

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	Charlene Archer
Council Member:	William Borowsky
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato (Called In)
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

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Please let us continue to remain standing to remember September 11th. Let us continue to remember the fallen ones from that fateful day. Amen.

I also want to thank the Bay Head Shores Clubhouse for having a 9/11 Remembrance. It has been many years, but we can never forget those that went down that fateful day.”

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*.

A. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “First off, there was a public safety meeting held on September 8th. I was in attendance as well as the Mayor, Councilmember Wisniewski, Councilmember Furmato and our Borough Administrator. Many issues were discussed including a transition plan. Many of you may know that our beloved Chief of Police is looking to retire. He has worked diligently to make certain that there is a plan in place for his succession. I thank him for taking the extra time to prepare for that. Also, we discussed various speed studies that have been done. There was a study done on Herbertsville Road. The County authorized the 35 miles per hour, saying that it is not a speeding issue on Herbertsville, but a volume issue. Also, Hardenberg Avenue has had 2 speed studies done in 2021 and those studies show that there was an increase in volume which leads people to think it is speeding but it is more volume. The Police Department has been out there numerous times but they will conduct another speed study in the near future. Also we have our office of Emergency Management who keeps us all safe when there are various events going on that need the expertise of Emergency Management. In the month of August, they put in over 173 man hours. The CERT team put in over 73 man hours. They also responded to nine general weather related events, one public education event, five tropical weather events and five power outages. They have also officially moved into their new emergency operation center at the municipal building. Now that they are up and running there, they should be able to handle operations much more smoothly. If anybody is interested in volunteering with our Emergency Response Team, feel free to check out their information at

www.ptborooem.com . Their monthly CERT meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Borough Hall at 7:00pm. Anybody who is interested in volunteering please feel free to reach out to Andy Welsh who is the director. Also, as we move forward, there were many kittens available for adoption at our Point Paws Animal Rescue group. They have kittens available right now as well as adult cats. If you adopt a kitten, it is \$125.00 which includes shots and everything. If you are willing to take 2 little kitties home, they will waive the adoption fee for the second cat. So, anybody interested in adopting and making a cat or kitten part of your family, please check out Point Paws Facebook page.

Lastly, speaking about 9/11 which was a tragic event, and we all remember where we were on that tragic day. We also want to remember Tech Sergeant Joseph F. Grubel. He was only 24 years old. He passed away on August 7, 1944 as a result of WWII. We like to remember our local service members that are part of Point Pleasant Borough community.”

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: “Like Councilwoman DePaola said, the events of 9/11 is something we all wish we didn’t have to remember and hopefully we will never have to experience again. If there is anybody having trouble getting through these days, feel free to give me a call and I am sure everyone else up here would be there too.

Borough business, our Audit came back, as usual with our Finance Department, there is no comments or corrections to it. We have become a well-oiled machine on that side of the house. The only thing I have ever done is stay out of those really talented people’s way.

The Open Space meeting is Wednesday. You will see on the agenda that we are replacing our Admin and it is actually Kerri Jones niece Molly. We look forward to that happening.

I got in touch with Jack McHugh and he promises to have an update on the memorial tree program on Wednesday.

Also, I would like to say congratulations to the Point Pleasant Borough Football team. They really handed it to Manasquan. It is always good to beat a local rival.

Finally, if we ever have a power outage, don’t call the Chief because there is black smoke billowing out of the bridge. It is just the generator.”

Council Member Furmato stated the following: No report tonight

Council Member Borowsky stated the following: “Fall registration for our Recreation Programs open Wednesday, September 14th for our Borough Residents and September 21st for our Non-Residents. Registration for everyone closes on September 28th. All programs will start the first week of October. Preschool started today and Sheri said it is always an exciting day having all the children back. She said that the transition was very easy today because there was a lot of Preschoolers that enrolled into Pre-K, so they were already familiar with the facilities.

There will be a Senior Center bus trip to the Tropicana on October 4th. Seniors can reach out to the Recreation office for information. It is \$20.00 and you get \$20.00 back, so it is a good deal.

Haunts in the Park this year is Thursday, October 27th. From 5pm-6pm is the non-scary portion for the real young kids. And then from 6pm to 9pm for the scary portion. Recreation and Public Works always does a phenomenal job with this event. Tickets are on sale the first week of October at the Recreation office and they will also be on sale the night of the event.

The last part of my report, I have been in communication with Dennis Blazak regarding the Federal Grant that he received for the town with the restoration of the Nellie Bennett field. So, rather than write it down, I asked him to come to the meeting and explain to the council some of the details in particular. It is a pretty exciting thing for Point Pleasant Borough. I was hoping he could talk about it, or if you would rather, he can talk during open public session.”

Mayor Sabosik: “Open Public Session will be good for this. I have also talked to Dennis many times about this, and it is a great grant for the town. I think public session would be a better time.”

Council Member Borowsky: “Okay, sounds good. That will conclude my report for now.”

Council Member Coulson stated the following: “Our new Construction Official, Andrew Rempfer started last Tuesday and hit the ground running and already put forth a proposal. We already have the SDL system in the office, but he proposes to get i-Pads, so that when the inspectors are out in the field, they can enter anything into the system from the iPad. Eventually, as we enhance our system, residents will be able to go online and see where their permits or applications are in process. This is something that we are looking into. If you really want to know more of the nuts and bolts, Frank will be able to give you more information on that.”

Council President Archer stated the following: “With the Environmental Commission, the LAS hosted a Shellebration on 9/13. They were asking for volunteers between 3pm and 5pm. They were putting out oysters to help with the reefs around the area. They had a reception today at Forked River Beach.

The Environmental Commission is looking for any Eagle Scouts who are looking for a project. They would love for them to reach out to see if they could give any suggestions on some Eagle Scout Projects.

Thank you for bringing up the Barnegat Bay Partnership Grant. It is coming along. They have no big updates. Maybe Dennis might have another one since my meeting with him last month. But at this point, they had stakeholders meetings which is the starting of the procession of the grant, so I am looking forward to hearing more at Dennis’s report later on.

Sustainable Jersey are having a meeting late September to discuss what needs to be done to have NJ be more green.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Speaking of the environment, on 10/22/22 from 9:00am to 12:30pm we are going to have Beach Sweeps once again in town. This is very important because with our clean communities award, anybody who gets \$25,000.00 a year must have two volunteer cleanups. This year, the qualification is from January 22 to June 30th of 2023. So, anybody who would like to sign up, please notify me or my office here. I know we will have a great turnout. This is for the betterment of the environment. And as you all know, this administration is 110% for making sure our water is accessible for fisherman and boaters.

I will be having a meeting with the county commissioners tomorrow with the rest of the Mayors from the barrier islands. I explained before, the reason why we are included here is because the barrier islands provide protection for us so that Sandy does not ever happen in our town again. This beach replenishment program is vital as well as for our town. We look forward to a very positive meeting with the commissioners. They have already said that they will be funding a portion of the towns on the barrier islands so I will report back exactly what those numbers are at the next meeting. This is where local government, county government, state and federal are protecting our environment and the future of our communities in a positive manner.

September is hunger action month. I will be going up to Fulfill in Neptune. They will be going forward now at 100% outside of covid. I will be having that meeting on Friday. I look forward to meeting with the folks again, and I will report back exactly what programs we will be bringing to the town of Point Pleasant.

We have a troop fundraiser. What it is, is you go online and you go to a website called Pampered Chef. They will be giving a portion of the money to raise funds to send over gifts to our overseas serviceman. This will help them feel at home. They will be receiving different types of food and other packages. Lloyd Mulligan is in charge of this. I applaud him for this program. It is very important. If anyone would like to know the website, you can come to town hall or call us. It is pamperedchef.com/parties/troopboxpoint2022.

New Jersey Natural Gas is coming out with assistance. If you know anyone who is a problem economically, they will be providing help with energy assistance dates. The first in our local area is in Bricktown on Friday, September 30th from 10am-5pm at Church of the Visitation, 755 Mantoloking Road.

I will be having Mayor's Hours on 9/21 from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

Lastly, the town has received a check from the Board of Commissioners for \$12,709.03 for the first six months of the Ocean County Recycling Program. This is our largest ever payout of \$29.47 per ton. This goes to show you that this administration is for the environment. We will continue to be environmentally sensitive. We will continue to have programs to ensure the quality of this town will be for future generations."

B. MINUTES

- 1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2022**
- 2. Approve Executive Session Minutes of August 22, 2022**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

C. ORDINANCE

- 1. Final Reading**

Ordinance No. 2022-14 – Amending Section 7A-15 Schedule of the Borough Code – Bradford Drive

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

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:

**D. 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.

E. 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. (230-2022) Bills and Claims

The bills totaling the amount of \$7,819,672.69 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. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

F. 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. (231-2022) Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit**
- 2. (232-2022) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accts.**
- 3. (233-2022) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
- 4. (234-2022) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 279, Lot 103, 1717 Riviera Court**
- 5. (235-2022) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 136, Lot 1.01 604 Ocean Road**
- 6. (236-2022) Authorize Recreation Department Refund**
- 7. (237-2022) Awarding a Contract through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System to Foveonics Imaging Technologies - COF #2022-128**
- 8. (238-2022) Authorizing and Approving Contract Assignment for Professional Services from Munisite Holding Group Partners, LLC to ACE Telecom Consulting, LLC**
- 9. (239-2022) Authorizing First Amendment to Agreement to Provide Fixed Rate Insured Prescription Drug Management Services Offered by Benecard Services, LLC**
- 10. (240-2022) Authorizing Participation of Employee Dental Insurance Plan Offered by Delta Dental of New Jersey, Effective January 1, 2023**
- 11. (241-2022) Approving the Following Applications:**
 - Bay Head Shores Property Owners Association, Social Affair Permit, Annual Member Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 2:00 PM – 10:00 PM, (rain date October 16, 2022).**
 - Shore House Bar and Grill, Extension of Premises, Panther’s Lets Eat Fundraiser, Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM.**
 - Shore House Bar and Grill, Extension of Premises, Friends of Petie G. Benefit, Sunday, November 13, 2022, from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM.**
 - Chamber of Commerce, Social Affair Permit, Fall Festival, October 15, 2022, from 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM, (rain date October 16, 2022).**
- 12. (242-2022) Confirming Personnel Appointments/Actions:**
 - Jesica Corino be appointed to the position of Crossing Guard, effective September 12, 2022, at the rate of \$23.54 per hour, as per the current Teamsters Local Union No. 469 Collective Bargaining Agreement.**
 - Resignation Kerry Jones as Open Space Secretary effective September 12, 2022.**
 - Appointment of Molly Hoffmaster as Open Space Secretary effective September 12, 2022.**
 - Robert Michalkowski as OEM Deputy Assistant Coordinator, effective September 12, 2022.**
- 13. (243-2022) Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property Via Online Auction**

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Yes
Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

G. 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.

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “If anyone doesn’t know Dennis Blazak, he is a member of the Environmental Commission. He has done great things and he is a government employee for environmental issues. He does a great job for the government as well as for the town of Point Pleasant.”

Dennis Blazak: 1408 Treeneedle Road & Member of the Environmental Commission – Spoke to the Mayor and Council about the current issues of the Environmental Commission.

- Slade Dale Sanctuary
- Nellie Bennett Salt Marsh
- Riverfront Park
- Stormwater Permits

Mayor Sabosik Thanked Dennis Blazak for his presentation and added that he will be in touch with him soon regarding Federal Grant opportunities that he has been looking into for some of our natural lagoons.

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Stated that the streetlights that were out that he complained about at the last meeting are now lit. Thanked the Chief or whoever took care of it. Also mentioned that almost everyone in New Jersey is going to see a 25% increase in their Natural Gas rates.

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 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: Ms. Archer

APPROVED: All in favor

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. (244-2022) Confirming Personnel Appointment – Police Department
 - Erica Furmato be appointed to the position of part-time Substitute Crossing Guard, effective September 12, 2022, at the rate of \$23.54 per hour, as per the current Teamsters Local Union No. 469 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution

MADE: Ms. Archer

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Abstain

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

15. (245-2022) **Confirming Personnel Appointment – Police Department**
- **Kimberly McNally be appointed to the position of full-time Senior Clerk Typist II, effective September 27, 2022, with an annual salary of \$43,238.00 as per the current Teamsters Local Union No. 469 Collective Bargaining Agreement.**

MOTION: Adopt Resolution

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Borowsky

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: No

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

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**