

**COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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 (Absent)</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Joseph Furmato</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>Jerry J. Dasti, 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*.

**A. WORKSHOP**

**1. Committee Reports**

**Council Member Archer stated the following:** “I just want to report that we are diligently working on the town budget, and we are scheduled to have another budget meeting at the end of this month to review it and introduce it to the state.

At Christmastime we had Christmas at the Bennett Cabin. Everything went well except for a little problem with the strong winds. It took down the canopy. So now we need to get a new canopy for Open Space for the next Christmas season at the cabin. Also, we are still diligently working on the tree memorial at the Riverfront Park for people who would like to purchase a tree as a memorial for passed loved ones. Right now we are working on the plaques because we have some trees that we know are native to the town and to the Riverfront Park. Due to the salt air, we have to have specific trees that we know can survive there. So, now we are working on how to fasten the plaques to the trees or place them in the ground near the trees. That is what we are working on right now for the tree memorial.”

**Council Member Coulson stated the following:** “Next month we are going to have an Easter egg hunt very early so the date is to be determined. Easter is very early this year, so we will probably have the hunt in the snow, we don’t know yet. Registration for preschool will be March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am for residents with children currently enrolled and 1pm for new students of residents. If you have any questions at all, feel free to call Sheri. Her number is on the website, and it is online registration as always. Sheri is always helpful if you have any questions. Our next meeting is February 21<sup>st</sup> so I will have more information next month.”

**Council Member Furmato stated the following:** “Tonight on our consent agenda, we have an authorization for RVV Engineering to do design work for the intersection of Mossberg Road and Treeneedle Road at Bridge Avenue. This is for improvements to the intersection and parking. We will be voting on that

tonight. Next week we have a DPW meeting to go over 2024 sidewalks and roadwork to be done in the town, so at the next meeting I will have a report on that.”

**Council Member Veni stated the following:** “I would like to report that I had the opportunity to attend my first Environmental Commission meeting. I am very impressed with where they are. Talking to them, we are trying to figure out a roadmap to where we want to go. A few things they brought up to me, and I agree with, is about looking at sustainable Jersey to see if we can get our town more towards a sustainable community. With that, there would be a decent amount of grants and rebate incentives and technical assistance program through the BPU. I did explain to Dennis that we would definitely look into these programs, but we have to make sure that if we are going to do anything, it makes financial sense if we could even do it. A lot of these actions take a lot of time and effort, so with that said, we can look into getting help from the BPU, or calling to New Jersey in securing stuff like that so we can get to our goal. It is not something that will happen overnight. I would say we are looking at a 2 year window where we can become a Sustainable Jersey Certified Community. I also want to add that Dennis from the EC also said that they do need more people to step up. We have Kate Nelson and Megan Jedry who will be joining the Environmental Commission. I think they are going to do an amazing job. As far as Land Use/Zoning Code Enforcement, we are looking to update various ordinances to make things better in town.”

**Council President DePaola stated the following:** “First, the January report of the office of Emergency Management, which includes our Community Emergency Response Team. For the month of January, they performed 494 volunteer hours to our community. As a result, they were activated due to 2 winter storms this month. Also, OEM responded to a house fire and the CERT team provided shelter for the displaced residents and collaborated with the Red Cross to secure financial assistance for the displaced residents. For that we are truly grateful. Our police department is active, as usual. One of the things that was very concerning to me this month was the increase in fraud. Especially targeting our senior citizen population. Most of the time the scammers will request payment through gift cards and bit coin which is something that legitimate businesses should never require of you. If you or a loved one has been contacted by any of these scammers, you can contact the Police Department and they will look into it further. But we just wanted to warn the community about some of the scams that are going on. Also, on February 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 10:30am the police will be having Coffee with a Cop. This month it will be held at the Quick Check in Point Pleasant on Route 88. They will be handing out information packets, including information about the recent fraud on our senior citizens, E-Bike ordinance and bike safety. Those are going to be available for our residents or anyone who pops in at the Quick Check on Wednesday. Also, Barnegat Bay Partnership was fortunate enough to receive the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant which will be used for the Nellie Bennett Marsh Restoration Program where they hope to restore the marsh to bring back the native animals and habitat in that area. They are going to have a stakeholder meeting on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Borough Hall. Any resident that is interested to hear about the restoration project and would like to attend, that is open to the public. And finally, the month of February is the month of love due to Valentine’s Day. Salon DiMaria on Route 88 is collecting art supplies for Dottie’s House. As some of you may know, Dottie’s House is transitional housing for women who were victims of domestic violence and their children. It provides temporary housing for them as well as therapy. One of the types of therapy at Dottie’s House is art therapy. This is great for the kids as well as the moms. They are looking to collect sharpies, crayons, paint brushes, watercolor paper, blank canvasses, paint, construction paper, scissors and glue or monetary donations are always accepted. So, you can check out Salon DiMaria’s Facebook page for more information. This is to benefit Dottie’s House which is one of the organizations that we here in the Borough and our Community Watch Organization also likes to support.”

## **2. Report of Mayor**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “I am happy to report that the Barrier Island Mayor’s got together and they meet on a monthly basis. We want to come up with a regional plan to help us with this flooding problem that every town is having. We firmly believe that the bay still has debris from Sandy and other

storms. We have an artificial heightening of the bay which we all believe is causing some of the flooding in all of our towns. I am happy to report that we are going to have a meeting in this courtroom. We have some engineers coming, and we will be announcing a new program in the future. As the Council President said, the Nellie Bennett Marsh Restoration Share Holders meeting is going to be here on Thursday. This is in conjunction with the water problems on the barrier islands. We all live by the water and love by the water but unfortunately, we have been getting flooded out. We are being proactive and intend to do something in a positive manner. The Nellie Bennett Marsh Restoration will contribute to storm and flood resiliency of Point Pleasant. It will also give us future actions of what else we can do to help mitigate what we are facing together, all the different towns. If anybody wishes to be here it is on Thursday night at 6:00pm. The meeting is open to the public. Come on down and listen to some of the presentation.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm I will be here for my Mayor's Hours for one on one conversations for anybody who wishes to discuss anything pertaining to the business of Point Pleasant Borough."

**B. MINUTES**

- 1. Approve Re-organization Meeting Minutes of January 1, 2024**
- 2. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2024**

**MOTION: Approve Minutes**

**MADE:**

**SECOND:**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Absent**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**C. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

- 1. Katherine Nelson to the Environmental Commission – Alternate**
- 2. Megan Jedry to the Environmental Commission – Alternate**

Mayor Sabosik stated that he knows these new volunteers will do a great job and thanked Councilman Veni for calling them up and getting them interested in these positions.

**D. ORDINANCES**

- 1. Introduction**

**Ordinance No. 2024-01 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 8 of the Borough Code Entitled “Building and Housing” to Include New Chapter 8.1.5 of the Borough Code Entitled “Construction Hours”**

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: DePaola**

**SECOND: Archer**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Absent**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

2. **Introduction**  
Ordinance No. 2024-02 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 19 of the Borough Code Entitled “Land Use,” Chapter 28.5(q) of the Borough Code Entitled “Driveway Profile”

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: DePaola**

**SECOND: Coulson**

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

**CARRIES:**

3. **Introduction**  
Ordinance No. 2024-03 – Amending Chapter 3-1.2 Entitled “Definitions” and Amending and Supplementing Chapter 3-1.9 Entitled “Restricted Uses and Activities”

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: Furmato**

**SECOND: DePaola**

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

**CARRIES:**

4. **Introduction**  
Ordinance No. 2024-04 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 3-1.9 Entitled “Restricted Uses and Activities – Police Regulations”

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: Archer**

**SECOND: Coulson**

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

**CARRIES:**

5. **Introduction**  
**Ordinance No. 2024-05 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 8-6.6 Entitled  
“Standards-Building and Housing**

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: DePaola**

**SECOND: Furmato**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Absent**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

6. **Introduction**  
**Ordinance No. 2024-06 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 19-17.1 Entitled  
“Existence and Continuance”**

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: Archer**

**SECOND: Coulson**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Absent**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

7. **Introduction**  
**Ordinance No. 2024-07 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 19-5.3 Entitled  
“General District Regulations”**

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: Coulson**

**SECOND: DePaola**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Absent**

**Mr. Veni: 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: Mr. Coulson**

**SECOND: Mr. Furmato**

**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.**

**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. (074-2024) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (075-2024) Void Check Resolution**
- 3. (076-2024) Authorize Transfer of 2023 Budget Appropriation**
- 4. (077-2024) Approve Emergency Temporary Appropriation**

**The bills for 2024 totaling the amount of \$6,872,667.22 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: Furmato**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Absent**

**Mr. Veni: 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. (078-2024) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accounts.**
- 2. (079-2024) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
- 3. (080-2024) Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County Prosecutor’s Program, FAST – 2024**
- 4. (081-2024) Authorizing Execution of Interlocal Services Agreement with Manchester Township for Use of Firearms Range Facility and Property**
- 5. (082-2024) Authorize Refund for Various Programs – Recreation**
- 6. (083-2024) Authorize Reimbursement for Recreation Accounts**
- 7. (084-2024) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond -Block 295, Lot 7, 2114 Barnegat Blvd.**
- 8. (085-2024) Authorizing the Road Opening for 3011 Hiawatha Avenue**
- 9. (086-2024) Authorizing the Road Opening for 916 Ellison Avenue**
- 10. (087-2024) Authorizing Release of a Performance Guarantee for Property Known and Designated as Block 249, Lot 12.03 aka 2139 Bridge Avenue**
- 11. (088-2024) Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property Via On-line Auction-PD**
- 12. (089-2024) Authorize RVV for Parking Improvements at the Intersection of Mossbank Road and Treeneedle Road and Authorization to Bid – COF #2024-115**
- 13. (090-2024) Confirming Personnel Appointments/Actions:**
  - Retirement of Nancy Simonson as Part-time Recreation Assistant effective April 2, 2024.**
- 14. (091-2024) Approving the Following Applications:**
  - Point Pleasant Fire Department, Coin Toss, Saturday, June 8, 2024 (rain date June 15, 2024), Saturday, August 10, 2024 (rain date August 17, 2024) and Saturday, October 12, 2024 (rain date October 19, 2024) from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the intersection of Bridge Avenue and Route 88. (Three dates have been submitted, they will advise in advance of the actual two dates chosen).**
  - Point Pleasant Fire Department, Annual Fund Drive by mail in the month of May with additional mailing during the month of November.**
  - Point Boro First Aid Squad, Fundraising Efforts by mail in the month of April with additional mailing during the month of October.**
  - Point Boro First Aid Squad, Coin Toss, Saturday, July 13, 2024 (rain date July 14, 2024) from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the intersection of Bridge Avenue and River Avenue.**
  - Point Pleasant Rotary, 5K Run at Community Park on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 5:00 AM – 12:00 PM.**
  - Petition to Extend Licensed Premises, Saturday, March 16, 2024 (rain date March 17, 2024) 12:00pm – 9:00pm Saint Patrick’s Day Tent Party – The Idle Hour**

**MOTION: Adopt Resolutions**

**MADE: Archer**

**SECOND: Furmato**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Absent**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**H. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

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

**MADE: Ms. Archer**

**SECOND: Ms. DePaola**

**APPROVED: All in Favor**

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

**Resident:** 319 Barbara Road – Head of Garden Club – “Because of all of you and the DPW, we have become the first New Jersey Friendly Yards Municipal Certified Stewardship recipients in the state. We will have to get some paperwork to you to put in the binders we gave you. Frank, if you would like to collect the binders, we can put in the paperwork for each council member and get them back out. Councilman Veni, this is probably the first time you are hearing about this, but we spent all last year working towards a municipal certification from the Jersey Friendly Yards. It does have some crossover in to Sustainable New Jersey. It is paperwork so where we can help each other, let’s make sure we do that. We are so new at this Jersey Friendly Yard Certification that they have not yet defined what the recertification program is. So, we will be able to do some influencing there. Our best guess, unfortunately for Mike and the guys, is that there is paperwork that we are going to have to keep on top of. We will help them do that. We do think that there will be a need for at least one more project. We may be able to use the tree project as a way of saying here is what we are doing. But we just need to make sure that your trees are in their database. Those are the kinds of things that we need to be thinking about as a community. When we do projects on the municipal property, we should make sure that we document everything as we go so that in three or four years when they come back to us and say, where is the paperwork, we will already have the answers. We do also know that we are going to have to maintain pollinator point. The Garden Club has got a budget for that. These are all the positive stuff. We do have two educational awards that we will be giving out for \$1,000.00 each. We are in the process of raising money for next year. There are still open bus seats to the Philadelphia Garden Show. We have had so much interest that we got a second bus. It is a fantastic show if nobody has ever been. And we are continuing to raise money for Pollinator Point and we have sponsorships available.”



**The Mayor and Council thanked her for the report and thanked the Garden Club for all their hard work.**

**Resident: 3005 Pocahontas Avenue** – “I am representing a group that is from the section of Pocahontas Avenue between Lynn Avenue and Northstream Parkway. The issue we have has been an ongoing issue for years now. The water runs all the way down from Route 88 across and down Lynn Avenue, through Pocahontas Avenue, to the corner of Northstream. There is no drainage anywhere and there are no storm drains anywhere so we get an incredible abundance of water down our street. There is a dip in the street in front of my driveway and it is the deepest at 3009 where the water just puddles consistently. Our concern is that they have been addressing the towns streets and doing paving and we want to be sure that this grading is done and something is done with storm drainage before they start the paving there. We are also concerned about when the roads are supposed to be paved. Our road is terrible. The center is shrunken where they ran the water lines through when they cut them in a couple years ago. The section that they patched has dropped and there is a big hump from that. This is something that we wanted to bring to your attention for discussion so that we can see where we can go from here on in.”

**Mr. Pannucci:** “I have some good news and some potentially good news. We have done some work out there years ago. Pocahontas is unfortunately an area that has an extremely high water table. Higher than it has ever been, especially over the last couple of months. With the storms we have, when that bay water comes pushing in, water tables everywhere are going up. I do know that potentially in spring of 2025, we do have on our schedule for milling and paving out there and some extra drainage work. John LeCompte is our Borough Engineer, I am not, so John if you could just speak a little on this.”

**John LeCompte clarifies with the resident where the location in question is. He continues to speak with this resident while the next resident rises to speak on the same subject.**

**Resident: 3009 Pocahontas Avenue** – Showed video of the drainage issues in front of her house.

**John LeCompte speaks with this resident regarding her drainage issues while watching footage of video she took in front of her house at 3009 Pocahontas Avenue.**

**It is verified that John LeCompte and his firm will be assessing the situation and complete a survey.**

**Mr. Pannucci:** “Like I said, we are aiming for this to be potentially a Spring of 2025 project. But John’s firm will do some research on trying to mitigate this situation. We will have the engineers look into this and if there is anything we can do in the meantime to mitigate it, we will have the engineers look at that too.”

**Mayor Sabosik:** “Yes, let’s see if the engineers can come up with something prior to the paving to do in the meantime. We understand your concerns. We know it is flooding now. We will have our engineer go out there and make sure this gets resolved.”

**The residents from Pocahontas Avenue reiterate that they would like to see a storm drain put in, or something to redirect the water.**

**Resident: 3007 Pocahontas Avenue** – “I have been here 30 years last week and I didn’t even know I had a sump pump. My husband passed away in 1994 and that sump pump started going like crazy with all this rain we have had. I have been here 30 years and my section of Pocahontas has never been paved in that 30 years and I have never had the sump pump go off ever. I didn’t even have an issue during Sandy.”

**John LeCompte:** “The last two months, Ocean County, since the data has started, has never had this much rain. We had 8.2 inches in December and 7.1 inches in January. It is 100% more than in the past. Once we start getting more rain, we are already saturated from the previous rain. Unfortunately, this has been the worst two months in history. So hopefully that does not continue.”

**Resident: 3007 Pocahontas Avenue** – “It has always been a lake there in front our house, so I just wanted to bring up something that I am worried about happening that I have seen around town. I am concerned that they will make a hole and then put a grate over it, like a dry well, and that will fill with debris and then the water fills up again in the area. That does not work.”

**John LeCompte stated that he is not a fan of dry well drainage himself. He prefers a regular drainage system. Stated that generally they do not do that unless it is a last resort. The Mayor and Council agreed.**

**Resident: 3009 Pocahontas Avenue** – “I just wanted to say the same thing. The pits fill right up with sand and fill with water.”

**Mr. Pannucci:** “Just so you guys know, John is our actual Borough Engineer from our Engineering firm. We have great guys in Public Works, but he is our engineer on record. Before we do any permanent work, John himself and his staff will be eyeballing it before anything is approved.”

**Resident: 3005 Pocahontas Avenue** – “I would like to address two other issues I have. It kind of goes along with this. When we have leaf pickup, we are the last zone to be picked up. When Thanksgiving arrives, we already have puddling on the street and the leaves make it worse. But we are always left with the leaves until the end of the line. Same thing as Christmastime comes, we have got so many leaves that we have nowhere to park especially during the holidays when company comes in. Is there some way that the town can review the idea of putting the leaf pickup on rotation so that it is shared among the entire town at different times at different developments?”

**Mayor Sabosik:** “I will call over to DPW and mention this to them. So, this is zone 1 and you have problems for parking through the holidays?”

**Resident: 3005 Pocahontas Avenue** – “Yes. It always runs through the holidays. As a matter of fact, if you look at our calendar for this year, we are actually scheduled for after the holidays, which means that those leaves are going to be sitting there again through the holidays when we are all having company come in. Again, if we can be considered for a rotation. My last issue is, there are two large oak trees that sit right in the road. I assume they are town property, but they really need some type of pruning. One should really be removed because it is a hazard to the street. Directly across from my house, the two large Oak trees are constantly dropping large branches. The neighbor there never picks up the branches because I believe that is a rental house. The town does not pick up branches. So, I am always picking them up. So that is just another issue I have.”

**Mr. Pannucci:** “It sounds like this is private property, but I am going to email our Code Enforcement officer right now and she will check that out for you this week.”

**Mayor Sabosik:** “We have an answer for your traffic problem. The Chief is here tonight to speak as well.”

**Chief Picca:** “We did a traffic study on Spruce and obviously we have a concern about the traffic on this street, and the high school/middle school campus in general. Obviously, it is unique to have it surrounded by residential neighborhoods and we have a large student population. So, this has been looked at over the years. There have been some tweaks made, but for the most part, we noticed when the drop off and pickup occurs, we notice that there is a large influx of cars both on School Street and Spruce in both directions. Obviously, safety is paramount for our students. Obviously, we have to talk to our residents on Spruce Street to see if everyone is on board, but I propose that we look to see about making the road a one way out towards River. This is not going to be a quick easy fix. I am going to have a meeting with the school administration because there are some things that I am going to recommend that needs to be done within the campus.”

**Mayor Sabosik:** “We are going to fix this. This is a multi-faceted problem that we are going to solve. There will be some parking restrictions. The Chief and I have talked about this a lot in the last month. We are going to do this because this will help the residents of the street. So, before it snows next year, it will be done.”

**Resident: 2406 Spruce Street** – “There are two ordinances listed on the agenda, but you said there are 4. What is the deal with this?”

**Mayor Sabosik:** “Basically what we are doing is we are changing some of the hours of construction. I have had a lot of complaints from people because contractors were working on Sundays. So, we are going to stop Sunday work. Homeowners are going to be able to work on their homes, but any construction work will not be allowed on Sunday. Generators will be Monday through Friday with a start up time between 9am-5pm. Some of these people buying generators are doing it at nighttime, so we are going to stop that too. This is basically just cleaning up the language. One of the things Councilmember Veni brought up was undersized lots. They would have to come in for a permit to put in a shed. Well, if they can put up a house, why can't they put up a shed? Why charge them \$1,500.00 to come and put a shed up? So, we will eliminate that problem. They will be able to assess this without coming before the Zoning Board. That is basically what we are fixing in our codebook.”

**Resident: 2406 Spruce Street** – Asked about the driveway strips in the ordinance.

**Mayor Sabosik:** “The problem with the two strips is that people are putting two concrete strips in and putting too small of stone on the inside and the outside barriers. People coming and going sometimes miss the strips, they hit the stones, and the stones go out into the roadway. These stones then clog up our sewer system. We have a million dollar jet vac machine. It causes problems for that machine, so we want to eliminate stones in the road. Unfortunately for this town, when they built this town, they did not put the infrastructure in. For years, they didn't even do roads. Our administration has done more roads than the previous two administrations.”

**Resident: 2406 Spruce Street** – “In 1987, the houses were allowed to be built higher. As soon as that happened, I had flooding, and it just runs right down my driveway and into my backyard. As a matter of fact, I am finding stones back there and I don't have stones. So, if you really think about it, these stones are coming down the street.”

**Mayor Sabosik suggested she contact our Code Enforcement Officer to have a look at her property. Stated that if this is a nuisance, Code Enforcement will send a letter and that there should be some kind of a retaining wall to stop that.**

**Resident: 2406 Spruce Street** – Asked about the remaining two ordinances that are listed but not available for review.

**The Borough Clerk, Antoinette Jones, stated that she was not here when the ordinances were added to the agenda and that she will make sure to email copies to the resident right away.**

**Resident: 1000 Northstream Parkway** – “My problem is that people drive on my street like they are on the parkway. They drive much too fast, and my street has a 25 mile an hour speed limit. I have been here 30 years, and this is just getting worse.”

**Mayor asked if the Chief could have increased enforcement there to help slow people down.**

**Chief Picca affirmed that they have done speed studies on this road, and has recognized that this road has an issue. Also stated that he will arrange for increased enforcement in that area as well as additional signage. The possibility of a 4 way stop was discussed.**

**Resident: 2117 Foster Road** – Asked if he could get a copy of the ordinances if he stops into Borough Hall since he does not have email. Also wanted to comment that he is pleased to see that the local kids all seem to be wearing their helmets more now.

**The Clerk stated that she will have the ordinances ready for him tomorrow afternoon.**

**Mr. Pannucci:** “Because of the Mayor and Council’s request, the Chief has actually done a lot of good work with his officers in the schools. He has been sending the ordinances for e-bikes and helmets directly because if you put them in the kids backpacks, they are not getting home. Parents are being directly mailed. Maybe Tommy could get together with the Chief and do an update on how this has all been working out and how we have a bit of a success here so far.”

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

## **I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Adopt Resolution authorizing Mayor and Council to retire into Executive Session

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council are desirous of retiring into Executive Session to discuss applicable exceptions to the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, those matters relate to the following:

- 1. Personnel**
- 2. Contractual/Possible Litigation**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Point Pleasant, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Council shall retire into Executive Session to discuss the Aforesaid matters; and
2. That minutes shall be taken; and
3. That the matters to be discussed will be in all likelihood be known to the Public when and if the necessity for confidentiality no longer exists; and

4. That at the conclusion thereof, the meeting shall again be opened to the public.

**MOTION:** To Retire into Executive Session Coulson

**SECOND:** DePaola

**APPROVED:** All

Executive Session was closed and back into regular session.

Mayor Sabosik read the following resolutions to be added to the evening's agenda:

15. (092-2024) Appointment of Sharon Morgan as Deputy Tax Assessor

**MOTION:** Adopt Resolution

**MADE:** Veni

**SECOND:** DePaola

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

**CARRIES:**

16. (093-2024) Agreeing to Settle Litigation Initiated by Joseph Torre

**MOTION:** Adopt Resolutions

**MADE:** Archer

**SECOND:** Furmato

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

**CARRIES:**

17. (094-2024) Agreeing to Settle Litigation Initiated by Robyn Palughi

**MOTION:** Adopt Resolutions

**MADE:** Coulson

**SECOND:** DePaola

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

**CARRIES:**

**18. (095-2024) Appointing the Law Firm of Carluccio, Leone, Dimon, Doyle & Sacks,  
as Special Legal Counsel for the Borough of Point Pleasant**

**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:**

**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**