

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

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

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT BY MAYOR SABOSIK: Pursuant to the applicable portions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been given. Notice of this meeting of the Governing Body has been posted in the corridor of the Municipal Building, published in the January 5, 2024, edition of *The Ocean Star* and January 5, 2024, edition of *The Asbury Park Press*.

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “This evening we have the honor of promoting three hardworking individuals who have put many years in protecting this town and showing this town what good police officers are. You all know that this Mayor and Council are true blue. You guys keep us safe. You keep the town wonderful by helping the elderly and the young kids. You all are truly an asset to us and I thank all of you.”

A. RESOLUTIONS

1. (096-2024) Authorizing the Promotion of Sergeant Chris Voit to Lieutenant in the Point Pleasant Borough Police Department, Effective April 1, 2024

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Chris Voit graduated from Point Pleasant Beach High School in 1991. He began his law enforcement career in 2001 when he was hired here in our Point Pleasant Police Department as a Communications Officer. In 2002 he was hired as a full time officer. In 2005 he became a school resource officer. In 2014 he was promoted to Sergeant. He was certified for the department’s conductive energy device, better known as tasers, and he is responsible for maintaining the certification of 20 officers. During his 23 years of service here in the Borough he has received many accolades and has been recognized for safely disarming a knife wielding subject and receiving an achievement award for delivering a baby boy in 2010. Chris has been an integral part of the Police Explorers Summer Camp for many years. He resides with his wife Stephanie and his 18 year old twins who will be graduating from Point Pleasant High School in June.”

MOTION: Adopt Resolution

MADE: DePaola

SECOND: Archer

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furrato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

Christopher Voit and his family stood together to take the oath of affirmation. His wife Stephanie pinned the badge on Lieutenant Voit.

2. (097-2024) Authorizing the Promotion of Officer Ryan Grohowski to Sergeant in the Point Pleasant Borough Police Department, Effective April 1, 2024

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Ryan Grohowski was born and raised in the Borough of Point Pleasant and graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 2001. He was a U.S. Marine, and still is a U. S. Marine Veteran serving in Afghanistan in 2004 and Iraq in 2005. He rose to the rank of Sergeant in the Marine Corp where he received many citations including the Global War on Terrorism Expedition Medal and The War on Terrorism Service Medal. He was hired by Point Pleasant Borough in 2007. Currently he is a field training officer, drug recognition expert and an instructor and a radar instructor.”

MOTION: Adopt Resolution

MADE: Archer

SECOND: Furrato

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furrato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

Ryan Grohowski and his family stood together to take the oath of affirmation. His wife pinned the badge on Sergeant Grohowski.

3. (098-2024) Authorizing the Promotion of Officer Matthew Mergner to Sergeant in the Point Pleasant Borough Police Department, Effective April 1, 2024

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Matthew Mergner graduated from the University of Tampa with a bachelor’s degree in criminology in May of 2010. He was hired as a full time officer in the Borough of Point Pleasant in August of 2017. He graduated from Ocean County Police Academy in January of 2018. He has excelled as a police officer and became a field training officer in November of 2022. He trained our new officers as they graduated from the academy. He resides locally with his wife Amanda and his twin daughters. They will be turning two later this month.”

MOTION: Adopt Resolution

MADE: Borowsky

SECOND: Archer

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

Matthew Mergner and his family stood together to take the oath of affirmation. His wife Amanda pinned the badge on Sergeant Mergner.

B. OATHS OF OFFICE

- 1. Sergeant Chris Voit to Lieutenant**
- 2. Officer Ryan Grohowski to Sergeant**
- 3. Officer Matthew Mergner to Sergeant**

C. WORKSHOP

- 1. Committee Reports**

Council President DePaola stated the following: “As you could see, this evening we had three promotions in our Police Department. We did have a meeting with the Chief and the Captain last week to discuss these promotions and I would like to thank them for doing such a thorough job of looking at these officers and really giving it a lot of thought as to what would work best for our department. So, we feel very confident that the Chief has promoted the three right candidates for these positions and that the police department will be strong moving forward, so thank you Chief.

Also, Friday night, for those of you who were able to attend, it was the kids vs. cops basketball game at Memorial Middle School. It was fun to see police officers, some of whom have retired, keeping up with the kids. It was a good time. The proceeds will go to the 8th grade graduating class.

The Police Department would like to remind our residents to lock their vehicles and remove their garage door openers and key fobs from their vehicles. In the last week, there was a car theft on Princeton Avenue. Five individuals went into a house and stole a vehicle. And yesterday another car was stolen in Sea Girt. You can never be too safe. We have been talking about this for years. Since Covid, there have been a lot of thefts. It may seem like you are only hearing about vehicles, but these people are entering homes. So, you really need to be more careful. Also, catalytic converter thefts are still happening. The cars that are most targeted are the Honda CRVs, Honda Accords, Volkswagon Jettas, and larger Ford Trucks and Nissan Cargo Vans. Please park them in a well lit area. Our officers are out there doing the best they can, but these people like to strike in the middle of the night while you are sleeping.

Moving on to OEM and CERT. There was 482 man hours spent by OEM this past month and 206 man hours for our CERT team. The one thing they focused on this month, was that speaker Bill Stevenson came and gave a presentation on electric safety and down wires. As some of you have heard on the news, there was a young man who was in an accident and he survived the accident, but when he got out of the car, he walked over a live wire and was killed. Hopefully, his presentation will help our First Responders from harm.”

Council Member Veni stated the following: “It was an honor to witness Lieutenant Woit, Sergeant Grohowsky and Sergeant Mergner’s promotions tonight. Very well deserved. I would also like to congratulate Lieutenant McNally on his retirement. That is also well deserved, and we are thankful for his service to the Borough. I consider it one of the safest places to live. One of those reasons is because we are lucky enough to have such a professional police department. I would also like to say that all of us up here fully support our police department. We have their backs just as you have ours. Again, congratulations to all of the promotions and the retirements.

Just a reminder, Earth Day 2024 is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th from 12pm-4pm. The rain date will be Sunday. The Environmental Committee team has been working very hard to create a day filled with family fun and great activities. There are going to be rides and a petting zoo along with vendors and exhibitors. The next Environmental Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, March 19th at 7pm here in the courtroom. The municipal staff and the professionals, along with the Environmental Commission are diligently working on a tree ordinance mandated by the DEP and it is expected to be introduced soon. May 1st is the deadline, and we should have no problem meeting that. Dennis Blazak is the EC Chair and he and I met with a representative from TCNJ last week via zoom. We are looking to make our town more energy efficient using available rebate incentives and grants. These are things that we can look at and make a decision to see if they will fit our needs and our wants. We expect a summary of programs and funding sources from TCNJ to be forthcoming. We will share with the team and then we will make a decision to see if something fits or not. Lastly, we are actively pursuing creating a green team for Sustainable Jersey. This is going to take time. We are setting goals. Our goal right now is to be certified by next year. We are going to take things that make sense and reasonable. Things that will get us to the Bronze level.”

Council Member Borowsky stated the following: “In going over some of the recent Legislation that has passed, I came across a few that I thought would be worth mentioning. One, a bill was signed recently that authorizes grants to purchase and rehabilitate abandoned homes for homeless veterans. The current pilot program established by the New Jersey Housing Assistance for Veterans Act authorizes grants to eligible non-profit organizations to rehabilitate existing primary residence of disabled or low income veterans. The new law amends the act to expand the program to include the purchase and rehabilitation of abandoned homes for homeless veterans. I thought that was pretty cool. There was another bill that revises worker’s compensation coverage for certain injuries for certain volunteer and professional public safety or law enforcement personnel. It expands the individuals that are covered by the presumption to include any paramedics employed by the State, County or Municipality or private sector counterpart who is engaged in public emergency medical and rescue services. If I am reading this right, any of our volunteer employees who get hurt while volunteering, can then pick up workers compensation through their jobs and the town. That is really great for our volunteer workers. The last one is still in the works. It affects our COAH obligations to the State. Major legislation revamping the way NJ affordable housing is determined, has cleared its first hurdle in this legislation session on Thursday. It is likely that this bill will continue to change. The bill S-50 would officially replace the COAH with another process. It has cleared the senate committee and urban affairs committee as part of an 8 bill package designed to increase the number of houses that people of low and moderate incomes can afford. Senator Troy Singleton said the state needs 200,000 additional housing units. All municipalities are required to provide their fair share of the state’s affordable housing need under decades of state and supreme court decisions collectively known as Mount Laurel Doctrine. I will keep you posted on this one. We are going to have our hands full.”

Mr. Dasti stated the following: “It will be a law. My one partner is a state senator, and the other one is in the assembly and even though they voted against it initially, there are more democrats than republicans in the legislature and it is going to happen. It is so draconian as to how they are going to determine how many more units each town is going to need. I had sent a letter at the end of last year outlining the law or at least how it was proposed. We should consider a resolution opposing this and send it to the 10th district to put some ammunition in the gun. I will prepare one.”

Council Member Archer stated the following: “I too would like to congratulate the police officers on their well-deserved promotions, and I would like to congratulate officer McNally on his retirement. We had an Open Space meeting on February 28th. We are still looking into this project with the memorial trees. We know now which native trees we can use at the Riverfront Park. And we have our ideas on how to keep the signs so they do not get moved or destroyed. So now we are looking into the application process. The chairperson was not at that meeting, so we do not want to make any decisions until we have the entire collective of people working on that project.

The Finance Committee is still working on the budget. We are finalizing our numbers, and it will be introduced at the April meeting.”

Council Member Coulson stated the following: “The egg hunt will be on Saturday, March 23rd at 11am at the Community Park. There is no registration required. It will be set up by age groups so that little ones can be with other little ones. This keeps things from getting too chaotic.

We are also looking for summer camp counselors. Applications should be dropped off by March 27th at the Rec Center. The application is online. The Camp runs from June 24 through August 2nd. Anyone interested in being a camp counselor can go online and get the application.

The Spring Recreation opens on Tuesday, March 19th at 11am. This is an online registration like every year. We talked at our last Rec committee meeting last month about changing the date and making it earlier because so many people go away for spring break with the kids. So, we are going to look into this for next year.

Finally, congratulations to Chris Voit, Ryan Grohowsky and Matthew Mergner on your promotions.”

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “April 1st is when the town is going to start flushing hydrants. It is going to take about six weeks to go through everything. If there are any problems with your water, you can reach out to the DPW, they have special laundry detergent. This could fix it if your clothes get stained.

On the 20th of last month, we had a DPW meeting to discuss what we were going to do in 2024. The number one is sidewalks on River Road and Chatham Lane. That is phase one. We will get to the rest of it in a year or so after. We are working with the county. Dorsett Dock Roads have sidewalks going on the West side in the late spring or summer.

The intersection of Moss Bank and Treeneedle will be improved for safety and parking. River Road will be paved by the county. That should start at the end of this month. They will also be doing Bay Avenue. The Borough is going to be funding part of Marine Parkway for paving and NJ Natural Gas is going to do approximately 20 roads. Meadowpoint Road there is a storm drain that goes out into the river This is going to be updated because this is a safety issue. There is a big, gigantic hole where the pipe goes into the water. They will be dredging and putting rock there so that doesn't happen anymore. This was 10 years in the works. We had a water main break on Beech Street. This will have to be paved. That is the 10th water main break in the last 6 months in the borough. So, our system is getting old. We have flooding problems at Hollywood and Channel. We have people pumping out their basements into the street and it's a problem we are going to have to address.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “We did have a meeting with the County Engineering Department. Some of the topics we want changed is a reduction on Bridge Avenue so the whole street is now going to be 30 miles per hour. The County owns 11 miles of road in the town of Point Pleasant. We have a changing demographic of young kids and young families. We are asking them to continue with the programs of putting sidewalks in. I have had 4 phone calls since then about this. This will be an interesting subject to continue with them because they have never done this. We are going to make a change.

The Ocean County Library has an estate planning class. It is free and very good. We have been having meetings regarding the Nellie Bennett Marsh with all concerned groups. This will be a good project for the town of Point Pleasant when this is finished. The New Jersey Conference of Mayors is looking into revenue savings and technology programs and the COAH change as well as other items of importance. I will report back with results soon.

Mayor’s Hours will be on April 4th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.”

D. MINUTES

- 1. Approve Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2024**
- 2. Approve Executive Session Minutes of March 11, 2024**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Furrato

SECOND: Archer

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furrato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Abstain

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

E. ORDINANCES

- 1. Final Reading and Public Hearing
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”**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident of 2117 Foster Road – Asked for clarification on this ordinance.

Mayor Sabosik stated that it is a revision for the operational hours for contractors in our town. Noted that we have had a quality of life issue and that is why the hours are changing 8am-6pm Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm on Saturday and no work on Sunday by outside contractors.

No other hands.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Furrato

SECOND: DePaola

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furrato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

2. **Final Reading and Public Hearing**
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”

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident of 2406 Spruce Street - Asked about the driveway profile and further clarification on property lines.

Mayor Sabosik stated that it is for new ones only. Older homes are grandfathered in.

Resident of 2117 Foster Road – Asked about people with gravel driveways. Wanted to know if they were also grandfathered in as well.

Mayor Sabosik stated that they are also grandfathered in but when an old house is renovated, they have to comply with the new law.

Councilman Furmato stated that when new sidewalks get put in on these streets, that also gets eliminated.

No other Hands.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Furmato

SECOND: Coulson

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident of 2117 Foster Road – Asked if leaf blowers will be incorporated into this ordinance.

Mayor Sabosik stated that all motorized equipment shall be operated with a muffler and/or a reduction device for noise. Landscapers can only work 8am-6pm Monday through Friday. Homeowners can work 2 hours later.

No other hands.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Furmato

SECOND: Archer

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Sabosik clarified that this is only pertaining to anyone with a generator. They would only be able to test it Monday through Friday between 8am-6pm.

No other hands.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: DePaola

SECOND: Borowsky

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furfato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Sabosik clarified that this pertains to fencing to meet pool code requirements.

No other hands.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Furfato

SECOND: Coulson

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furfato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Sabosik clarified that this is for anyone with a nonconforming lot, they can put up a shed and not go through any boards. It is for saving the resident owner the cost to come before a board just for a shed.

No other hands.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: DePaola

SECOND: Archer

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Sabosik clarified that if you are trying to put up a shed and you are on a waterfront, this will necessitate you keep at least 15 feet off the water. Quality of life issue.

No other hands.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: DePaola

SECOND: Archer

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

8. **Introduction**
Amending and Supplementing Chapter 19-28.5 Entitled “Off-Street Parking”

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: DePaola

SECOND: Furmato

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

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: Mr. Furmato

SECOND: Mr. Borowsky

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

“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. (099-2024) Bills and Claims

The bills for 2024 totaling the amount of \$9,628,352.61 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: Archer

SECOND: Furmato

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

H. 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. (100-2024) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accounts.
2. (101-2024) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale
3. (102-2024) Authorize Refund of Demolition Bond, Block 112, Lot 7 – 1117 Sampson Rd.
4. (103-2024) Authorizing Local Recreation Beach Improvement Grant Application and Execute any Necessary Documents
5. (104-2024) Authorizing an Execution of a Schedule “C” Agreement with the County of Ocean for 2024
6. (105-2024) Appointment of Deputy Tax Assessor as Agent in Tax Appeals
7. (106-2024) Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property Via Online Auction - DPW
8. (107-2024) Confirming Personnel Action:
 - Retirement of Brad McNally as Lieutenant Point Pleasant Borough Police Department effective April 1, 2024.
9. (108-2024) Approving Applications:
 - The Shore House Bar & Grill, Petition to Extend Licensed Premises, St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, Sunday, March 17, 2024, from 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM (rain date, Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM).
 - The Nicholas Hudanish Foundation Festival at Community Park on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM.
10. (109-2024) Authorizing Engineers Certificate No. 3 and Change Order No. 1 for the Summit Drive Project, Acceptance of a Maintenance Guarantee and Release of the Performance Guarantee
11. (110-2024) Authorize Emergency Road Repairs on Beech Street – COF #2024-116
12. (111-2024) Authorize RVV for Survey, Design, Administration and Observation for 2024 NJDOT Local and Grant for the River Road Sidewalks (Chatham Lane (West) to Meadow Point Road and Solicitation of Bids – COF #2024-117

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Archer

SECOND: Furmato

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

I. AUTHORIZATION

1. Authorization to hire a part-time Recreation Assistant/Special Event

MOTION: Adopt Authorization

MADE: Coulson

SECOND: Archer

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

J. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

5 Minute Limit Per Person. 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. Furmato

SECOND: Ms. DePaola

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

Resident: 1410 Johnson Avenue – Waterview Condos – “I am a business agent with the international brotherhood of electrical workers. My responsibility is the line division. I deal with all the outside contractors for Public Service, Jersey Central and Orange and Rockland on the New Jersey side. I have a few hundred lineman working every day. Needless to say, First Energy is not one of my favorite power companies. There is a rate increase coming. They are being proposed by Jersey Central and they are going to finally be improving a lot. I did mention that if they are going to ask for rate increases, what are you going to give the public besides these upgrades? The biggest thing I hear on the streets is streetlights. We changed everything to LEDs. For some reason, First Energy cannot come to that conclusion to change over to LEDs. It makes perfect sense to do this. I want to recommend to the Mayor and Council to please reach out to them. Public Service is a Newark New Jersey Company. Jersey Central is owned by First Energy which is an Ohio company. It is a big difference because one company is not in New Jersey, and they don't care the same way as the New Jersey company who is here, and trying to do the right thing for the state. I am asking that you reach out to your local rep from Jersey Central and ask them to 'convert on failure'. So that when a light goes out, they will change the head as well. If you need help, please feel free to contact me. If we can do convert on failure, we can see a change slowly but surely.”

Resident: 2406 Spruce Street – Asked about three items. One, if we could get more garbage cans around the town and mainly in the parks so that people can throw out their pet waste properly. Two, asked if the DOT approved access at the property by the OB Diner. Three, asked for status update regarding Spruce Street.

Mayor Sabosik: Stated that he will have someone look into getting more garbage cans in the parks.

Chief Picca: Stated that it is a work in progress, and they are addressing alleviating traffic patterns. They will be reaching out to Spruce Street residents to let them know what will be coming up.

Chief Picca and the Resident of 2406 Spruce Street continue conversation regarding issues.

Resident: 2117 Foster Road – Stated that he still owns his mother’s house in Linden NJ and when a street light goes out, you call up and within a week it is fixed.

Resident: 319 Barbara Drive – “I have a few things. When the engineering work is being done at that triangle section at Treeneedle and Mossbank, can they look into doing pervious surfaces instead of impervious surfaces to potentially help with stormwater management and better drainage. As a corollary to that, also look into a rain garden that would allow water to go into that triangle park and get water out of that area. It could potentially be very useful. I would also like to have access into that salt marsh, and I am looking forward to reading the tree ordinance and understanding it.”

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

K. 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 Furmato

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:

13. (112-2024) Rescinding Resolution 093-2024

MOTION: Adopt Resolution

MADE: Borowsky

SECOND: Archer

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

14. (113-2024) Authorizing the Entrance into a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Bay Head

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Coulson

SECOND: Borowsky

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Mr. Borowsky: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

CARRIES:

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