

**COUNCIL MEETING
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024
12:00PM**

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

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT: 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 15, 2023, edition of The Ocean Star and advertised in the December 15, 2023, edition of The Asbury Park Press.

A. OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE – BY JUDGE ROBERT FALL

1. Valerie Coulson
2. Joseph Veni

B. NOMINATION AND RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT – (001-2024)

Council Member Valerie Coulson made a motion to nominate Antoinette DePaola as the Council President for 2024. Council Member Furmato seconded the motion. Judge Bob Fall administered the official oath of office to Council President Antoinette DePaola.

MOTION: Approve Nomination and Adopt Resolution

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Mr. Furmato

Ms. DePaola: Abstain

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

Judge Robert Fall Administered the Oath of Office to Council President Antoinette DePaola

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Judge Fall does so much for this town, it is just incredible. He has been doing this for us for the last decade. He is an amazing gentleman and one of the best Judges Ocean County has ever had. He is also one of the best residents the Borough of Point Pleasant has ever had. As

you know, some of the council up here are wearing their Borough pins. Even though he is wearing a robe, I am not going to pin him, but I am going to give him one.”

Judge Robert Fall thanked the Mayor for the honor and stated the following: “I also would like to take a minute to thank the Point Pleasant Police Department and members of the First Aid. My wife fell through the ceiling on November 16th. They were there and they could not of have been quicker or better. The Police Department are fantastic in this town and the First Aid Department was so great. I am glad that the Council supports them fully in this town. I appreciate that.”

C. COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Member Coulson stated the following: “I want to thank my husband Tom for his unwavering support along with my entire family. Most of them are here today, including my granddaughter who is also known as Miss Bossy Pants. She is the youngest, and my mother Joan is the oldest.

Point Pleasant Borough is by far one of the best communities in New Jersey, if not the best. It has this distinction because of its residents, employees, volunteers, professionals, and this awesome Council. We all work together to make Point Pleasant a great place to live. I have had the privilege this past year of campaigning with Joe Veni, our newest Council Member. He has such a great love for this community, and he is an asset to the team. It may sound crazy to some of you, but the greatest part of running for office is riding around and talking to people. Joe and I loved meeting so many of the residents. I am grateful to be serving on the council for another term and I appreciate the support from so many people that I cannot possibly name them all individually.

I will leave you with an Irish Blessing for the New Year. My Grandmother always had an Irish blessing for the New Year. May your home be filled with laughter, may your pockets be filled with gold, and may you have all the happiness your heart can hold. Happy New Year everyone.”

Council Member Veni stated the following: “First I would like to thank my beautiful wife Tori for holding down the fort with our three very active children, from the beginning of my campaign all the way through to election night. My three awesome children, my mother and father who are with me in spirit, and my mother in law for helping out when the kids schedules conflicted. Thank you.

A big thank you to Mayor Bob, the Council and all of team Point Pleasant for guiding and supporting me through my campaign. Mary Furmato, my campaign manager and my running mate, Valerie Coulson, who I spent so much time with day in and day out knocking on doors. We not only got to meet our residents, but we got to learn of any questions, concerns, or suggestions that they had. Last but not least, all my constituents, whether you are independent, democrat or republican, a sincere thank you. Words cannot express how grateful and honored I am to have your faith and trust in me. With that, I promise to do the best I can for this town for the duration of my term. I am here for all of you as your voice. I will always listen and hear what you have to say. I have always had an interest in being on town council since I was in my early 20’s, but I have never lived in a town where I wanted to be on town council until I moved to Point Pleasant Borough and met Team Point Pleasant. I am very proud to be a part of this team. Simply because each member has the town’s best interest. They listen to anyone no matter which party they belong to, and they get stuff done for the common goal of keeping Point Pleasant pointing in the right direction.

Thank you, Happy New Year and God Bless America.”

Council Member Archer stated the following: “First I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. I would also like to congratulate both Council Member Coulson and Council Member Veni for being sworn in today. Council Member Coulson is an intricate and valued member of this council and team. I am looking forward to working with Councilman Veni and I know he will be outstanding for this team

and for the town of Point Pleasant. I want to thank my fellow council members for another memorable year. As a team we accomplished so much with the sidewalks on many streets, the numerous paved roads, and the newly purchased Beaver Dam property which is going to be converted to a new Rec Center. This shows what teamwork can accomplish and it is an honor to be a part of this team. Thank you to the emergency services for their outstanding jobs that they did during the year. The commitment that the First Aid, Fire and Police have for the residents shine through their performance daily. Their dedication to this town is commendable. Thank you also to our township employees for their hard work and dedication to this town. They all work diligently to make sure the town is running smoothly. Thank you to the DPW for all they do for this town. The DPW will take on projects during the year such as Bennett's Cabin Backyard, the pollinator garden, and the veterans memorial. They do this while maintaining the parks, picking up the leaves, and keeping the roads plowed just to name a few. This is one department that works tirelessly for the town on a daily basis. Also, the Recreation Department for all of their hard work and dedication with all the many community events they do during the year. The residents enjoy movies in the park, nights out, trick or trunk, haunts in the park, fall festival and the market in the park. The Recreation Department works diligently to work these events for the enjoyment of the Point Pleasant residents. I look forward to working with this team again in 2024 and hope for a bright and happy year for all the residents of Point Pleasant."

Council Member Furmato stated the following: "I want to thank everyone for coming out today. It is a beautiful day to have this event. The Fire Department, First Aid and all of our Emergency Services do the best job they can do. I want to thank Joe Veni and Val Coulson for being on Council. It is going to be a really good year. We have a lot going on. Thank you for coming out."

Council President DePaola stated the following: "First off, Happy New Year everybody and happy birthday to my beautiful daughter. Today is another wonderful start to another wonderful year here in Point Pleasant Borough. First off, I would like to thank the council members for putting their faith in me to be their council president for 2024. I promise to work hard and keep working diligently for all the residents of Point Pleasant. I will not let you down. I am always available so please feel free to contact me. I also would like to congratulate Val Coulson and Joe Veni to this team. You know, when we work together, we do not always see eye to eye. We come together almost like a family. We argue and fight like families do, but at the end of the day we learn to compromise and listen to each other. We do that because we all have the town's best interests at heart. For us, moving forward we will continue that commitment to our residents. The spirit of volunteerism here in Point Pleasant Borough is second to none. This town would not be what it is without all of the people volunteering their time, energy and effort to make this town as wonderful as it is. You can see that commitment with our Fire Department, our First Aid Squad, and our OEM. And then, looking to our Borough Employees here in the Borough. Our Borough employees work hard day in and day out. Every time we ask them to do something, or we come up with an idea, they help us to implement it. We don't have all the answers, but we like to go to the people that know what they are doing, and we trust our employees to guide us in the right way. We look forward to enhancing that relationship throughout the year. I also would like to thank our professionals who are here who also help and guide us during the year. This is one town that I know I am personally so thrilled that I ended up in Point Pleasant Borough. When I was first looking for a home for myself and my children I didn't know where I was going to end up. I was in Monmouth County, and I swore I was never going over that bridge. And here I am, and I could not have picked a better place to raise my family or a better place to contribute my time and energy than Point Pleasant Borough. I truly love this town and everything that it has offered me and my family. I will continue to fight for those same benefits for you and your family. Happy New Year."

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: "First I want to say thank you to our distinguished guests who are here. The Mayor of Bay Head, Bill Curtis, I appreciate him coming. He is an outstanding individual and he will be sworn in on Thursday for his 5th term for his town. We have a former council member, Brian McAlindin in attendance. As you can see, we have a lot of police officers, Fire and First Aid here. We have our Police Chief Adam Picca and Captain Chris Leonhardt is in the back. Judge Fall, thank you for coming and former Point Pleasant Beach council member Bill Mayer is also in attendance. Thank you all."

I too would like to congratulate council woman Val Coulson and her running mate Joe Veni. These two individuals worked hard, and they have the best interests of Point Pleasant Borough throughout the year. They will continue the tradition of Team Point Pleasant, which is working hard and honestly for all of our residents. What you see on this dais is a team of individuals who are committed to working together to do what is best for the community. We serve all of you, our neighbors, and families to the best of our ability. Today is the beginning of a new year. A year of some changes to our beloved town, but the real improvements to our town have been in the making in recent years. Elements of finding opportunities of expansion for Borough owned properties was a priority for multiple reasons including Borough programs and also preventing overdevelopment. In 2023 we purchased a property on Beaver Dam Road which will be our new Recreation and Senior Citizen Center. This purchase took almost 3 years to finally come to a financial remuneration which was fair and beneficial to our residents. This new modern facility will allow us to increase programs for our residents, as well as to upgrade existing playground and athletic facilities. The number one call I keep getting is about pickleball courts, and yes folks, they will be coming to the Borough of Point Pleasant. This acquisition also stopped forever, the potential of over 50 new apartments on this site. Lastly, we established a new committee. The Legislative Land Acquisition Committee. We will continue to purchase buildings and/or land that this town can continue to use for more opportunities for our residents. We want to preserve open space by taking advantage of grants and various private and government agencies. In 2023 we were awarded a record number of grants, and you will be seeing more sidewalks going in, in 2024. We will continue to increase our pedestrian safety program that we have done for the last 4 years. All of us have the passion and dedication to continue to make Point Pleasant Borough the best that it can be, but the robust volunteer core is the heart of our community. We have the best volunteer system of any town in the state of New Jersey. From First Aid to the Fire, to OEM to the CERT Team. We will also continue to enhance our Police Department with new personnel and equipment so they can complete their mission of providing safety to our Borough residents. In fact, this Mayor and Council will come through with our promise of public safety and we will have the most officers in our department in over a decade. Our Borough is constantly rated as one of the safest in the state and we aim to keep it that way. In this ever dangerous and chaotic world, our police force will continue to have protection for our residents to the best of their ability. Our DPW is getting new equipment to complete their expanded role with the backyard at Riverfront Park. From our holiday decorations to our Veteran's Memorial. Stay tuned because we have more projects that will enhance the walkability and trails for this town. We also have an unbelievable number of people who volunteer in this town. These acts of volunteering show they favor helping this town to the best of their ability. They want to help us continue what we have started. Our town is stronger than ever as our town staff has a positive can-do attitude. I have had a lot of calls from new residents in town who state that they have never seen so many hard-working people in a town with such a positive attitude. Our legal staff this year has enforced laws and ordinances to ensure that the quality of life is continued to the highest level possible. We will continue to respond to any problem our residents have to quality of life or dangerous situations. All in all, the state of Point Pleasant Borough is bright and positive. We thank you for all you have helped create and the help that you give us. We are a special town in a state that has problems. But this special town will continue to be special with all the help that you give us. I want to thank everyone up here on the dais for all you do with honesty, transparency, passion, and dedication to our residents. You can be assured that this year will be another great year. I have to say one last thing. I am up here because of the dedication of my wife who supports me one hundred percent. So, I thank her for that. I thank all of you for all you do. God bless you and God bless America."

D. FIREFIGHTERS – Oath of Office

E. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS – Oaths of Office

- 1. Planning Board – Jude Walker to Class II, Borough Official; Vincent Sesito taking Andy Preiser’s unexpired term 12/31/2025; Russ Archer, Alt. No. 1, term expiring 12/31/25**
- 2. Open Space Advisory – Richard Morris, Dawn Wagner, Joanne Goetting, Greg Zyry, James Hoffmaster, Ed Lavan, Jack McHugh, Michelle Coffey, Pearl Connolly, Brian Welsh, Alt. #1, Marilyn Pribish, Alt. #2, Jim Dempsey, Alt. #3**
- 3. Environmental Commission – Dennis Blazak, Member; Mike Romanowski, Member; Heidi Riley, Member; Fred Potter, Member, Bill Young, Member, Jack Burke, Alternate**
- 4. Recreation Advisory Committee - Mary Jane Bavais, Karen Damerau, Kathryn Stevenson, William F. Stevenson, Russ Archer, Susan Graham, Dana Mauro, Kat Campbell, Jimmy Yuka, Anthony Garrow, Patty Burke-Falkinburg**

MOTION: Approve Resolutions

MADE: Furmato

SECOND: Archer

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

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

MADE: Ms. Coulson

SECOND: Ms. Archer

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President DePaola opened the meeting to the public.

Seeing no hands, Council President DePaola closed this portion of the meeting.

G. RESOLUTIONS

1. (002-2024) Temporary Operating Budget – 2024

MOTION: Approve Resolutions

MADE: Furmato

SECOND: Coulson

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

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

- 1. (003-2024) Appointment of Municipal Attorney – Jerry J. Dasti, of the firm Dasti, Murphy, Ulaky, Koutsouris & Connors-COF #2024-100**
- 2. (004-2024) Appointment of Municipal Auditor – Robert Allison, of the firm Holman, Frenia & Allison, P.C.-COF #2024-101**
- 3. (005-2024) Appointment of Municipal Engineer – John R. LeCompte, of the firm Remington & Vernick Engineers-COF #2024-102**
- 4. (006-2024) Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor –Brian W. McAlindin, of the firm Bathgate, Wegener & Wolf, P.C. - COF #2024-103**
- 5. (007-2024) Appointment of Public Defender – John J. Novack, PC, of the firm The Law Offices of John J. Novak, PC – COF #2024-104**
- 6. (008-2024) Appointment of Bond Counsel – William R. Mayer, of the firm DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole, Giblins, LLP**
- 7. (009-2024) Appointment of Alternate Bond Counsel – Michael H. Gluck, Esq., of the Firm Dilworth Paxson LLP**
- 8. (010-2024) Appointment of Conflict Municipal Attorney – Kevin B. Riordan, Esq.-COF #2024-105**
- 9. (011-2024) Appointment of Conflict Municipal Attorney – Jean Cipriani, Esq., of the firm Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, PA - COF #2024-106**
- 10. (012-2024) Appointment of Conflict Municipal Attorney – Michael H. Gluck, Esq., of the firm Dilworth Paxson LLP – COF #2024-114**
- 11. (013-2024) Appointment of Special Projects Engineer – T&M Associates**
- 12. (014-2024) Appointment of Special Projects Engineer - CME Associates, Inc.**
- 13. (015-2024) Appointment of Special Projects Engineer – Van Cleef Engineering Assoc.**
- 14. (016-2024) Appointment of Special Projects Engineer – Colliers Engineering dba/Maser Consulting**
- 15. (017-2024) Appointment of Special Projects Engineer – Morgan Engineering LLC**
- 16. (018-2024) Appointment of Special Counsel for Affordable Housing (COAH) – Jean Cipriani, Esq., of the firm Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, PA – COF #2024-107**
- 17. (019-2024) Appointment of Professional Planner –Gregory R. Valesi, PE, PP, CME, Partner, of the firm CME Associates, Inc. – COF #2024-108**
- 18. (020-2024) Appointment of Health Insurance Consultant – Scott Davenport of the firm Connor, Strong & Buckelew – COF #2024-009**
- 19. (021-2024) Appointment of Shared Services Attorney – Kevin B. Riordan, Esq. – COF #2024-110**
- 20. (022-2024) Appointment of Animal Control Officer – John Neary T/A Muskrat Jack – COF #2024-111**

21. (023-2024) Appointment of Borough Conflict Prosecutor – Bonnie Peterson, Esq. – COF #2024-112
22. (024-2024) Appointment of Borough Alternate/Conflict Public Defender – Terry F. Brady, Esq - COF #2024-113
23. (025-2024) Appointment of Regular Crossing Guards:
Robyn Cataldo Che Langan Laura Aurin
Lisa Barger Mary Sue Hammell Jesica Corino
Kelly Staunton Kimberlee Barnes Kim Johnston
Diane Vandernoot Denise Kuncken Kim Poggio Rose Scura
and Substitute Crossing Guards:
Mary Knecht, Carolyn Watters, Judith Lomax
24. (026-2024) Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officer II (SLEO II):
Richard Otto, Logan Carter
25. (027-2024) Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers IIIs (SLEO III):
John P.Kozak, Joseph Robertazzi, Kevin O’Hara, and Richard J. Marinelli
26. (028-2024) Appointment of Tax Search Officer – Jennifer Burr and Tax Assessment
Search Officer – Antoinette Jones
27. (029-2024) Appointment of Tax Assessor as Agent in Tax Appeals - Robyn Palughi
28. (030-2024) Appointment of 2024 Community Development Block Grant Representative -
John LeCompte and Robert Forsyth as Alternate
29. (031-2024) Appointment of Representative to Ocean County Joint Insurance Fund –
Corinne Hughes
30. (032-2024) Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer - Frank Pannucci, Jr.
31. (033-2024) Appointing Members to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for 2024
32. (034-2024) 2024 Emergency Management Appointments

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Coulson

SECOND: Furmato

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

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 River Avenue Beach and his mother used to come down and bring his two 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. This is a terrific appointment and well deserved.”

Jerry Dasti stated the following: “I was thinking about this as I was driving here. Point Pleasant is such a great place to live with the boardwalk nearby and all the restaurants. But this town also has three national, probably more, but three national people that have grown up here and we should be so proud. I don’t know if any of you are WWII buffs, but I am. But if you ever read about D-Day, you will read about Bob’s former law partner Lieutenant Leonard Lomell. He was the hero on D-Day. He was the guy who saved all those GI’s from the Nazi’s. Bud Lomell. They named a street after him not that long ago. And Christie Rampone. How many towns our size have people who won two gold medals in the Olympics and two world cups. And of course, my good friend here. I have known Bob since we were kids. Bob and I know every one of those

mayor's that are up on that wall and maybe even some of the ones in black and white. Anyone who has any experience or knowledge of this man knows what a tremendous judge Bob has been. The Superior Court still on calls Bob now that he is retired to do additional reports and do things for the betterment of our town. We have a great town, filled with such great people. I am sure there is more than I have mentioned. But we should all be so proud of this great town."

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. (035-2024) Establish Council Meeting Dates**
- 2. (036-2024) Establish Cash Management Plan and Designate Official Depositories**
- 3. (037-2024) Designate Official Newspapers – The Ocean Star and Asbury Park Press**
- 4. (038-2024) Authorize Continuation of Petty Cash Funds – \$200.00 Borough Clerk's Office, \$100.00 to DPW and \$100.00 to Recreation**
- 5. (039-2024) Authorize Continuation of Change Funds**
- 6. (040-2024) Set Interest Rates and Penalty for Delinquent Tax and Utility Charges**
- 7. (041-2024) Annual Salary Resolution – Borough Employees**
- 8. (042-2024) Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Bay Head for the Purpose of Sharing Borough Administrative Services**
- 9. (043-2024) Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Bay Head for the Purpose of Sharing Municipal Clerk and Registrar Services**
- 10. (044-2024) Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of South Toms River Confirming Personnel Actions**
- 11. (045-2024) Approve Carry-over Vacation Days**

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

MADE: Furrato

SECOND: Archer

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furrato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

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

1. (046-2024) Appointment of Class III Member to the Planning Board – Councilman Joseph Furmato
2. (047-2024) Appointment of Council Representative to Open Space Advisory Committee – Councilwoman Charlene Archer
3. (048-2024) Appointment of Members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment – Pamela Masterson (4 year term expiring 12/31/27), James Shrewsbury (4 year term expiring 12/31/27), Jeanette Schlapfer (4 year term expiring 12/31/27), David Guetzlaff (vacant 3 year unexpired term expiring 12/31/26), Antonio Coppolino (replacing Joseph Veni's unexpired term for 1 year expiring 12/31/25), Butch Stevenson, Alt. #1 (2 year term expiring 12/31/25; Andy McConnell, Alt. #2 (replacing David Guetzlaff unexpired term for 1 year term expiring 12/31/24, John Frisina, Alt. #3 (2 year term expiring 12/31/25); Pam Smith, Alt. #4 (replacing Antonio Coppolino unexpired term for 1 year term expiring 12/31/24.

MOTION: Approve Appointments

MADE: Furmato

SECOND: Archer

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

K. COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

1. (049-2024) Confirm Sub-Committees and Liaisons

MOTION: Approve Council Committees

MADE: Coulson

SECOND: Furmato

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

L. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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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: 2234 Riviera Parkway – “I want to thank you for my reappointment to the Zoning Board. I also want to thank Jerry Dasti here for his information. We as the Rotary Club last year purchased a service dog for a veteran and the dog was named Bud, after Bud Lomell. And on behalf of me and the Zoning Board we thank the Mayor. Your answers to the 15-unit subdivision that is going in by the Ocean Bay Diner you handled great. Every question that was asked of you was answered exactly the way I would have answered, and it is the first time, either professionally or on the Zoning Board, that somebody has brought something like that as an engineering project. They went out of their way to go to all the residents in that area and work with them hand in hand. Then when we had the meeting, the only objectors that were there were not. But all the residents showed up in support of it. We have to realize that in that area, he could have put up a warehouse, he could have put up anything in that area, but he worked with us and took all of our suggestions to try and make it look better. I think it is going to be a win-win for Point Pleasant.”

Mayor Bill Curtis: Mayor of Bayhead – “My name is Bill Curtis, and I am from the esteemed town of Bay Head on the seashore. I want to congratulate everybody here and wish everyone a Happy New Year. Congratulations to Val and Joe. Joe, I look forward to working with you for the first time. Antoinette, congratulations on being council president. We are also very honored and pleased that we have a very strong shared services agreement with Point Pleasant Borough. We are so close in the neighborhood, but one town is a lot bigger. Good luck with that. We share the same values and have the same loves and wants for our constituents. We are also very honored to have our shared Administrator Frank Pannucci and even more importantly to share Toni as our clerk. I know you keep Frank in charge, but you are really in charge. And Bob, I would be remiss if I didn't thank CJ, your wonderful lady. You have been very kind to me, and I appreciate all that you have done for us and for Bay Head. I love our police force. I love your police force. Just have a great 2024 and thank you for allowing me to speak. Maybe not as long as Jerry and Bob. I am not a lawyer, and I don't get paid by the words. Thank you everyone.”

Resident: 1400 Northstream Parkway – “I am new to the Zoning Board, and I wanted to thank the Zoning Board for appointing me. I appreciate you letting younger residents have a voice in town. Hopefully there will be some more in the future as well.”

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “In conclusion, another year has gone by and we look forward to another great year. That will happen with our closeness with Bay Head and our shared service. We will continue to do that. With Chris Leonhardt and Adam Picca leading our police department we will have a safe town. With our professionals, we will create a safe environment legally. The passion that is up here is just as strong as when we started this journey. This journey in the beginning was rough. The town was in trouble. We all came together as team Point Pleasant to make this town the best that we could make it. We include everybody, as the newest council member said. We include Independents, Democrats, and Republicans. We don't care what party you are, all we care about is your passion, honesty, and integrity to do something for our town. That is the most important thing. This is our town. We are your neighbors, friends, and family. We will continue to do the best that we can do.”

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

M. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor.

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY CLERK

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**