

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

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| Mayor: | Robert A. Sabosik |
| Council President: | Valerie Coulson |
| Council Member: | William Borowsky |
| Council Member: | Joseph Furmato |
| Council Member: | John Wisniewski |
| Council Member: | Antoinette DePaola |
| Council Member: | Charlene Archer |
| Borough Attorney: | Jerry J. 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 6, 2023, edition of *The Ocean Star* and January 6, 2023, edition of *The Asbury Park Press*.

A. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Borowsky stated the following: “Just a couple small things to report here this evening. Tomorrow night here at Borough Hall we have an Environmental Commission meeting. I will give you the details on that meeting at our next council meeting. Also, I would like to send my condolences to the family of Ken Fisher. Ken was a long time member of the Recreation Committee years ago and he lost his battle with pancreatic cancer a couple of days ago. I would like to send my condolences to his family.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “I too have just a couple things to talk about this evening. I did receive a letter from the Ocean County Engineer. He was asked to do a speed study on River Road. They conducted it between March 28th through April 3rd. They did the speed study between Route 70 and Curtis Avenue. The current speed limit is 35mph and based on their data they said a reduction in speed is not warranted. Therefore, the speed limit on River Road will remain 35 mph. The reason the county was involved is because it is a county roadway.

Also, the OEM had 37 events in April. Most of those included community emergency responses. There were weather watches and other things the OEM had to participate in. Our Police Department cooperated with the Point Pleasant School District on April 19th and 21st and they teamed up with the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association, along with Point Bikes and Brielle Cyclery to present a bike rodeo to the third grade students at Ocean Road School and Nellie Bennett. That is usually the age that they start riding their bicycles independently to and from school to get around with their friends. This event was held to help the students understand the rules of the road do apply to them, and how to obey the street signs.

Also, the date for the 2023 Police Youth Summer Camp has been set and it is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19th through Friday, July 28th. Registration forms were due by May 5th and there are 40 registered campers at this time. I would like to thank the Police Department for putting on this camp. I know when

my children were younger they attended this camp and they were taught very valuable lessons and in addition to that, to respect the Police Department and the job they do.

On the 22nd, in cooperation again with the school superintendent, Point Pleasant Police Officers conducted continuing critical response training at the high school. Our SLEO II, successfully completed phase 2 of the department's field training program and he is now in the final stage. We saw him driving around on Mother's Day and it was nice to see him advancing.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. We want to bring attention to mental health and how essential it is to mental health and wellbeing."

Council Member Wisniewski stated the following: "As Legislation and Land Use Liaison, I will look for our inaugural meeting in a couple weeks. There is a school board meeting coming up and one of the things I wanted to touch base on with the school board is getting their thoughts on Phil Murphy's idea of a universal pre-k program in New Jersey and how they plan to partake or not partake in that.

Some other interesting legislation since the last session, which may apply to Toni Jones possibly, is New Jersey Senate Resolution 435 authorizing certain municipalities to distribute meeting notes digitally and through a recording as opposed to having to type it all out. So, I thought that might save some time and be a little bit more convenient to those who might be looking to see what is happening at meetings. They could just listen to it rather than read through an entire meeting.

In Land Acquisition we will talk about potential land in Point Pleasant that we could potentially acquire for recreational or other purposes.

And finally, on a personal note, after bearing three fledgling robins, if you have animals just be careful. We had a nice nest that we were trying to keep, and when they came out of their nest to try to find their way, my dogs went for them. I fed one for an evening and it died the next day. It was very upsetting for us and our kids so just keep that in mind to watch your animals and nature.

I made a pledge to myself that I was going to upcycle this summer. If you want more information I can give it to you, but I bought an avocado from Mr. Borowsky's store and I have learned how to grow an avocado tree inside. So, my goal is at least one avocado this summer."

Council Member Furmato stated the following: "At the beginning of the month, we had a DPW meeting. As you can see, Herbertsville Road and Maxson Avenue sidewalks are almost completed. We also have 2022 Mill and Overlay paving completed. Our water tower is done. That was \$750,000 of taxpayer money. Summit Drive reconstruction will begin next week. The New Jersey Department of Transportation did about 4 intersections last week throughout the town and it was done very quickly.

New Jersey Natural Gas has been tearing up a lot of our roads to replace piping and valves. They now have to pave the roads and we are up to 40 roads that have to be paved. So, we are going to be doing more sidewalks in the Borough than roads because we don't have to pay for them now, so you will be seeing a lot more sidewalk projects."

Council Member Archer stated the following: "Tonight we are going to be doing the final reading adoption of our 2023 budget. It was a difficult budget this year because of the 22% health insurance increase set by the Governor. But with the Finance Committee's hard work and perseverance we managed to implement a good working budget which is up for final approval tonight.

Open Space, I don't know if everyone has noticed but to the right of the building where the old gazebo was, we are putting a pollinator garden in. We are now building a trail that will be leading through the pollinator

garden with benches. The Gazebo is no longer. When they tried to fix the gazebo, it was in such bad disrepair that it fell apart when they tried to fix it. So, we took the gazebo down and we will be building a pavilion there where the gazebo was. Also, we are going to be getting a new American Flagpole and we will be putting all the branches of Government surrounding the American Flag. We will be making that more into veteran's memorial to honor the veterans of Point Pleasant. So that is all being worked on right now.

Also, in Open Space, the US Army Corps of Engineers, are now repairing the fence along the canal. The fence was low and dangerous, so now they are raising that fence to make it safer for our residents."

Council President Coulson stated the following: "Our summer Recreation schedule is available online. This year the summer camps have been expanded. It is nice that Sheri has been able to do that. Registration opens this Wednesday online at 10:00am. I know the space fills quickly, so good luck.

Our Fallen Heroes Memorial will be dedicated on Monday, May 29. We are going to start with a bike parade at 11:30am and it will be followed by the dedications. We are dedicating that over in Community Park. There will be a color guard and bagpipers and the school band will also be at the event. It will be a very nice dedication.

Summerfest kicks off Friday, June 2, 2023. They have a wine and beer garden that night from 6pm-10pm. Then on Saturday, June 3, 2023, is when the vendors and all the festivities will be.

Summer Sunday's we are very excited for. The farm market will begin on Sunday, June 18 from 9am to 1pm. The Chamber of Commerce will be coordinating the events and it will go until September 3rd. We are excited to have a farm market here for our residents. Our next recreation meeting will be on Wednesday, June 21, 2023."

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: "One thing I do want to point out this evening is with our budget. The town of Point Pleasant ranks #1 for effective use of tax dollars for residents between 15,000-20,000. It shows the efficiency and effort all of us make to use your money to the best of our ability to keep it within town to provide services. Let's talk about combined services. We have been very fortunate with shared service agreements prior to today. I am happy to announce other mayors along the barrier islands have been contacting me. There are certain state programs where we can share state purchases for equipment and other items. I will be reporting back to the council to hopefully work on shared services where we can take some of the state money and we can use it together from the top of the barrier islands along with our own town. So, this budget tonight, we get 22% of the total budget to run our town and the efficiency of this government ranks as #1 in Ocean County between 15-20,000 people. Our tax rate collection is high. We have collected 99.17% of taxes. It shows that our tax department is out there religiously collecting taxes. I want to thank all of our Borough Employees for working so hard to ensure the quality of life for all of our residents.

I want to offer my condolences to the Petrillo family. Elaine Petrillo was a long term Zoning Board Member and a Zoning Officer in Point Pleasant Beach. She passed away unexpectedly, and I would like all of us to keep her and her family in our prayers."

B. MINUTES

1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2023

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Ms. Archer

Ms. Coulson: Yes
Mr. Wisniewski: Abstain

Ms. Archer: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Mr. Borowsky: Abstain

CARRIES:

C. MUNICIPAL BUDGET

1. (107-2023) Public Hearing and Adoption of 2023 Municipal Budget

Mayor Sabosik Opened the Meeting for Discussion on the Budget.

Resident: Foster Road – “Okay, you were so efficient, but what is it going to cost me this year?”

Mayor Sabosik: “Approximately anywhere between \$40 and \$50 for your house to go up in the State of New Jersey in the Town of Point Pleasant Borough.. Let me explain this to you. I had somebody send me a picture which I would be happy to share with anybody. A house was for sale on South Manetta Drive for \$399,000.00 and there were 110 people in line waiting to put an offer on the house. So, a small tax increase will continue to have positivity for your worth and all of our homeowners in this town.”

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

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. Archer

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Coulson: Yes
Mr. Wisniewski: No

Ms. Archer: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

D. ORDINANCES

1. Final Reading/Public Hearing

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”

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. Coulson: Yes
Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes
Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

2. Final Reading/Public Hearing

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Ms. Archer

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

3. Final Reading/Public Hearing

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. Archer

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

4. Introduction

Ordinance No. 2023-10 – Authorizing Transfer of Real Property Located in the Borough of Point Pleasant

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Ms. Archer

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

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. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Borowsky

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Coulson opened the meeting to the public.

Resident: Foster Road – Asked about the extension of liquor license for the Idle Hour Fundraiser.

Mr. Wisniewski: Responded that a local popular guitar player, Mike Dalton got very sick, and they are raising funds to help him with his care.

Mr. Borowsky: Commented that Mike Dalton has been amazing with donating his time and fundraising for the wrestling team and strongly urged everyone to support this cause. Stated that he has given so much to so many organizations over the years and he is in our need now.

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. (108-2023) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (109-2023) Void Check Resolution**

The bills totaling the amount of \$15,974,960.12 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. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: 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. (110-2023) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accounts.**
- 2. (111-2023) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
- 3. (112-2023) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 281, Lot 12, 1825 Bay Blvd.**
- 4. (113-2023) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 279, Lot 283, 1850 Boat Point Dr.**

5. (114-2023) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 306, Lot 75, 1626 Center Street
6. (115-2023) Authorize Recreation Department Refund
7. (116-2023) Authorize Recreation Department to Rehire Part-time Seasonals
8. (117-2023) Confirming 2022 Length of Service Award List (LOSAP)
9. (118-2023) Authorize Execution of a Contract with Permittium, LLC for Vital Records Software
10. (119-2023) Reappointing Municipal Court Judge Philip Miller for a Three (3) Year Appointment as the Point Pleasant Borough Municipal Court Judge
11. (120-2023) Authorizing Release of the Maintenance Bond for Bugun, LLC Affecting Block 49, Lot 13 A/K/A 2801 Lakewood Road, Point Pleasant
12. (121-2023) Approving the Following Applications:
 - The Shore House Bar & Grill, Petition to Extend Licensed Premises, Annual Mike Kelly Foundation Benefit, Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM, (rain date May 21, 2023).
 - Idle Hour, Petition to Extend Licensed Premises, Fundraiser, Sunday, May 21, 2023, from 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM, (rain date May 22, 2023).
 - Bay Head Shores Property Owners Association, Social Affair Permit, Memorial Day Weekend Celebration, Saturday, May 27, 2023, from 2:00 PM – 10:00 PM, (rain date May 28, 2023).
 - Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, Social Affair Permit, 2023 Annual Summerfest, Friday, June 2, 2023, from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM (rain date June 4, 2023).
 - Point Pleasant Challenger Flag Football Game (Sponsored by Lester Glenn Subaru) at Community Park on Sunday, August 13, 2023, from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM.
 - Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore, Campfire Singalong at Maxson Avenue Beach, Saturday, September 29, 2023, from 5:00 PM– 7:30 PM.
 - 20th Annual Treasure Island Sprint Triathlon at Riverfront Park on Sunday, October 1, 2023, from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.
13. (122-2023) Authorize RVV for Survey, Design, Administration and Observation for 2023 NJDOT Local Aid Grant for the Reconstruction of Boulton Avenue and Solicitation of Bids

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

H. AUTHORIZATION

1. Authorization to hire part-time Recreation employee.

MOTION: Approve Authorization

MADE: Ms. DePaola

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Wisniewski: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

CARRIES:

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MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Mr. Wisniewski

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

Resident: Anchor Court – “My neighbor has a tenant living on a boat and my main concern is, does the town come in to check the boat to see if it is livable or not? She said it is a B&B boat and she told me that the town already accepted the tenant. But do you check if there is a proper place to accept waste? My bigger concern is, I am a senior citizen and I live alone. The last time they had someone renting the boat, they ended up on my property and urinated on my property in the middle of the night. I am concerned for my wellbeing.”

Mr. Pannucci: “The Borough does not authorize somebody to rent. It simply says that you are able to rent any dwelling for no less than 30 days. We did this during covid when people were getting out of hand with parties going on boats and houses for one night, or weekend stays. But the Borough of Point Pleasant only allows for 30 day rentals. Whether it is a boat or a house, they have to get a CO from the Fire Marshall. We don’t do rental inspections in Point Pleasant, and we never have. As far as checking to see if the dwelling is livable, the Borough itself does not inspect dwellings. But, the Chief of Police is here and if they are doing anything illicit, you should call the police department and they will investigate it.”

Resident: Foster Road – Asked about the Gazebo and the sundial monument in the Block’s family name. Wanted to know if it will be placed back when the work is done on the garden area where the gazebo once was.

Mayor Sabosik: Responded that the sundial will be put back once everything is complete.

Resident: Foster Road – Commented how bad it is getting with kids on electric bikes.

Mayor Sabosik: Stated that he gets a lot of phone calls about bike problems, and he already has the Chief of Police looking into the issue.

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**