

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

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	Charlene Archer
Council Member:	William Borowsky (Absent)
Council Member:	Joseph Furmato
Council Member:	John Wisniewski
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola
Council Member:	Valerie Coulson
Borough Attorney:	Jerry 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 have the pleasure of expanding our police force once again. It is what I consider the best police force in the State. They are energized, they are young, and they have seasoned officers in charge. Robert Stowe is a 2008 graduate of Point Pleasant High School. He went to the University of Alabama and has a Bachelor’s Degree in Commerce and Business Administration. Throughout his time at the University of Alabama he was on the track team. Since graduating he has worked in the private sector in the field of building and construction. Most recently he is employed as a service supply company as a territorial sales manager. A lifelong resident of Point Pleasant Borough. He resides here with his family and fiancé. He is a well-rounded individual who brings a wealth of experience and maturity which will prove to be an asset to the Point Pleasant Police Department.”

A. RESOLUTION/OATH OF OFFICE

- 1. (297-2022) Authorize Appointment of Police Officer:**
Robert Stowe is hereby appointed to the position of Police Officer in the Police Department at the 2022 contractual salary of \$43,962.00 effective December 12, 2022.

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

B. WORKSHOP

- 1. Committee Reports**

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: “The gift I am giving the borough tonight is no report.”

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “I have a short one also. As you know, Bridge Avenue has some issues and hopefully it will all be resolved by Friday. A good thing we got is a DOT grant for \$321,000 for road reconstruction.”

Council Member Coulson stated the following: “I just want to congratulate officer Stowe who will be a nice addition to the Police Department. I also have a short report. Our SDL system, everyone seems to like it and it is going well. If anyone has any questions, feel free to email me. Merry Christmas everyone.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “I too would like to congratulate our newest officer on joining our police force. I know he will be a great addition. This will be a huge sacrifice on behalf of his family, especially his fiancé so I wish you all the best moving forward. We had our tree lighting ceremony this past Sunday and it was very well attended. I would just like to thank the community for supporting our activities. I wish everyone a happy holiday.”

Council President Archer stated the following: “I would also like to congratulate officer Stowe. I know the family and I am very excited for them. My committee report is short and sweet as well. The Environmental Commission has made a theme for Earth Day. It is called Celebrating Wild Point Pleasant. They will be sending out letters for sponsorships and the event will be held on April 22nd.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “I welcome our new officer and his fiancé. I know he will be a great asset to the town. I also want to say that the event in the park for our Christmas tree lighting was a great event. The vendor market was a place where there was just a stream of people enjoying the marketplace. Smiling kids, smiling parents, and smiling grandparents. What a great night had by all. This is what our town is made of. Special events enjoyed by multi generations. Bennett Cabin this weekend had over 500 kids who were able to meet a Santa with a very happy go lucky disposition. I would also like to announce that we are a happy energized town and a great place to live. And part of that is the people who work for the town. I want to thank them in making Point Pleasant the special place that it is.

Reorg Day will be January 2nd at 12:00pm. All are invited. Charlene Archer and Joe Furmato will be sworn in for three-year terms and I will also be taking the office for Mayor, which is a four-year term. I want to take this opportunity to thank the voters again for their support. We will continue to do our best for the people of this town. I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and I hope to see everyone here on January 2nd.”

C. MINUTES

1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2022

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

D. ORDINANCE

1. **Final Reading and Public Hearing**
Ordinance No. 2022-15 Amending and Supplementing Chapter 19-37 Floodplain Management Regulations

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Mr. Furmato

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

2. **Final Reading and Public Hearing**
Ordinance No. 2022-17 Appropriating \$74,496 for the Digitization of Tax Maps in and for the Borough

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

CARRIES:

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Point Pleasant was able to attain the Gold Certificate for New Jersey Safe Routes Program. This is an organization who gives out awards to different towns for different levels. You start with Bronze, then you go to Silver than Gold. We are very happy to achieve this. This is a program that shows the dedication that this administration and our police department has for public safety to make this town the best that we can make it.”

- 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. Coulson

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Archer opened the meeting to the public.

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Asked what was resolved regarding consent agenda item #15.

Mayor Sabosik stated that it was in reference to the Wenke’s application. The town of Point Pleasant has come to a conclusion that is fair and just to the benefit of the town.

Jerry Dasti stated the following: “The developer of the Wenke’s site was denied their application by the Zoning Board. They sued the Zoning Board, the town and the Planning Board and we resolved all of that as part of the settlement agreement which is on file with the town. They are going to put up a new development at a reduced number.”

Seeing no other 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. (298-2022) Bills and Claims
2. (299-2022) Void Check Resolution
3. (300-2022) Request Chapter 159 Budget Insertion – Year-end Holiday Crackdown
4. (301-2022) Authorization Transfer of 2022 Budget Appropriations
5. (302-2022) Authorize Emergency Appropriation for Two (2) Sewer Main Breaks in The Water/Sewer Utility Fund
6. (303-2022) Authorize Emergency Repair to Sewer Main on Bridge Ave. Initial Break-COF #2022-137
7. (304-2022) Authorize Emergency Repair to Sewer Main on Bridge Ave. Second Break-COF#2022-138

The bills totaling the amount of \$1,817,336.40 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. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

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. (305-2022) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer

- Accts.
2. (306-2022) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale
 3. (307-2022) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund - Weiglein
 4. (308-2022) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund – Dore
 5. (309-2022) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund – Shutt
 6. (310-2022) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund - Moss
 7. (311-2022) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 141, Lot 4, 1206 Tyler Street
 8. (312-2022) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 101, Lot 2, 1139 Bradford Dr.
 9. (313-2022) Authorize Refund of Partial Construction Fees for Permit-605 Barton Ave.
 10. (314-2022) Authorize Recreation Department Refund
 11. (315-2022) Authorize Recreation Department-Establishment of Fees for 2023
 12. (316-2022) Authorize Recreation Department to Rehire Part-time Seasonals/Grant PT
 13. (317-2022) Approve Carry Over Vacation Time for Borough Employees
 14. (318-2022) Authorizing the Road Opening for 232 Pleasant Place
 15. (319-2022) Resolving Litigation Initiated by R2T2, LLC
 16. (320-2022) Authorizing Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles Via Online Auction-PD
 17. (321-2022) Confirming the following Personnel Appointments/Actions:
 - Memorialize resignation of Mary Knecht as Crossing Guard, effective December 12, 2022.
 - Memorialize Diane Vandernoot be appointed to the position of Crossing Guard, effective December 12, 2022, at the rate of \$23.54 per hour, as per the current Teamsters Local Union No. 469 Collective Bargaining Agreement.
 - Memorialize Mary Knecht be appointed to the position of part time Substitute Crossing Guard, effective December 12, 2022, at the rate of \$23.54 per hour, as per the current Teamsters Local Union No. 469 Collective Bargaining Agreement.
 - Retirement of Colleen Crannell as Clerk II, effective June 1, 2023.

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

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MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

Brian McAlindin: 1726 Bay Blvd. – “I want to congratulate you Mayor on your re-election. I also would like to congratulate Council Member Furmato and Council Member Archer as well. I wish you all the best. You have my thanks and the thanks of many members of the community. I hope that all of you know that whether you ran as Republican, Democrat or Independent, once you sit up there you represent everybody in Point Pleasant. I don’t envy you. I know the time and commitment that goes into all of this and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I want to congratulate our new chief. Best of luck to you. I also want to congratulate our new officers. I also want to thank everybody. The Governing Body down to all the employees and our professionals. When you build or rebuild a house, everybody in town you interact with. Our Construction Department, Our Code Officials and our Inspectors. It is a little bit overwhelming. But I am happy to say that for the first time in 3 years my family will celebrate Christmas in our home. We are really grateful for that and for all of the hard work that all of the employees from top to bottom helped to make this happen.”

Dennis Vitkauskis: 2117 Foster Road – Asked why he cannot bring sea grass to the recycling center. Also asked about the regulation of 1 load per day. Stated that he has a small car but that people with large trucks can bring so much more.

Bob Forsyth: Responded that sea grass is trash and can be thrown out in the trash. Replied that he believed the regulation of 1 load per day at recycling is more for large contractors but that he would look into that for him.

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:

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

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**