

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	Charlene Archer (Absent)
Acting Council President:	William Borowsky
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato
Council Member:	John Wisniewski
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola
Council Member:	Valerie Coulson (Absent)
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 I have the pleasure of reading a proclamation to individuals who provide safety in our local waterways. They are the unsung heroes. They volunteer and they create a safe environment for so many people and they have done this tour of duty for so long. I want to personally thank you for your service and for helping make our Point Pleasant waters safe.”

A. PROCLAMATION

- 1. National Safe Boating Week May 21, 2022 – May 27, 2022**

B. WORKSHOP

- 1. Committee Reports**

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: “A brief update from the Open Space Committee. There was an idea passed around to start a program to plant memorial trees at some of the parks. That was led by former Council Member Jack McHugh who is also part of the Open Space Committee. He has met with different members of DPW to discuss what trees would be the best trees to plant at each individual park. So that process has been started and I think it is a well thought out, great idea. We will get more trees in town and lets residents honor a loved one.

As far as the Finance Committee goes, I am looking to set up a meeting with our CFO to try to wrap up the budget that we passed at the last meeting.”

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “I have nothing really for tonight. We haven’t had a lot of changes yet because the paving of roads takes a while. We have a DPW meeting on the 16th, so I will have a bigger report for the next meeting.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “Last week the Mayor, Councilman Furmato and I met with our Emergency Medical people over at the First Aid building to talk about possible solutions to some of their parking issues, some of their equipment and the new truck that they would like to have redone. I

think we have come to an amicable agreement. The Fire Company has agreed to allow some of their trucks to be parked on their property across the street, but we believe that they would have to go to the Planning Board for final approval on that. This was something important to them and something we were able to get out of the way. I am glad we were able to meet up last week.”

Acting Council President William Borowsky stated the following: “The 2022 Summer Recreation schedule will be out by this Wednesday. All the camps that were offered in last year’s schedule will be offered again this year. Good news to report this year, full day campers will be going on trips again. Covid had put a stop to it for a while but now trips will start up again this year.

Beach badges go on sale May 31st. They can be purchased through the Community Pass online or through the Municipal Court at the window. Badges for 6 and older are \$20.00, children 5 and under are free, badges for those 60 and older are \$10.00 and beach badges are free for our military.

On May 30th we will have our Memorial Day family bike parade at 11am. That will be followed by a ceremony at 11:30 at the Community Park right across the street.

Pre-School for next year is full already and the graduation for this year’s pre-school will be on June 8th also at the Community Park.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Mayor’s hours will be May 11th at 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the courtroom. I do want to tell council that I did sign off on the grant. Our \$50,000.00 grant was approved. We will be doing some housekeeping. At Waters Edge, the condo association will be putting some new benches in. May is also Mental Health month so we need to realize that with Covid a lot of people are feeling a little bit out of sorts. Let us tell them that there are plenty of programs with the county of ocean to be able to help them through their time of need.

I also have a letter here from the Clean Ocean Action Committee thanking us for participating in the Beach Sweeps Program. This shows that we are totally committed to making this environment the best that it could be for today and tomorrow for future generations. We feel the water component of our area is so important. We need to take care of it today so that it is here tomorrow.”

C. MINUTES

- 1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2022**
- 2. Approve Executive Session Minutes of April 25, 2022**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Mr. Furmato

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Absent

Mr. Borowsky: Abstain

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Absent

CARRIES:

D. ORDINANCES

- 1. Final Reading – Public Hearing
Ordinance No. 2022-03 – Amending and Supplementing Subsection 7-3.4 of the Borough Code to Add Additional No Parking Areas Under Schedule II – Front Street**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Finley: 1108 Front Street – “I have been in contact with you all many times. I just want to summarize some points I brought up with everybody. The only thing that I have heard that was in opposition of this plan was that if this goes through, then other residents of the town would also be looking for different parking restrictions in their area. I think that what we have here is unique to the area. You have the Bluffs that have overspill of their parking lot on Front Street, and you have a commercial business on the corner which has overspill. You have a mailbox on the corner, and you also have an undersized street which we have already shown that emergency vehicles would not be able to get down. It is not just one issue, it is multiple issues and multiple factors. This should be seen on a case-by-case basis and this is unique. If you vote against this, you vote against a traffic safety issue that has been recognized by the Police Department and by the Public Safety Committee.”

Jessica Bennett: 1117 Arnold Avenue – “I think Chris summed it up nicely. I live directly on the corner. As I am going to work daily, I see people entering and exiting that roadway on Front Street onto Arnold at increased speeds. At either direction, they don’t see well. Personally, I witness a lot of congestion on that road which concerns me. As I am trying to get out, I am often blocked into my driveway as another area of concern. I see it also with the businesses as well as the additional congestion from those trying to access the mailbox there. They try to come in quickly to drop off mail, but they block the road there as well. I live close to that area and observe this every day.”

Ann Finley: 1120 Front Street – Shared a memory of a car accident she witnessed due to cars being illegally parked. Asked that the Mayor and Council be proactive to avoid a situation like what she had witnessed and please vote for this ordinance.

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

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Absent
Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Coulson: Absent

CARRIES:

Mayor stated the following: “The YES vote is for putting this ordinance into effect. It will be going into effect shortly and hopefully this commercial lot will start being used a little bit more and stop the potential problems. Thank you all for coming out. We appreciate your input. This is the final reading. This is law.”

2. Final Reading – Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2022-09 – Adopting New Floodplain Management Regulations

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Mr. Furmato

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Absent
Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Coulson: Absent

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: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Acting Council President Borowsky opened the meeting to the public.

Seeing no hands, Acting Council President Borowsky 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. (149-2022) Bills and Claims
2. (150-2022) Request Chapter 159 Budget Insertion – Cops in Shops

The bills totaling the amount of \$3,855,788.33 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.

Mr. Wisniewski: “I would like to have a quick discussion. I saw that there is a \$2,000.00 for dog waste bags. I spoke with Bob and learned that people are stealing them. With the ban on plastic bags, I can tell you that 85% of my dog walking is ShopRite bags. We must come up with a better way. We are already into this year with \$4,000.00 of dog waste plastic bags. We must find a better way.”

Mr. Borowsky: “That is a very good point. Now that the stores are not giving those bags away, there is going to be more of a demand for them.”

Mr. Furmato: Mentioned that there is a company that picks up dog waste now on Dorsett Dock Road.

Mr. Wisniewski: “I didn’t mean to overcomplicate things, I just wanted to bring this up.”

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Absent
Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Coulson: Absent

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. (151-2022) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
- 2. (152-2022) Authorize the Institution of In-Rem Foreclosure Proceedings with Respect To Certain Tax Sale Certificates**
- 3. (153-2022) Confirming 2021 Length of Service Award List (LOSAP)**
- 4. (154-2022) Authorize Refund Inspection Fee Escrow Accounts**
- 5. (155-2022) Authorize Recreation Department to Rehire Part-Time Seasonals**
- 6. (156-2022) Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Donation for Recreation Special Events**
- 7. (157-2022) Approving the Following Applications:**
 - Idle Hour, Petition to Extend Licensed Premises, Cornhole League, on Saturday’s starting June 18, 2022, and ending August 13, 2022, from 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM.**

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Absent
Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Coulson: Absent

CARRIES:

H. 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 – “Last week I stopped to talk to the Mayor about the fact that the Bank of America across the street put in a new driveway and there were no curb cutouts for the handicapped. He said he would speak with them and make sure that they fix it. So, thank you.”

Mayor Sabosik: “Now this will take a little bit of time, but our people and their people have talked, and they will be redoing it. Thank you for stopping by. ADA compliance is very important for our town. We have a lot of senior citizens.”

Danny Palkoski: 2224 Riviera Parkway – “Over the past year I have had a flooding problem in my back yard. I went to the DPW to look into it, and someone came to look and said that, yes, something is wrong. So, I went to the Town Administrator 3 times and still have not heard from him. This has killed all my grass and the bugs are starting to come out already.”

Mayor Sabosik confirmed his address and asked Bob Forsyth and John LeCompte to come up to speak with him because they are engineers and hopefully, they have an answer.

Bob Forsyth: “I requested in our capital budget, \$150,000.00 for drainage improvements and we got it. This was one of the projects I had in mind. This is part of Laguna Village and there is an easement back there and everything drains down to that and unfortunately it just kind of sits there. It is a very low-lying area. I think we can do something like what we did on Pocahontas. John and I are going to go over that.”

John LeCompte: “We originally did a drainage area for the Beaver Dam Laguna project. Some of these locations are within that overall drainage area we did, so we are going to look at that and do some additional field work.”

Conversation took place regarding the drainage issues, and they will be looking into the problem.

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. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in favor

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dasti stated the following: “In closed session we discussed pending litigation and some personnel matters.”

8. (158-2022) Separating Ken Adams from the Position of Water Treatment Plant Operator

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Mr. Borowsky

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. Archer: Absent

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Absent

CARRIES:

9. (159-2022) Abolish the Second Water Treatment Plant Operator Position

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Mr. Furmato

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Absent

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Absent

CARRIES:

10. (160-2022) Appointing Ken Adams as a Water Treatment Plant Repairer

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Absent

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Absent

CARRIES:

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor.

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**