

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

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

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 6, 2023, edition of *The Ocean Star* and January 6, 2023, edition of *The Asbury Park Press*.

A. PROCLAMATION

1. National Library Week 2023

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Tonight we have a proclamation to read to some of our favorite people in town. The people for our library. They work so hard to bring so much to our town. I am deeply appreciative of all their hard work and all the programs they have.”

The Point Pleasant Borough Library Branch manager stated that she is a proud resident of Point Pleasant and thanked the Mayor and Council for this proclamation and encouraged all to please come to the library to see all the great programs they have.

B. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “As the chairperson for Public Safety, I have a few events that concern the Borough Police Department. As you know, April is Autism Awareness Month and the Police Department has wrapped one of its patrol vehicles with a decal to bring added awareness to the importance of understanding the complexity of the autism spectrum. Point Pleasant Police Officers have trained in recognizing and responding to those who may be experiencing a stressful event from autism. The Borough Patrol Vehicles have all been outfitted with sensory bags containing items designed to help sensory needs in both adults and children. This just shows that our police department is continually doing its best to attend to the needs of all our residents. Especially those with special needs.

Also, I would like to thank the Point Pleasant Police Department along with our detectives who work jointly with the Ocean County Prosecutor Narcotic Strike Force and the Point Pleasant Beach Police Department in the investigation that led to the arrest of five individuals in Point Pleasant Beach for cocaine distribution. It just shows that cooperation between local communities and the county prosecutor does lead to some great results here in the Borough, so thank you Chief, for that.

Also, our Police Department has done critical incident response training at the high school. They do these trainings when school is not in session. They have helped a lot so far this year and more will be in the works. I do not want to give away too much information just yet but know that our police department is working hand in hand with our superintendent of schools in order to enhance the security for all our children because what goes on is pretty scary stuff.

Also, six of our officers have completed the law enforcement maritime certification course, which is great since we are a water community. We also responded with the recent storms with two down trees, power lines down, telephone poles down, traffic lights and power outages and also the evacuation of a family when a pole with a transformer went out in the residents front yard. So, our police have been exceptionally busy along with our office of Emergency Management and Community Emergency Response Team in addition to the 37 events in March that they became involved in, our OEM was able to get the Red Cross to donate 50 cots and 100 blankets to our Emergency Management for Shelter Response. The cots and blankets will be moved to their trailer which is currently not being used. The vehicle will then be outfitted as a shelter response unit and they are currently the only municipal OEM in the county with a shelter response unit. The unit will be maintained by the CERT team and will hold over 100 donated personal hygiene kits that can be disseminated. As you can see, our volunteers and our first responders are all working really hard. They also had three CERT team members graduate from the basic CERT Academy which is also another kudos to them.

And finally on this Easter Monday I would like to personally thank our Borough employees for always going above and beyond. In particular, this morning, I received a phone call from a Borough resident that said they needed to see someone in the Borough Clerk's office. They said that Veronica and Corinne could not have been nicer and sweeter. They said they were very impressed with the way in which they were treated with dignity and respect. They said they came in and were handled efficiently with a smile and he just could not be happier. I would like to extend my thanks to you and the job you do in the Administrator's office as well as our whole borough employee base because everybody is going above and beyond to help our residents and that is what we are here for. So, thank you to our Borough Employees."

Council Member Archer stated the following: "We had an Open Space Meeting on March 22nd and as I was mentioning at each meeting, getting the memorial trees around the park. The benches are all basically done, so now we are getting memorial trees. Jack McHugh is still diligently working on it and right now they are discussing with Northeast Signs to get prices for plaques so that when the trees are dedicated, we can put the memorial plaque out for each tree as well. There are going to be 12 spots for the trees and the trees are going to be about \$700.00 each.

Also, since Councilman Borowsky is not here, I would like to mention Earth Day. Earth Day is April 22nd. Last I heard, they were still looking for some sponsors and vendors. But, also on Earth Day they will be doing the Slade Dale Christmas Tree install as well. So, we have a lot going on at the same time.

Also, there is a pollinator garden being built by the gazebo. That is part of the Garden Club.

The town's plant swap is happening on May 20th at the pollinator garden. I believe the way it goes is a town resident will bring a plant and then they can take a plant. So, there is a lot going on with the Environmental Commission and with the Garden Club and they are definitely very busy.

Speaking of Earth Day, the Rotary was kind enough to donate a sign explaining the history of Treasure Island. So, when you walk down the fishing pier, the sign will be placed at the end for you to read. This placement will be happening on Earth Day as well. There is a lot going on Earth Day this year, so please come out and enjoy and see all the different festivities happening."

Council President Coulson stated the following: “Recreation, it seems the fourth time was the charm. Due to the weather we had to cancel our egg hunt three times. Saturday, it was sunny but really windy and cold. But the kids had a great time and they all ended up with a bucket of eggs, so it was great, and the kids were happy. I do want to give kudos to the DPW. They did an awesome job with the set up and break down of the whole event.

I know Charlene mentioned the Garden Club, but I want to mention that this Wednesday, I think we are finally going to do the soil test over in the pollinator garden. That has also been cancelled twice due to the weather. The weather has not been our friend this year.

The Summer Recreation schedule is out, so if you go online, you will be able to see everything that is available in the summer. One thing that you might want to note if you are a boater, is that there is an adult boat safety course.

We are going to kick off Memorial Day with a bike parade at 11:30am and then around Noon, the dedication for the memorial with the names of all the fallen heroes of Point Pleasant Borough.

Summer Sundays will be coming. It is a Farm Market that will be from June 18th through September 3rd, 9:00am until 1:00pm. We are going to have that here in front of the gazebo. It is going to be a tri-Borough farm market including Bay Head, Mantoloking, and Point Pleasant Borough. So, we will be doing that together and have a nice farm market over here. So that is our Summer Sundays.

Last month we adopted a resolution to put a moratorium on the wind power construction that is being done off shore. So, I am going to suggest that we send a copy of our resolution to congressman Chris Smith who is now presenting a bill before congress to stop the construction until we can see and evaluate how this is affecting our sea life. There is a lot of people, myself included, that suspect this is why we have the porpoises and whales washing ashore. There is something going on here. I think we should send Chris Smith a copy of our Resolution and let him know that we support this. We are little Point Pleasant, but we are on it.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “In addition to what our Council President just said I do want to state one thing. Point Pleasant Borough is a medium-sized small town, but we have 9 people going on the dedication stone on Memorial Day. Two of them were brothers and their other brother was our police chief for many years. So, I am very happy to see that we are undertaking a dedication to a memorial to the people who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Mayor’s Hours will be 4/13 from 5:30pm-6:30pm this week. I will be here. As you all know it is an open house, anybody can come in and talk one on one. I will have a few Council people with me, and I will have the Town Administrator here as well. As you all know, Mayor’s Hours gives everybody a chance to come and talk one on one where they can sit and bring up anything they feel for the betterment of the town or for themselves.”

C. MINUTES

1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Ms. Archer

SECOND: Ms. Coulson

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

CARRIES:

D. ORDINANCE

1. Final Reading/Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2023-02 Amending and Supplementing Chapter IV, Section 4.7 of the Borough Code Concerning Fees Permitted for Licensed Towing Companies

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Ms. Archer

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

CARRIES:

2. Final Reading/Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2023-03 Modifying and Amending Chapter 8 of the Borough Code Entitled, "Building and Housing", Section 8-5.1 Entitled, "Property Maintenance Code"

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Ms. Archer

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

CARRIES:

3. Final Reading/Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2023-04 Modifying and Amending Chapter 8 of the Borough Code Entitled, "Building and Housing" To Include Section 8-5.5 Entitled, "Lead Based Paint Inspection"

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Ms. Archer

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

CARRIES:

4. **Final Reading/Public Hearing**
Ordinance No. 2023-05 Amending and Supplementing Chapter 19 of the Borough Code Entitled, “Land Use”

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Ms. Archer

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

CARRIES:

5. **Final Reading/Public Hearing**
Ordinance No. 2023-06 To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Ms. Archer

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

CARRIES:

6. **Introduction**
Ordinance No. 2023-07 Amending and Supplementing Chapter 8 of the Borough Code Entitled, “Building and Housing” Section 8-10.3 of the Borough Code Entitled, “Short Term Rentals Prohibited”

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

CARRIES:

7. **Introduction**
Ordinance No. 2023-08 - Providing for Various Capital Improvements in and for the Borough of Point Pleasant and Appropriating \$1,778,900.00 Therefor, and Providing for the Issuance of \$1,689,500.00 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Point Pleasant to Finance the Same

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. Archer

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

CARRIES:

8. Introduction

Ordinance No. 2023-09 - Providing for Various Water/Sewer Improvements in and for the Borough of Point Pleasant and Appropriating \$249,500.00 Therefor, and Providing for the Issuance of \$236,900.00 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Point Pleasant to Finance the Same

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Ms. Coulson

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: 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. Archer

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Coulson opened the meeting to the public.

Resident: Foster Road – Asked about Consent Agenda Item #8 regarding street sweepers.

Mr. Pannucci: Responded that there is grant money out there with the LEAP program that we can apply for to allow us to get 2 free street sweepers for both the Borough of Point Pleasant and Bayhead to use since we share services.

Seeing no other hands, Council President Coulson 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. (096-2023) Bills and Claims

The bills totaling the amount of \$2,754,652.80 are to be paid as presented. The bills and claims list is 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. Archer

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent

Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: 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. (097-2023) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accounts.
2. (098-2023) Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale Pursuant to NJSA 54:5-19.1
3. (099-2023) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 270, Lot 3, 826 Woodwild Drive
4. (100-2023) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 183, Lot 1, 1114 River Avenue
5. (101-2023) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 126, Lot 8, 910 Ellison Avenue
6. (102-2023) Authorize Recreation Department Refunds
7. (103-2023) Authorize Recreation Department to Rehire Part-Time Seasonals
8. (104-2023) Authorization to Submit an Application to the DLGS for a LEAP Implementation Grant for Street Sweepers for the Borough of Point Pleasant and the Borough of Bay Head
9. (105-2023) Approving the Following Applications:
 - The Shore House Bar & grill, Petition to Extend Licensed Premises, Kivu Project Benefit, Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM (rain date April 30, 2023).
 - The Nicholas Hudanish Foundation Festival at Community Park on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM.
10. (106-2023) Confirming Personnel Appointment – Police Department:
 - Jessica Van Pelt – DOH May 9, 2022, be hereby appointed as Public Safety Telecommunicator, effective May 9, 2023.

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Ms. Archer

Ms. Coulson: Yes
Mr. Wisniewski: Absent

Ms. Archer: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Absent
Mr. Borowsky: Absent

CARRIES:

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MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

Resident: Hollywood Blvd – Asked for clarification on the Short Term Rental restrictions and if anything has changed.

Mr. Pannucci: “Nothing has changed. This is just cleaning up language for boats. There are some people in Point Pleasant who have been trying to rent out their boats in their lagoons as Air B&Bs. This is just clearly defining that language because that falls under the existing Short Term Rental Ordinance.”

Mr. Dasti: “That is correct. Frankly, it is similar to other towns who already include as a dwelling for what they call Boatels.”

Resident – Garden Club -: Barbara Drive – “I am here for my periodic pollinator garden update. If any of you have been over there recently, you will now see that we have spraypainted out where we believe the path will be for the pollinator garden. So, come join us Wednesday night and join us for the soil assessment test. We will have a grand time learning how to look at soil. Hopefully, it will be soil and not dirt. We have settled on 31 separate plant species. We have 200 plants on order. A combination of grants from the OC Soil District and also thanks to Frank with a letter that he wrote for us, a monarch watch grant which has given us another 32 pieces of milkweed. We do have hardscape items that we have ordered and that the Garden Club is going to pay for. Although Mike and his team of Buildings and Grounds are going to a lot of the actual work to install them. We have ordered edging that we were able to order from Beaver Dam Hardware at cost. They stepped in to significantly reduce what we thought we were going to spend. Then, with the Ocean County Soil District Grant, we have 5.5 tons of 3 quarter inch gravel on order, to handle the garden path and the picnic area. So, the Buildings and Grounds crew and Jack Burke from the Environmental Commission have been working very hard together to make sure that all of that works.

As Council President Coulson said, we do have our soil testing event hopefully this Wednesday and I am hoping that we do not get rained out again.

Thank you, Councilwoman Archer, for the notice on the plant swap however the date has changed. We changed it because we are going to start the planting of the 200 plants on May 20th. So, we are going to be doing the swap the Saturday before that which is May 13th. We ask that people drop their plants off between 9am and 10am and we plan for the plant swap itself to go between 11am and 12pm.”

Mayor Sabosik: “Thank you for mentioning what a good job Mike Kralovich and his crew do at the DPW. They just finished the “Backyard” for Bennett’s Cabin over at Riverfront Park. It is a huge observation deck. The town of Point Pleasant has some very talented DPW people and particularly the Buildings and Grounds crew like to take on different projects in the winter time, to enhance our parks and our recreational capabilities of our town. I am excited to see what they will be doing with you folks over there. We hope to have everything done by our first Summer Sunday event.”

Garden Club: “Give us the dates that you need it done by and we will try. I don’t know that our final sign will be up because we still have to pick the name of the garden. We won’t be picking the name until the Earth Day celebration. So that will be our next big update.”

Shore House: Route 88 – Came to follow up with the town to figure out the next steps for them with the state releasing the land they purchased. Noted that they have spoken with the Administrator’s office and understands there is a lot of paperwork and moving parts that still needs to be done. Requested a timeline of when they can expect these things to be done so they can proceed.

Mr. Dasti responded that our Borough Engineer is in the process of preparing a survey and description of the property. Also stated that the Borough will need to do an ordinance which takes a couple of months. Stated that this could take 60-90 days.

Mayor Sabosik stated that they would also like to get this done as soon as possible.

The Shore House requested a temporary outside dining area of what they were approved for and they would work with the Police Department to make sure all is safe and secure.

Mr. Dasti asked that they forward a copy of the Resolution approving this from the Planning Board and he will look it over and speak with the governing body.

The Shore House stated that they will email it right away. Reiterated that they are not asking for anything permanent or long term, just something temporary.

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “I just want to thank you all for coming to the meeting tonight. You all have volunteered to help this town become what it is. The crown jewel of the Jersey Shore. All of you contribute to the success of our town and I deeply appreciate all of you and all you do for this town. Thank you so much.”

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**