for Various Water and Sewer Improvements in and for the Borough of Point Pleasant and Appropriating \$989,300.00 Therefor, and Providing for the Issuance of \$939,600.00 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Point Pleasant to Finance the Same

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

**G. 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. Coulson

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.

H. 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. (111-2022) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (112-2022) Void Check Resolution**
- 3. (113-2022) Authorize Municipal Budget to be Read by Title Only at Public Hearing**
- 4. (114-2022) Approve Emergency Temporary Appropriation**
- 5. (115-2022) Introduction of Municipal Budget – Fiscal Year 2022**
- 6. (116-2022) Authorize Self-Examination of Budget - 2022**

The bills totaling the amount of \$10,808,131.76 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. Coulson

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. Archer: Yes
Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Coulson: 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. (117-2022) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale
2. (118-2022) Authorize Recreation Department Refund
3. (119-2022) Authorize Recreation Department to Rehire Part-time Seasonals
4. (120-2022) Authorizing Execution of a Lease Agreement by and between the Borough of Point Pleasant and St. Martha's Church
5. (121-2022) Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property via Online Auction
6. (122-2022) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 333, Lot 5, 1328 Sunrise Avenue
7. (123-2022) Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Affordable Housing Developer's Agreement with 604 Ocean Shores, LLC
8. (124-2022) Approving the Following Application:
 - The Shore House Bar & Grill, Petition to Extend Licensed Premises, Family Birthday Party, Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 3:00 PM – 7:30 PM.
9. (125-2022) Confirming Personnel Appointments – OEM
 - The following are appointed as Deputy OEM Coordinators:
 - Shawna Toomey, Nicole Costagliola, Jesse Waterson, Steven Gerrity and Jeremy Colby

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Yes
Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

J. AUTHORIZATION

1. Authorization to Hire One (1) Full-time Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee for the Police Department

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Borowsky

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

K. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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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.

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – “I just want to say that ever since I have become eligible for the Senior Tax Freeze, you people have been keeping the tax rate down. Good work keeping it down.”

Mayor Sabosik: “Thank you Dennis for the compliment. I also want to point out someone who is here tonight. Himanshu Shah he is our CFO. He is well known throughout the State of New Jersey, and he is one of the best of the best. So, thank you Himanshu.”

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

L. 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. Coulson

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

APPROVED: All in favor

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “In executive session, we did discuss some litigation and contracts. I cannot reveal anything else at this time as per our legal counsel.”

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor.

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**