

**COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024  
7:00 P.M.**

<b>Mayor:</b>	<b>Robert A. Sabosik</b>
<b>Council President:</b>	<b>Antoinette DePaola</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>William Borowsky</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Joseph Furmato (Absent)</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Valerie Coulson</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Charlene Archer</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Joseph Veni</b>
<b>Borough Attorney:</b>	<b>Tim McNichols, Esq.</b>
<b>Borough Administrator:</b>	<b>Frank Pannucci</b>
<b>Borough Clerk:</b>	<b>Antoinette Jones</b>

**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 5, 2024, edition of *The Ocean Star* and January 5, 2024, edition of *The Asbury Park Press*.

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “Tonight, we are keeping our promise to our residents. We will be increasing our police department and I know all of you like that idea. I am very happy and honored to see Chief Ferris with a contingent of her department. All of us along this Jersey Shore value our police and value being able to help one another. This evening is special because we also have the vice president of the PBA in the back. Thank you for coming. Last month we hired an officer and tonight we will hire two officers. The first one we are going to talk about is Robert Cooper. I have known him since he was young and when I had black hair. He is a graduate of Point Pleasant High School. He is also a fine individual who helped play flag football with the Challenger Program. This program is where some of the high school students get together with special needs children. It is an example of his family, his beliefs and this is a continuation of his hard work tonight when he will be sworn in as our newest full time officer. He is a certified lifeguard. He worked in other departments before coming here including Mantoloking Police Department. We are very fortunate to appropriate him away from Mantoloking, no offense Chief. He took a service entrance exam and scored high. But the interesting part of young Mr. Cooper is this is a continuation of the family who has served this town, not for many years, but for many decades. He is qualified because before he became interested, Chief Robert Cooper Sr. who is here tonight was interested. Thank you Chief for being here. You are a shining example of what made this town great. His dad is here who was Sergeant Cooper, Kenny thank you for attending too. This is an important day, not only for him but for Point Pleasant. This administration has promised to increase the police force. We have promised to provide a safety for our residents. With these young gentlemen, they will continue growing and having a great career in one of the best departments in the state of New Jersey. Chief Picca is also a family member, and he grew off the same tree. Chief Picca, thank you. So, without further ado, let us authorize this appointment.

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. (050-2024) Authorize Appointment of Police Officer:  
Robert Cooper is hereby appointed to the position of Police Officer in**

the Police Department at the 2024 contractual salary of \$46,097.00 effective January 8, 2024.

**Oath of Office Administered for Police Officer Robert Cooper**

**MOTION: Adopt Resolution**

**MADE: DePaola**

**SECOND: Borowsky**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “Our next officer who will be sworn in this evening. Justin Tuzzolino who is also a graduate of Point Pleasant Borough High School. He was also involved with the Challenger Program. That is what makes this town so unique. We have such a plethora of young people coming up and helping special needs kids and then coming home again to wear a badge to help our town and keep it the way it is. Justin was hired by Bay Head, sorry Bay Head. First, he was a police explorer where he had a rank as a Sergeant. He graduated as Special Law Enforcement Class II in February of 2023. He resides in Point Pleasant with his parents. He will enter the field training officer program and following successful completion, he will be assigned to the evening shift for traffic safety, pedestrian safety and assisting officers on calls.

2. (051-2024) **Authorize Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officer II (SLEO II) Justin Tuzzolino, \$17.00 per hour, effective January 8, 2024.**

**MOTION: Adopt Resolution**

**MADE: DePaola**

**SECOND: Borowsky**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**Oath of Office Administered for Police Officer Justin Tuzzolino**

**B. WORKSHOP**

**1. Committee Reports**

**Council Member Coulson stated the following:** “I don’t really have a report tonight other than to say that Rec will be meeting next Wednesday for the first meeting of the year. I would also like to say congratulations to officer Cooper and officer Tuzzolino.”

**Council Member Archer stated the following:** “Our first Open Space Meeting of 2024 will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup>. We have not had an Open Space Meeting due to the holidays, so I do not have a committee report tonight.”

**Council Member Borowsky stated the following:** “I too would like to congratulate the two new Police Officers that were hired tonight. I would also like to congratulate our newest Council Member Joe Veni. I wasn’t at Reorg, so I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate him, and I look forward to working

with him this year. I would also like to congratulate Council Member DePaola on being elected Council President. I will say this, I have been around a long time, and no one does it better. She really is thorough, eloquent, and top of it all, knowledgeable. She is the best. She is the gold standard that we all try to attain.”

**Council President DePaola thanked Council Member Borowsky.**

**Council Member Veni stated the following:** “We are planning our first meeting, so I will have something to report, most likely at our next meeting.”

**Council President DePaola stated the following:** “First, I would like to thank our community once again for coming forward when we did our annual Community Watch drive for Dottie’s House. It was a huge success. The children there all received new winter clothing for the season. The mom’s all received little baskets for cooking and personal items. We also have so many gifts for the children, that we were able to disperse them to other non-profits to help kids have a happy and healthy holiday and new year. Thank you to the residents of Point Pleasant, showing their generosity to others. Also, I would like to congratulate our two newest police officers. I know that Officer Cooper will have big shoes to fill following in his grandfather and father’s footsteps, but I know that he is up for the task. And to Officer Tuzzolino, best wishes to him too.”

## **2. Report of Mayor**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “I too would like to congratulate the two officers. It is pretty amazing when the two departments that we procure our latest officers from come out in mass because they realize the talents that these two young officers have. In fact, the Chief told me that she wished we had not appropriated him but as the saying goes, it is time to come home. I am glad you are both back. I know the town will appreciate the added safety that they will provide. Chief, thank you for getting great candidates to bring before this Mayor and Council. We look forward to you continuing that task.

The Garden Club is in the National Gardener magazine. The Point Pleasant Garden Club has done a tremendous job on the pollinator garden. They have a great article in it. It shows how a group of individuals can make a change in the environment and provide programs that help our youngsters learn about their environment and nature which I think is very important.

I have Mayor’s Hours on January 17<sup>th</sup> between 5:30pm-6:30pm in the courtroom. If anybody wishes to come and talk to me one on one, I will be here.”

## **C. MINUTES**

### **1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2023**

**MOTION: Approve Minutes**

**MADE: Coulson**

**SECOND: DePaola**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

## **D. 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: Mr. Borowsky**

**SECOND: Ms. Archer**

**APPROVED: All in Favor**

**Council President DePaola opened the meeting to the public.**

**Resident: 2117 Foster Road – Asked if Jude Walker was no longer retiring.**

**The Mayor and Council confirmed that he is no longer retiring.**

**Resident: 2117 Foster Road – Commented that he was happy to hear. Jude is a good person.**

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

**E. 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. (052-2024) Bills and Claims – 2023**
- 2. (053-2024) Bills and Claims - 2024**
- 2. (054-2024) Void Check Resolution**

**The bills for 2023 totaling the amount of \$530,812.42 and 2024 bills totaling 8,425,390.84 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: Coulson**

**SECOND: Borowsky**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**F. 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. (055-2024) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accounts.**

2. (056-2024) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale
3. (057-2024) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to NJSA54:4-3.32 – Slocum
4. (058-2024) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 116, Lot 30–910 Arnold Avenue
5. (059-2024) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 279, Lot 95-1742 Bay Blvd.
6. (060-2024) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 279, Lot 24-1725 Bay Blvd.
7. (061-2024) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 228.01, Lot 19-2419 Bridge Ave.
8. (062-2024) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 281, Lot 7-1818 Beach Blvd.
9. (063-2024) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 279, Lot 143-Certainty Drive
10. (064-2024) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 376, Lot 70-2215 Laurel Drive
11. (065-2024) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 126, Lot 18-909 Leighton Ave
12. (066-2024) Authorize Refund Escrow Fee – 232 Pleasant Place
13. (067-2024) Authorize Recreation Department to Rehire Part-time Seasonals
14. (068-2024) Authorize Recreation Department Refunds
15. (069-2024) Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of a Shared Services Agreement for Fire Inspection Services with the County of Ocean
16. (070-2024) Authorizing Approval to Accept the Ocean County Senior Services Grant for the Contract Year 2024
17. (071-2024) Confirming Personnel Appointments/Actions – Police Department
  - Retirement of David L. Radsniak, as Lieutenant Point Pleasant Borough Police Department effective April 1, 2024.
  - Mary Knecht be appointed to the position of full-time Crossing Guard, effective January 25, 2024, at the rate of \$25.65 per hour, as per the current Teamsters Local Union No. 469 Collective Bargaining Agreement.
  - Kim Poggio be appointed to the position of part-time Substitute Crossing Guard, effective January 25, 2024, at the rate of \$25.65 per hour, as per the current Teamsters Local Union No. 469 Collective Bargaining Agreement.
18. (072-2024) Confirming Personnel Action – DPW:
  - Rescinding the retirement of Jude Walker, as DPW Supervisor.
19. (073-2024) Approving the Following Applications:
  - Clean Ocean Action, Beach Sweeps, Saturday, April 13, 2024, and Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM.
  - Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, Summerfest, Friday, May 31, 2024, and Saturday, June 1, 2024 (rain date June 2, 2024) at Community Park.

**MOTION: Adopt Resolutions**

**MADE: Coulson**

**SECOND: Borowsky**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

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**MOTION: Open the meeting to the public**

**MADE: Ms. Coulson**

**SECOND: Ms. Archer**

**APPROVED: All in Favor**

**Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.**

**Resident: 2117 Foster Road** – Thanked the Mayor and Council for making it so they can park near the post office and not make the old people walk so far. Also asked for an update on when the county roads are going to be paved.

**Mayor Sabosik and Chief Picca responded that it was delayed due to the cold and should commence in the Spring.**

**Mel Russen with “Wreaths Across America”** - Wanted to congratulate the Point Pleasant Garden Club for their recognition in the National Gardening Magazine. Stated that he too is a Master Gardener and was once president of the Point Pleasant Garden Club.

Stated that on December 12<sup>th</sup> an incident occurred in town. A delivery of 284 boxes of remembrance wreaths were sent to his garage. The tractor trailer had an accident and collided with branches on his neighbor’s tree and the truck could not move. Detailed that his neighbor was able to get in touch with the DPW as well as our Police Department. They shut down two streets and our DPW came with their backhoe and lifted the branches from the tractor trailer so the truck could proceed. Mel Russen extended his compliments to our DPW for all they did to fix the situation and also cleaned up everything. Went on to give Certificates of Appreciation to the 7 DPW employees for their incredible work. Asked how he would like these certificates presented to these employees.

**Mayor Sabosik:** Responded that he would be happy to do this however he would like it done.

**Mel Russen:** Stated that since they are Borough employees, it would be much more befitting if the Mayor and Council honored the DPW with them. He also added that he would be happy to be in attendance when they are given recognition. Mr. Russen also bequeathed the Mayor and Council with special pins from Wreaths Across America as a token of appreciation. Thanked the Mayor and Council and town employees for stepping up when things need to be done.

**Mayor Sabosik:** “Thank you for bringing this to my attention. We are very happy that our employees have such a positive attitude. That is what we try to convey in this town. Positivity, working together as a team and doing the right thing for everyone. Thank you for doing what you do with the wreaths.”

**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:**

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

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**ROBERT A. SABOSIK  
MAYOR**