# COUNCIL MEETING ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023 12:00PM

Mayor: Robert A. Sabosik
Council Member: Antoinette DePaola
Council Member: Joseph Furmato
Council Member: Charlene Archer
Council Member: Valerie Coulon

Council Member: William Borowsky – Absent
Council Member: John Wisniewski – Absent

Borough Attorney: Jerry J. Dasti, Esq.
Borough Administrator: Frank Pannucci
Antoinette Jones
Deputy Borough Clerk: Veronica Thwing

#### THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Led by Grandson of Council Member Joseph Furmato

<u>OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT</u>: 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 and advertised in the December 16, 2022, edition of The Ocean Star and advertised in the December 23, 2022, edition of The Asbury Park Press.

**Judge Bob Fall stated the following:** "Before we start, I just want to say that this is the Mayor's third term which I believe makes him the longest serving mayor in Point Pleasant."

# A. OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE

- 1. Robert A. Sabosik Mayor
- 2. Charlene Archer Council Member
- 3. Joseph Furmato Council Member

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: "I just want to acknowledge some of the distinguished Ocean County residents and public servants that are here. Today we have Virginia Haines, and we are very lucky to have her here. We have our very good friend from Bay Head, Mayor Bill Curtis. We have Toms River Mayor, Mo Hill. We have Councilman Dennis Channing from Bay Head. We have former Councilman Brian McAlindin from Point Pleasant Borough and our very own Judge Bob Fall. We have our first responders who have done such a great job for this town as well as our new Police Chief Adam Picca along with our First Aid officers."

# B. NOMINATION AND RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT – (001-2023)

Council Member Charlene Archer made a motion to nominate Valerie Coulson as the Council President for 2023. Council Member DePaola seconded the motion. Judge Bob Fall administered the official oath of office to Council President Valerie Coulson.

**MOTION:** Approve Nomination and Adopt Resolution

MADE: Ms. Archer SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Ms. Coulson: Yes Ms. Archer: Yes Mr. Furmato: Yes Mr. Wisniewski: Absent Ms. DePaola: Yes Mr. Borowsky: Absent

**CARRIES:** 

Mayor Sabosik asked the Council to vote on the appointment of Jerry J. Dasti of the firm Dasti, Murphy, Ulaky, Koutsouris & Connors.

**MOTION:** Adopt Resolution

MADE: Ms. Coulson SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. Coulson: Yes Ms. Archer: Yes Mr. Furmato: Yes Mr. Wisniewski: Absent Ms. DePaola: Yes Mr. Borowsky: Absent

**CARRIES:** 

Judge Bob Fall administered the Oath of Office for Borough Attorney, Jerry J. Dasti, Esq.

**Judge Bob Fall stated the following:** "I have known Jerry back from when we were kids together. When I was a lifeguard at the River Avenue Beach and his mother used to come down and bring his 2 sisters. I have a vague recollection of Jerry coming down and swimming outside the ropes when he shouldn't have. Jerry has been a great man, a great lawyer and a great friend for many, many years."

**Jerry Dasti stated the following:** "We all know Judge Bob Fall, but you should all be proud of him here in Point Pleasant. He has also served in our military and is not only a successful man but is a great man. He has done a great job serving our community and our country and you should all be proud of him here in the Borough of Point Pleasant."

# C. COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Member DePaola stated the following: "Looking out and seeing all of the people here supporting the Borough Mayor and Council and all of our volunteers, our employees and our residents. I would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year. Hopefully the next year coming will be a great one for all of us. I would really like to take this moment to thank all of you for supporting this Mayor and Council and our town so that we can be the best we can be by providing the services and the different activities that our residents have come to enjoy and expect from us. I look forward to being here for another couple of years and again, I wish you all a very Happy New Year."

Council Member Furmato stated the following: "I want to thank everyone in the room for coming out today. It is a fantastic day every year. I want to thank you all for supporting us. I hope you feel we do a good job. We will continue doing it. I would also like to thank all the Borough employees, the Fire Department, the First Aid, the Police Department, OEM and all the town professionals. I want to thank the Mayor and Charlene who were my running mates. We had a good time. It was hard work, but we got it done. I also want to thank Val, Toni, CJ and Joe Veni for being with us through the elections. Thank you for driving us around and keeping up with us. I want to thank my wife. She was behind the scenes doing everything for everybody. It's all the time and every time. I want to thank her. I also want to thank my

grandchildren, my children and my parents for being here. A special thanks goes out to my grandson for getting up here and starting our pledge of allegiance."

Council Member Archer stated the following: "First I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year to one and all. I want to thank the residents of Point Pleasant for electing me once again to be part of this council. It is an honor to be part of this team. Thank you Mayor Sabosik and Councilman Furmato for being great running mates. This campaign showed that with hard work and resilience, we can accomplish our goals. I want to thank my fellow council members for another memorable year. As stated before, being a part of this team is an honor and our success just shows us what team work can accomplish. I want to thank my mom and my stepfather for their support throughout my career. I especially want to thank my husband for his support and understanding for the many nights and days I spend away from him working for the town we both love. Thank you to our emergency services for the outstanding job they have done this year. The commitment they have for the residents of Point Pleasant shines through their performance daily. Their dedication to the town is commendable. Thank you to our township employees for their hard work and dedication to this town. They all work diligently to ensure the town is running smoothly. Thank you to the DPW for all their hard work maintaining the parks and keeping the roads plowed and clean every day. That is just to name a few things. This is one department that works tirelessly for the town on a daily basis. Thank you to the Recreation Department for all the great events they have organized throughout the year. In 2022 the events were basically all up to normal attendance and they did an outstanding job with Fall Fest, Haunts in the Park, movie nights at the Riverfront Park, nights out and of course Market in the Park at Christmastime. The Recreation Department works diligently to bring all of these events together for the enjoyment of the residents and it is truly appreciated. I am looking forward to working with this team to continue to provide a safe and happy community to the residents of Point Pleasant. Here is to a bright and happy 2023."

Council President Coulson stated the following: "If I was smart I would just say ditto to Charlene's speech! But I do want to say congratulations to Bob, Charlene and Joe. First I would like to thank my family for their unwavering support. I would not be here if it were not for them. Next, I would like to thank the Council for nominating me as Council President. It is an honor. Finally, a thank you to the residents of the Borough, the Borough employees, volunteers and professionals for everything they do to make Point Pleasant a great place to live and work. This year was my first rodeo on council. The support of the Mayor and fellow Council Members was immeasurable. I look forward to collaborating with them and continuing our focus on maintaining the Borough way of life. Charlene Archer and I walked the Borough neighborhoods this past November and spoke to many people that were so enthusiastic about the activities and recreation available to our residents. Living in Point Pleasant reminds me of an old Irish saying that my grandmother used to say: May your right hand always be stretched out in friendship, and never in want. This is so true of our beautiful Point Pleasant Borough. A happy and healthy New Year to everyone."

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: "I also want to start out by thanking the voters of Point Pleasant for having the faith in re-electing me for a third term. What our team has accomplished during our first two terms has been impressive for our town. But we are not resting on our laurels. We have bigger and better things in store for term three that we feel will impact our town like never before. And all of this in a positive manner. I want to thank my running mates for walking and talking with me. I can officially tell everyone that Sketcher's have a 50 mile limit before you wear them out. We walked 50.4 miles and we learned a lot and listened a lot and that is the key to success when you are an elected official. Hard work and dedication for our re-election will continue. This is a changing world. There has to be a commitment to evolve and improve. A culture of positive action, and well thought out financial conditions in a positive manner is indicative for the future of success in our town. My priorities will be to continue to provide value, safety and quality of life for our residents. To be Mayor, you need to walk a tight-rope to achieve the goals of young families as well as taking care of our senior citizens. We have to a global financial picture with a local awareness of economics. Situations that require complex decisions to come to a logical conclusion for all of our residents. An example is our Rec Center. You have heard about this for the last couple of years.

We are going to redesign it and rebuild. We have come to the conclusion that the fair way to do this is to keep the school in operation. These young families deserve to have their children in school. We have developed a plan where that will happen. Where we also have prospered in Point Pleasant is that we have created a unique place at the Jersey Shore where families can raise their children in one of the safest towns, where entrepreneurs can grow their businesses, where you can enjoy the beach life at its fullest in a residential manner. During my time as Mayor, we have seen millions of dollars in state aid. Far more than we have seen in previous administrations. And through the dedication and hard work, we have had our FEMA loans forgiven to the tune of \$3 million dollars. We have had our credit rating reduced not once, but twice. Our dedication, experience and honesty will continue to be my platform.

As you all know, I have many years of business experience. I have traveled far and wide for business and pleasure and as always there is never a better place to be then the Borough. Last night my wife and I went out to Bay Head Shores Club. A young couple came up to me and asked me if I was the Mayor. I said yes, I am. I gave them my card with my cellphone number on it. He said, I heard you do this with everyone. I said, we waited two years to find a house because my wife grew up here and she wanted to come home. That is what we all have created. This positive experience. A culture and town history that will be protected by this Mayor and Council. We will continue to reach out to all of our citizens for input and supply all of them with the help that they deserve. We will continue to give help for all of our volunteers and dedicated workers of town hall for this is what helps the culture that we have. A culture of being inclusive, respectful and dedicated. As Mayor I will do my best to represent our town. For all of you know my saying, the buck stops with me. Right or wrong, I am an umpire. Balls or strikes, I call them to the best of my ability. I have lived here many years and I will continue in our work in improving this town. Recreation upgrades, sidewalks, roads, new police officers, new equipment for First Aid, Fire and OEM. This is all the heart of what creates our town and makes it far better than others. I want to thank our professionals who have created the atmosphere of hard work and dedication to our town. Our attorneys who have protected our town. I want to thank all of our volunteers because they are unique, because they care. I also want to thank my family who some are here today. I miss a lot of family events but that is what a Mayor does. Dedication to what he is elected to do. Above all, I want to mention the support I get from my wife whose unwavering dedication to this town is unparallel. I want thank you all for what you have given me. A third term. You have my word that I will do the best I can. God Bless all of you, God Bless Point Pleasant and God Bless America."

#### D. FIREFIGHTERS – Oath of Office

# E. <u>MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS</u> – Oaths of Office

- 1. Planning Board Frank Pannucci, Jr., to Class II, Borough Official; Fred Potter taking Albert Faraldi's unexpired term 12/31/2025; Jack Vitale, reappointed term expiring 12/31/2026
- 2. Open Space Advisory Richard Morris, Dawn Wagner, Joanne Goetting, Greg Zyry, James Hoffmaster, Ed Lavan, Jack McHugh, Marilyn Pribish, Jim Dempsey, Michelle Coffey, Alt. #1, Pearl Connolly, Alt. #2
- 3. Environmental Commission Dennis Blazak, Member; Mike Romanowski, Member; Member; Jack Burke, Member; Marianne Grant, Member; Heidi Riley, Member; Laura Malta, Fred Potter
- 4. Recreation Advisory Committee Mary Jane Bavais; Aimee Parani; Julia Piga, Karen Damerau; Kathryn Stevenson; William F. Stevenson; Russ Archer; Susan Graham

**Approve Resolutions MOTION: MADE: Ms. Archer SECOND: Mr. Furmato** Ms. Coulson: Yes Ms. Archer: Yes Mr. Furmato: Yes Mr. Wisniewski: Absent Ms. DePaola: Yes Mr. Borowsky: Absent **CARRIES:** F. **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 Ms. Archer MADE: SECOND: Ms. DePaola APPROVED: All in Favor Council President Coulson opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no hands, Council President Coulson closed this portion of the meeting. G. RESOLUTIONS **Temporary Operating Budget – 2023** (002-2023)**MOTION: Approve Resolutions MADE: Mr. Furmato** SECOND: Ms. DePaola Ms. Coulson: Yes Ms. Archer: Yes Mr. Furmato: Yes Mr. Wisniewski: Absent Ms. DePaola: Yes Mr. Borowsky: Absent **CARRIES:** 

# H. RESOLUTIONS CONFIRMING ALL APPOINTMENTS TO POSITIONS – Oaths of Office

- 1. (003-2023) Appointment of Municipal Attorney – Jerry J. Dasti, of the firm Dasti, Murphy, Ulaky, Koutsouris & Connors-COF #2023-100
- 2. (004-2023) Appointment of Municipal Auditor – Robert Allison, of the firm Holman, Frenia & Allison, P.C.-COF #2023-101
- Appointment of Municipal Engineer John R. LeCompte, of the firm 3. (005-2023) Remington & Vernick Engineers-COF #2023-102

Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor –Brian W. McAlindin, of the firm 4. (006-2023) Bathgate, Wegener & Wolf, P.C. - COF #2023-103 Appointment of Public Defender – John J. Novack, PC, of the firm The Law 5. (007-2023) Offices of John J. Novak, PC - COF #2023-104 Appointment of Bond Counsel – William R. Mayer, of the firm DeCotiis, 6. (008-2023) FitzPatrick, Cole, Giblins, LLP Appointment of Conflict Municipal Attorney – Kevin B. Riordan, Esq.-7. (009-2023) COF #2023-105 Appointment of Conflict Municipal Attorney – Jean Cipriani, Esq., of the 8. (010-2023) firm Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, PA - COF #2023-106 9. (011-2023) **Appointment of Special Projects Engineer – T&M Associates** 10. (012-2023) **Appointment of Special Projects Engineer - CME Associates, Inc.** Appointment of Special Projects Engineer - Van Cleef Engineering Assoc. 11. (013-2023) 12. (014-2023) Appointment of Special Projects Engineer – Colliers Engineering dba/Maser **Consulting** Appointment of Special Counsel for Affordable Housing (COAH) – 13. (015-2023) Jean Cipriani, Esq., of the firm Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & **Cipriani, PA – COF #2023-107** Appointment of Professional Planner - Gregory R. Valesi, PE, PP, CME, 14. (016-2023) Partner, of the firm CME Associates, Inc. - COF #2023-108 Appointment of Health Insurance Consultant – Scott Davenport of the **15.** (017-2023) firm Connor, Strong & Buckelew – COF #2023-009 16. (018-2023) Appointment of Shared Services Attorney – Kevin B. Riordan, Esq. – **COF #2023-110** 17. (019-2023) Appointment of Animal Control Officer – John Neary T/A Muskrat Jack – COF #2023-111 18. (020-2023) Appointment of Borough Conflict Prosecutor – Bonnie Peterson, Esq. – COF #2023-112 Appointment of Borough Alternate/Conflict Public Defender – Terry F. 19. (021-2023) Brady, Esq - COF #2023-113 **Appointment of Regular Crossing Guards:** 20. (022-2023) **Robyn Cataldo** Che Langan **Tracey Ruffini** Lisa Barger Mary Sue Hammell Jesica Corino **Diane Vandernoot Kimberlee Barnes Kim Johnston** Kim Poggio **Denise Kuncken** Theresa Gahr **Rose Scura** and Substitute Crossing Guards: Mary Knecht, Kelly Staunton, Laura Aurin 21. (023-2023) **Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officer II (SLEO II): Richard Otto** 22. (024-2023) **Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers IIIs (SLEO III):** John P.Kozak, Joseph Robertazzi, Kevin O'Hara, and Richard J. Marinelli 23. (025-2023) Appointment of Tax Search Officer – Jennifer Burr and Tax Assessment **Search Officer – Antoinette Jones** 24. (026-2023) Appointment of Tax Assessor as Agent in Tax Appeals - Robyn Palughi 25. (027-2023) Appointment of 2023 Community Development Block Grant Representative -**Robert Forsyth and Alternate – John LeCompte** 26. (028-2023) Appointment of Representative to Ocean County Joint Insurance Fund – **Corinne Hughes** 27. (029-2023) Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer - Frank Pannucci, Jr. 28. (030-2023) **Appointing Members to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for 2023** 

**MOTION:** Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Ms. DePaola SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. Coulson: Yes Ms. Archer: Yes Mr. Furmato: Yes Mr. Wisniewski: Absent Ms. DePaola: Yes Mr. Borowsky: Absent

#### **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. (031-2023) Establish Council Meeting Dates
- 2. (032-2023) Establish Cash Management Plan and Designate Official Depositories
- 3. (033-2023) Designate Official Newspapers The Ocean Star and Asbury Park Press
- 4. (034-2023) Authorize Continuation of Petty Cash Funds \$200.00 Borough Clerk's Office, \$100.00 to DPW and \$100.00 to Recreation
- 5. (035-2023) Authorize Continuation of Change Funds
- 6. (036-2023) Set Interest Rates and Penalty for Delinquent Tax and Utility Charges
- 7. (037-2023) Annual Salary Resolution Borough Employees
- 8. (038-2023) Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Bay Head for the Purpose of Sharing Borough Administrative Services
- 9. (039-2023) Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of South Toms River Confirming Personnel Actions
- 10. (040-2023) Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Employment Contract with Chief Adam Picca

**MOTION:** Adopt Consent Agenda

MADE: Ms. DePaola SECOND: Ms. Archer

Ms. Coulson: Yes Ms. Archer: Yes Mr. Furmato: Yes Mr. Wisniewski: Absent Ms. DePaola: Yes Mr. Borowsky: Absent

#### **CARRIES:**

#### J. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS – Council Approval – Oaths of Office

- 1. (041-2023) Appointment of Class III Member to the Planning Board Councilman Joseph Furmato
- 2. (042-2023) Appointment of Council Representative to Open Space Advisory Committee Councilwoman Charlene Archer
- 3. (043-2023) Appointment of Members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment Elaine Petrillo (4 year term); Cortland Coleman (4 year term); David Guetzlaff, Alt. #2 (2 year term); Antonio Coppolino, Alt. #4 (2 year term)

**MOTION:** Approve Appointments

MADE: Ms. DePaola SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. Coulson: Yes Ms. Archer: Yes Mr. Furmato: Yes Mr. Wisniewski: Absent Ms. DePaola: Yes Mr. Borowsky: Absent

**CARRIES:** 

#### K. COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

1. (048-2022) Confirm Sub-Committees and Liaisons

**MOTION:** Approve Council Committees

MADE: Ms. Coulson SECOND: Ms. Archer

Ms. Coulson: Yes Ms. Archer: Yes Mr. Furmato: Yes Mr. Wisniewski: Absent Ms. DePaola: Yes Mr. Borowsky: Absent

**CARRIES:** 

# L. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

5 Minute Limit Per Person. 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: Mr. Furmato

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

**APPROVED: All in Favor** 

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

Mayor Bill Curtis: Mayor of Bayhead – "It was so good to hear Judge Bob Fall and Jerry Dasti exchange views. I will not have Jean Cipriani come up here to share hers or we will be here till 5:00pm! I just wanted to thank you. I am sure most everyone here knows the arrangement that Bay Head and Point Pleasant Borough has. We are so thrilled to have Frank Pannucci and the shared service agreement for our Borough Administrator. This has been a big help to the Borough of Bay Head. I thank Bob and the rest of Council for allowing hat to happen. I also want to point out that Toni did a superb job as our fill in Borough Clerk when ours was out on disability for some months. Toni, I can't thank you enough for all you did, and I really thank you for not letting Frank continue in that role. I also want to congratulate you Bob, on your victory, and I look forward to the next four years working with you. Charlene and Joe, here is to your next three years. And to Antoinette DePaola and Val Coulson, thank you very much for being here and for helping Bay Head whenever you could. It is always good to work with all of you, thank you very much."

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: "I would like to inform everybody on exactly what that entails. When you have a smaller town and a medium size town next to each other, the ability to share services creates a positive atmosphere for both towns. When you have staff that other towns want to promote and enhance their financial net worth, by combining two towns, we are able to fight off the erosion of staff to bigger towns. This leads to a closer relationship to our surrounding towns. It is beneficial to Bay Head, and it is beneficial to Point Pleasant. When you have a global perspective outside of your own town you can gain by sharing. By doing things outside the box. I believe we are the first two towns to ever to share a town administrator in the history of the State of New Jersey. I thank the Mayor and his council and I will be at his reorganization meeting tomorrow."

David Guetzlaff: 2234 Riviera Parkway – "This is like a double edge sword for me because I want to get your approval and I would like to get the Rotary Club's approval at the same time so I have to kind of introduce this so one can do the other. You all know I am really into the history of Point Pleasant and it recently came to my attention that at the River Front Park, when you are looking at the island that is out there, it was actually known as Osborn Island. I am looking to get a sign or a placard made for Riverfront Park that will explain the history of Osborn Island. If this is approved, the Rotary will provide this to the town. Treasure Island, New Jersey in May of 1888, Robert Louis Stevenson spent about a month in Brielle, New Jersey along the Manasquan River. On the River just north of Point Pleasant is a small, wooded island at the time, then commonly known as Osborne Island. One day Stevenson visited the island and was so impressed with the whimsical that he rechristened it as Treasure Island. He even carved his initials into the bulkhead. This took place five years after he completed his novel, Treasure Island, and to this day many people still refer to the island as such. So, Treasure Island was named by Robert Louis Stevenson and was named in his novel as Osborn Island. So we would like to have a plaque made and placed in its approximate location so people, when they go to Riverfront Park would look out on this and they would see Osborn Island and know that it is part of our history that Robert Louis Stevenson put this into his book."

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

M. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	
MOTION TO ADJOURN	
All in Favor.	
TRANSCRIBED BY:	VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

**ATTEST:** 

ANTOINETTE JONES, RMC, CMR
BOROUGH CLERK

ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR

**APPROVED:**