

**COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

<b>Mayor:</b>	<b>Robert A. Sabosik</b>
<b>Council President:</b>	<b>Charlene Archer</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>William Borowsky</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Joseph Furmato</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>John Wisniewski</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Antoinette DePaola</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Valerie Coulson</b>
<b>Borough Attorney:</b>	<b>Jerry Dasti, Esq.</b>
<b>Borough Administrator:</b>	<b>Frank Pannucci</b>
<b>Deputy Borough Clerk:</b>	<b>Veronica Thwing</b>

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “Please let us keep standing for a moment of silence. We have lost our Qualified Purchasing Agent, Beth Cunningham and we also have a former 3 term Mayor Mike Valenti who also has passed away. Please let us think of them both at this time Thank you.”

**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. OATH OF OFFICE**

**1. Promotion of Captain Adam Picca to Chief of Police**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “Tonight we are having a continuation of our command structure being enhanced. And once again, we have impressive police officers stepping up for the challenges for the changes of rank. They are professional. They are educated. They are motivated to create the safest town at the Jersey Shore to the best of their ability. We need law and order to strive in modern day society. With the consistency of enforcement and the quality of these individuals, we all know the law of the land will be enforced. These individuals embrace all qualities to continue to lead our department in an impressive manner into the future. Without further ado, we have the promotion of Captain Adam Picca to the Chief of Police. Adam received an Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice at Ocean County Community College in 1992. He served 5 years in the United States Coast Guard. He received numerous commendations and was honorably discharged in 1998. He was appointed a full-time position as police officer in September, 1998. He graduated from Atlantic County Police Academy in March of 1999. He received the excellence award for academics. He was signed to the Detective Bureau in 2002. He was promoted to Detective Sergeant in 2004, became commander in 2008, promoted to Detective Lieutenant in 2009 and December of 2020 he was promoted to Police Captain. So, in the course of his career, he has received numerous commendations from residents, the FBI, NJ State Police and the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office. We now present our new Chief of Police, Adam Picca. Standing with him will be our former Chief, Robert Cooper.”

## **2. Promotion of Lieutenant Christopher Leonhardt to Captain**

**Mayor Sabosik Stated the Following:** “Our next promotion will be Captain Christopher Leonhardt. He received his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Ocean County College in 2000. Prior to becoming a full time Police Officer for the Point Pleasant Police Department in June of 2002 he was a Class II in Allenhurst. In December of 2014 he was promoted to Sergeant and in July of 2020 he was promoted to Lieutenant. He served as Field Training Officer, hostage negotiator, resilient officer, police academy instructor and is assigned to the department’s internal affairs. He is a certified EMT. He is married to his wife Nicole, and they have 5 children together. During the course of his career, he has received numerous commendations from citizens for outstanding service. Captain Leonhardt is an asset to our police department and to our community. Captain Leonhardt, step forward.”

## **B. RESOLUTION/OATH OF OFFICE**

### **1. (257-2022) Promotion of Loren MacIver to Lieutenant**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “In January of 2000 Loren MacIver was hired by the Point Pleasant Police Department as a full time Police Officer. He graduated from the Police Academy in May of 2000. He served as a Class II between 1996 and 1999 with the Point Pleasant Beach Police Department. In July of 2020 he was promoted to Police Sergeant where he has been the officer in charge of the midnight shift. He has served as a field training officer, domestic violence officer, department vehicle maintenance officer, police youth camp instructor and is a New Jersey certified child seat installer. He is also an EMT. He is married to his wife Claire, and they have 2 children. During the course of his career he has received numerous letters of praise from Point Pleasant residents on his exceptional performance during various calls for service. He is an asset for our department and for our community. Lieutenant MacIver, step forward to take your oath of office.”

**MOTION: Adopt Resolution**

**MADE: Ms. DePaola**

**SECOND: Ms. Archer**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Mr. Wisniewski: Yes**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

Mayor Sabosik also pointed out that Chief Lokerson was also present and asked everyone to give him a round of applause.

## **C. PROCLAMATION**

### **1. United Nations Day 2022**

## **D. WORKSHOP**

### **1. Committee Reports**

**Council Member Borowsky stated the following:** “This Thursday night will be Haunts in the Park. From 5pm to 6pm it will be the non-scary portion for the little kids and from 6pm to 9pm it will be the scary portion for the big kids. This December 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the Christmas tree lighting from 5pm to 9pm. There will be horse and carriage rides, bounce houses, a trackless train, a DJ and a local dance studio will be performing and the Chamber of Commerce will be having their Market in the Park.”

**Council Member Wisniewski stated the following:** “The Open Space Committee are getting prepared for Santa at the cabin. This will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. It is all progressing very well as normal because Richard Morris always has a good handle on that. Also, Mary Nikola would like to be appointed to that committee if possible. If you could keep that in mind for the Reorganization Meeting, that would be awesome. For Finance, we are just waiting on a confirmation from all the department heads so we could start the review. And we have our Best Practices inventory back and we have zero violations. We will review the report and will be voting on it next week. Also, I would like to congratulate the new Lieutenant.”

**Council Member Coulson stated the following:** “First off, I want to say what a great night it was down at the Riverfront Park for Octoberfest. The fireworks were phenomenal. I would also like to say congratulations to our new Lieutenant. For Land Use, we have our digital plan review table that has arrived. Our Construction Official is setting it up for use when building plans start to be submitted electronically. This will save residents and staff a lot of time.”

**Council Member Furmato stated the following:** “Congrats go out to Chief Picca, Captain Leonhardt and to Lieutenant MacIver. You guys are going to do a great job.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> starts leaf pickup and that goes through to January 4<sup>th</sup>. Just check your section on when your time is and try to keep the cars out of the street because if the cars are in the way, you don’t get swept.

The Slade Dale Sanctuary, I have been meeting with a few people with the Environmental Committee about the condition of the park. We have a lot of trees that are leaning pretty bad and that is not safe for the children who go through there. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the County Forester is going to come in and mark out all the trees that need to be removed and the County will do the work to remove the trees.

I would like to thank our sponsors for the great fireworks that we had last week at Riverfront Park. Also Trick or Trunk is coming up tomorrow night for the little kids in the Municipal Parking Lot.”

**Council Member DePaola stated the following:** “As Liaison to the Public Safety Committee I would like to extend my congratulations to Lt. Loren MacIver, Captain Leonhardt and Chief Picca. Chief Picca has been in his role for just a few weeks, but he is already doing a great job.

The Public Safety Committee had a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> and one of the things that was brought up is that we need to look for new hydrant markers because the ones that are currently on our hydrants are not sufficient to the Fire Company in case of an emergency to alert them exactly where the hydrants are so that is a project that we will be working on.

I know everybody has enjoyed the peace and quiet, but we are working on getting the correct battery for our emergency siren so that during the day the volunteers of our emergency services will be notified in case of a true emergency.

Also, for our civilian CERT team. They were able to entice 10 new volunteers to join the ranks. They are civilians who go through training and are there for us in case of natural disasters and emergencies so I would like to commend them on that great effort.

As Joe Furmato said, our Trick or Trunk event is tomorrow and is sponsored by our Community Watch Organization and or Police Department. It is a great event for younger children. We will have trunks decorated from 5pm to 7pm at the Community Park.”

**Council President Archer stated the following:** “I too would like to congratulate Chief Picca, Captain Leonhardt and Lt. MacIver on their successful promotions. I know you will do a great job. You always have and you always will.

I also want to thank the Point Pleasant Police Department and First Aid. We had a family emergency at my house over a week ago and I really appreciate their quick response and assistance in helping my stepfather in getting the assistance he needed. Thank you very much.

The fall fireworks were wonderful on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Council attended and we had a great time. It was great seeing the community all together enjoying the fireworks.

I also want to thank the Chamber. They did a great job doing the wine and beer garden and all they did with the food vendors. It was a great evening for all and great weather. We couldn’t ask for a better night.

Thank you to Joe Furmato for attending the Environmental Commission Meeting. As I said, I had a family emergency, and I could not attend. Joe attended for me, and I thank you very much.

I am excited about the upcoming events, tomorrow night with Trick or Trunk and Thursday the Haunts in the Park. I am usually afraid to go through the Haunts. It is really scary for me. But I appreciate the DPW and the Rec Center doing all the work.

I also want to congratulate the Point Pleasant Borough Football team. We are undefeated and our playoffs start on Friday. Go Borough.”

## **2. Report of Mayor**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “I also would like to say what a well-done job by our football team. They raised over \$31,000.00 to give to a fellow football player who suffered a broken back and is now crippled from his waste down. We will keep in in our prayers and hopefully he can get better.

The Cole and Sadie Scholarship Foundation is having a horseshoe tournament and gift auction. If everybody remembers, Cole and Sadie were two young people who lived in Point Pleasant and were tragically taken away in a car accident on a cross country trip. This event will be on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Point Pleasant Moose Lodge. This foundation will provide 2 scholarships each year to Point Pleasant students to be used for college or trade school. They want to keep Cole and Sadie’s adventurous spirits alive by sponsoring a youth adventure opportunity with the fishing club and learn how to surf scholarships. I hope they can raise a lot of money for this worthwhile event.

I received a letter from a senior citizen who has lived here for almost 70 years. The gist of this letter was how beautiful the beaches were this summer, what a great value, Point Pleasant is the best town to live in and they wish us a wonderful fall and will see us next summer!”

**E. MINUTES**

- 1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2022**

**MOTION: Approve Minutes**

**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:**

**F. ORDINANCE**

- 1. Final Reading – Public Hearing**

**Ordinance No. 2022-16 Appropriating \$272,500 for the Installation of Sidewalks on Herbertsville Road and Maxson Avenue**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: Ms. Coulson**

**SECOND: Mr. Furmato**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: No**

**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. DePaola**

**SECOND: Mr. Furmato**

**APPROVED: All in Favor**

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

**Dennis Vitkauskis:** 2117 Foster Road – Asked about Consent Agenda Item #12. Asked if the dollar amount for the recycling contract was for the total of five years or per year.

Council responded that it was per year.

**Seeing no other 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. (258-2022) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (259-2022) Void Check Resolution**

**The bills totaling the amount of \$6,560,667.92 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.**

Councilmember Wisniewski asked for a discussion regarding a line item he saw on the bill list for reimbursement to Gene Capoano that looked like a paycheck out of Bills and Claims.

Mr. Pannucci responded that it was most likely for Vision Reimbursement. The Borough reimburses for vision.

**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:**

## **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. (260-2022) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accts.**
- 2. (261-2022) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
- 3. (262-2022) Authorize Refund Permits Fees – Block 228.01, Lot 14, 2409 Bridge Avenue**
- 4. (263-2022) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond–Block 300, Lot 35, 2122 Glenwood Dr.**

5. (264-2022) **Authorize Refund Demolition Bond–Block 376, Lot 54, 1516 Beaver Dam Rd.**
6. (265-2022) **Authorize Refund Zoning Permit Fees – Block 73, Lot 24 568 Smith Drive**
7. (266-2022) **Authorize Recreation Department to Rehire Part-time Seasonals**
8. (267-2022) **Authorize Recreation Department Refunds**
9. (268-2022) **Authorize Purchase of Two (2) 2022 Ford Police Vehicles from Fred Beans Ford – COF #2022-132**
10. (269-2022) **Authorize Outfitting of Two (2) 2022 Ford Police Vehicles by Elite Vehicle Solutions – COF #2022-133**
11. (270-2022) **Awarding a Contract for Herbertsville Road & Maxson Avenue Sidewalk Project to S. Batata Construction – COF #2022-134**
12. (271-2022) **Awarding a Contract for the 2022 Recyclable Materials Collection Project to Meadowbrook Industries, LLC – COF #2022-135**
13. (272-2022) **Awarding a Contract for the Riviera Water Tank Project to Bridgeway Associates Corp. – COF #2022-136**
14. (273-2022) **Authorize Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor–Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program 2022/2023**
15. (274-2022) **Authorize Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor- “Move Over” Law Enforcement Program 2022/2023**
16. (275-2022) **Authorize Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor-Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program 2022/2023**
17. (276-2022) **Authorize Refund for Overpayment of Fines**
18. (277-2022) **Appointing Frank Pannucci, Jr., as Temporary Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA)**
19. (278-2022) **Confirming Personnel Appointments/Actions:**
  - **Memorialize resignation of Erica Furmato as part-time Substitute Crossing Guard effective October 7, 2022.**
  - **Laura Aurin be appointed to the position of part-time Substitute Crossing Guard, effective October 24, 2022, at the rate of \$23.54 per hour, as per the current Teamsters Local Union No. 469 Collective Bargaining Agreement.**
  - **William M. DeCicco, Point Pleasant Boro Fire Department Station 75, Volunteer Firefighter, effective October 24, 2022.**
  - **Robert Berg be appointed to the position of full-time DPW Laborer, Grade 1, Step 1, effective October 24, 2022, at an annual salary of \$48,427.00 as per the current Teamsters Local Union No. 469 Collective Bargaining Agreement.**
20. (279-2022) **Confirming Personnel Appointments – OEM Community Emergency Response Members:**
  - **Kelly Staunton, James McLaughlin, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Marilyn Pribish, Susan Kennel, Riley Kernan, Kathryn Repoli, Ruth McClary, Ciro Signorelli, Robin Paradise, Tess Marsh, Vincent Rivera**

**MOTION: Adopt Resolutions**

**MADE: Mr. Furmato**

**SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes/\*No**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Mr. Wisniewski: Yes**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**\*Councilmember Borowsky voted no to Item #11 and yes to all others.**

**J. 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.**

**Kim White:** 740 Haugh Street – Distributed paperwork to everyone addressing issues she discussed with the Mayor and Council at the last meeting regarding the shed that Kevin Burke permitted in 2016 and has been going on since for 6 years.

Ms. White described, in detail, the issues she had with the shed and her experiences with the Borough of Point Pleasant. She detailed that she had gone to the Superior Court and how our Borough went against the findings and recommendation of a Superior Court Judge. Asked the Mayor and Council for answers.

**Mr. Dasti:** Responded that this case was settled, and the shed is going to be moved.

Mr. Dasti and Kim White continue to discuss the matters of this case.

Mayor Sabosik asked Ms. White to please let them review the documents she gave them today until the next meeting.

Ms. White declined that request and continued to express her discontent.

Mayor Sabosik stated that this cannot be resolved tonight and asked that she please give them time.



**Beth Degen :** 921 Clayton Avenue – “I would like to talk about Rue Avenue. I don’t know if you remember me, but I came in a few years ago and we were talking about safe routes to schools. We were trying to get sidewalks on Rue Avenue. We know it is a heavily traveled road with pedestrians and cars especially with the No Left Turns on Benedict and Oakland. It is a large cut through street. And it is a fast street. I am requesting a speed study to be done. I am also requesting a four way stop on the corner of Clayton and Rue Avenue.”

Mayor Sabosik called up our Chief of Police and Engineer John LeCompte and asked them to make a note to check into these requests.

**Dennis Vitkauskis:** 2117 Foster Road – “I know the government moves slowly. But now with my fall back in January at the Recycling Center, I got a collection notice from a collection company. I would appreciate it if something can be done to speed this up.”

Mayor Sabosik stated that we will make a phone call to the insurance company to take care of that.

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

**Mayor Sabosik stated that there will be no Executive Session this evening.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**All in Favor.**

**TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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

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**ROBERT A. SABOSIK  
MAYOR**