

**COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 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</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*.

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “This evening Council will continue the tradition of creating the best command structure of any department in the State of New Jersey, in our humble opinion. Tonight, we have Gene Capoano. He was born and raised in Point Pleasant Borough and graduated from Point Pleasant Borough High School, class of 1992. He went to school at Ocean County College and earned an Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice. He went to Richard Stockton College and earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice. Setting his goals on a police career, Sergeant Capoano began his career in the Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center. He then went to the Federal Correctional Institute at Fort Dix for the next year and a half. In 2001 we were able to hire him as a Point Pleasant Borough Police Officer. He completed the 77<sup>th</sup> class of the Ocean County Police Academy. After completing his field training, he was assigned to the 3pm to 11pm shift. He stayed on that shift for 17 years. During his tenure he served as a patrol officer, field training officer and certified child seat technician. He served two terms on the Executive Board of PBA Local 158 holding the position of secretary. In 2017 he transitioned into the 7am to 3pm shift. In 2022 Sgt. Capoano was an essential part in launching the Point Pleasant Borough Police Community Policing Unit where he is currently stationed. Throughout his career he has received two life saving awards as well as numerous commendations. He resides in Point Pleasant Borough with his wife Christine and their three sons.”

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. (114-2024) Authorizing the Promotion of Corporal Gene Capoano to Sergeant in the Point Pleasant Borough Police Department, Effective April 8, 2024.**

**MOTION: Adopt Resolution**

**MADE: DePaola**

**SECOND: Furmato**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**B. OATH OF OFFICE**

1. **Corporal Gene Capoano to Sergeant**

**C. PROCLAMATIONS**

1. **National Library Week 2024**
2. **Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**D. WORKSHOP**

1. **Committee Reports**

**Council Member Veni stated the following:** “First and foremost, I would like to congratulate Geno and his well deserved promotion. Geno has the multitude to be a great asset to the Police Department and residents to the Borough.

The EV charging stations that we discussed is next. Our team met with an EV charging company and we are waiting for the first quote. Basically, what we are doing is getting two quotes. One will be from civil and one will be without. Our Public Works Department is so talented and so good at what they do, we can use their expertise and labor to save us even more money. A lot of municipalities cannot say that, but we can. I want to commend them on that. We are setting up for a second company to come out as well and we will see what comes.

Step one is to complete the energy audit. We have provided the township owned buildings electric and gas bills to TCNJ. They will provide a report with recommendations to reduce our energy consumption which will offset our carbon footprint.

I would like to thank the Borough’s Environmental Commission, Mayor Bob and Mr. Dasti’s team for working on the tree ordinance and preparing it for its first reading tonight. As always, we will continue to work with the EC to introduce new elements if deemed necessary by the EC and the Council.

Community Energy Planning is where we can select financial responsible emission reducing initiatives that help fulfil the goals of the states energy masterplan. A resolution is set to be heard tonight and the application is near completion for the deadline of May 25<sup>th</sup> of this year.

We are finalizing the members of our green team along with the goals and objectives of the Sustainable New Jersey Certification. We are looking to prepare a resolution for either our May or June meeting for the creation of our green team.

As another reminder, Earth Day will be set for April 20<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 4pm at River Front Park. It is family fun and free to attend. You can meet and speak with electric vehicle owners. There is a gentleman named Andy who has a group of people that EV owners who come out and they discuss and answer any questions that you might have about EV’s. There will be children’s rides and a petting zoo. Vendors and exhibitors will also be in attendance. The rain date is Sunday, April 21, 2024.

Lastly, in regards to the various additions, revisions, and creation of ordinances, I just want to point out that all of us up here do listen to our residents concerns and complaints. We do care and we will continue to make the Borough a more safe and enjoyable place to live. Again, we need your help and we urge our residents to please reach out to us so that we are aware of particular situations or nuisances so that we can try to correct any issue that may arise. I, for the first time, was at Mayor’s Hours. It is a great way to let us know what is going on in the town. If that doesn't work for you, we all have emails that we monitor daily.

I want to also take the time to thank our municipal staff, attorney, and town engineer for getting these ordinances done for us.”

**Council Member Borowsky stated the following:** “I am going over some of the recent legislation that our state has passed and I cherry picked a few that I would like bring to everyone’s attention. There was a bill that provides excused absences for public school students who participate in a musical performance at a military funeral including playing taps. There is another bill that authorizes Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers to provide security at public and private colleges. There was another bill that requires DHS to create English and Spanish language internet websites to promote enrollment of affordable healthcare plans. There is a bill that establishes a statewide database for beds in shelters for the homeless. Another bill that allocates \$50 million dollars to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development from federal government assistance to improve unemployment insurance benefit claims processing capacity. There was another bill that allows gross income tax deductions for up to \$1,200.00 for purchases of school supplies by parents or guardians. There is another bill that requires partial state reimbursement to municipalities for the cost of disabled veteran’s total property tax exemptions. Those are just some that I came across that I found interesting. And then there was a bill that Governor Murphy vetoed that would have imposed a \$50 fine for underage drinkers, which I personally do not agree with. I feel they should be held accountable. If anything, there should be some form of community service or education made available.”

**Council Member Coulson stated the following:** “Congratulations to Sgt. Capoano on his well deserved promotion. I also want to thank Sheri Silversmith and her Recreation crew, the DPW and the Police Department for their hard work and making the rescheduled egg hunt a great event. It got moved to a Tuesday due to the terrible rain.

Beach badges are on sale from 9am-3pm at the court violations window. You need a check or cash in the exact amount. They are not making change. Ages 5 and under are free. Ages 6 to 59 are \$20.00 and ages 60 and older are \$10.00. Veterans are free.

Senior pickleball started today. It will be on Monday’s and Wednesday’s at 10am. Just show up, you do not have to sign up. All levels are welcome.”

**Council Member Furrato stated the following:** “Congratulations to Gene Capoano for his promotion.

Tonight, we have an ordinance to start the new rec center. We are going to start funding it to get it going. It will take a little while, but we will get there. There is also another ordinance in there for a new ambulance. Also, another on the agenda for road improvements. One of them is for Canal and Hollywood which has a lot of flooding over there. There are a few people pumping water into the street from their basements and it is causing a problem there. So we are trying to fix it. Once paving on Bay Avenue is done, they will be going over to River Road and pave that. So, hopefully we will get River Road paved in a couple of weeks. New Jersey Natural Gas will start their paving soon. It is very difficult to get dates out of them and what roads. We have to wait till they start to find out what is going on. Digging is going to start for Dorsett Dock sidewalk. A survey for River Road sidewalk has been ordered and Mosstree and Treeneedle survey’s have been ordered.”

**Council Member Archer stated the following:** “I also would like to congratulate Geno on his well deserved promotion. He is another fine example of how our Point Pleasant Police Department believes in promoting within and show the residents how wonderful our Police Department is and the officers in it.

We are introducing our municipal budget for 2024. The Finance Committee worked very hard and diligently trying to keep the cost down as much as possible. It is going to be \$24.5 million dollars which will result in a tax increase of 1.87. This tax increase will result in \$36.08 increase per year on a \$400,000.00 house

resident. We worked very hard to keep it down as much as you possibly can. We believe we did a very fine job making sure the residents are not overpaying any taxes. Where we started from to where it is now is really a good result.

Our Open Space meeting was cancelled last month so the next meeting will be April 24<sup>th</sup> at Bennett Cabin at 7pm.”

**Council President DePaola stated the following:** “First off, I would like to extend my congratulations to Geno for a well deserved promotion. He has led our neighborhood community policing effort and for that we thank him.

OEM were involved in 38 events in March. They also received a grant for training which is a big help. For Public Safety we had our Ocean Road and Nellie Bennett graduates through the Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence courses. It is a 10 week course held at each school. Corporal Brian Fennessy at Ocean Road and Sergeant Kevin Aurin at Nellie Bennett. The goal is to build a positive bond between the police and the youth in an effort to become healthy and happy adults.

April is Autism Awareness Month. Our police cars contain sensory bags that are designed to help sensory needs in both adults and children to help officers with interactions with those who may be in crisis.

Our patrol car #3 is wrapped in a design to promote Autism Awareness which is another great effort by our police department.

Finally, some of you might have heard that there was a commercial burglary at the Conoco Gas Station on Route 88. Fortunately for us, detective Joseph Hynes was able to track the vehicle using surveillance. They became aware that the suspect was also involved in commercial burglaries and theft throughout Monmouth and Northern Ocean County. On March 27, the Point Pleasant Police Detectives along with the Brielle Police Department apprehended the suspect in Neptune and was identified as Todd Lansing from Brick. Another awesome effort by our police, not only keeping us safe here in Point Pleasant Borough but also in the surrounding areas. For that we would like to say thank you.”

**2. Report of Mayor:** “I also would like to extend my congratulations to Geno. He is a fine example of a local person who has stepped up to the plate to serve as an officer to protect our residents. I would like to thank our Chief for creating one of the finest command structures that we have had since we have been up here. Chief, you have a great department, and your leadership shows how good you are to them, and they are to you.

The recognition for local government is from April 7<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>. So as Councilman Joe Veni said, if you have any questions, please reach out to us. We are very responsive to the needs and wants of our residents. Tonight, we have a couple of ordinances being introduced that reflects the needs and wants of the changing character of the town. So, I want to thank the Councilman and our Councilwoman Val Coulson for bringing this to our attention.

We have also had many meetings regarding the marsh restoration. The government has given us one grant. Phases 2,3 and 4 should be forthcoming. As soon as we receive more information we will release that to the public.

Councilwoman Charlene Archer pointed out the budget. It was many hours of going through this budget, and I want to thank not only the council, but our professional staff, our accountants and our auditors who have helped leave this town in a positive and economic manner.

Lastly, New Jersey has funded a Transportation Trust Fund which enables us for the next five years to get roads rebuilt. As a commuting town, I feel that it was very important and very positive that this act was completed and signed for.”

**E. MINUTES**

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

**MOTION: Approve Minutes**

**MADE: Coulson**

**SECOND: Archer**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**F. ORDINANCES**

1. **Final Reading and Public Hearing - TABLED**  
**Ordinance No. 2023-08 - Amending and Supplementing Chapter 19-28.5 Entitled “Off-Street Parking”**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Resident – 2117 Foster Road –** Asked about why people have been parking on their front lawns. Also complained that the ordinances in the borough are getting a little bit overboard.

**Mayor Sabosik stated that this has only recently come to their attention and they will be reviewing that in the future.**

**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:**

2. **Introduction**  
**Ordinance No. 2024-09 – To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank**

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: Archer**

**SECOND: DePaola**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

3. **Introduction**

**Bond Ordinance No. 2024-10 – Providing for Various Capital Improvements and other Related Expenses in and for the Borough of Point Pleasant and Appropriating \$3,807,600 Therefor, and Providing for the Issuance of \$3,616,700 in Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Point Pleasant to Finance the Same**

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: Coulson**

**SECOND: Furmato**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**4. Introduction**

**Bond Ordinance No. 2024-11**

**Providing for Various Water and Sewer Utility Improvements and Appropriating \$298,800 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$283,600 in Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Point Pleasant to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof**

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: Coulson**

**SECOND: DePaola**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**5. Introduction**

**Ordinance No. 2024-12 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 13 of the Township Code Entitled “Removal of Trees”**

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: DePaola**

**SECOND: Coulson**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**6. Introduction**

**Ordinance No. 2024-13 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 10-1 of the Borough Code Entitled “Water and Sewer Utility”**

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: Coulson**

**SECOND: Archer**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

- 7. **Introduction**  
**Ordinance No. 2024-14 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 19-5.3 of the Borough Code to Revise Certain Dimensions Which are Set Forth on the Schedule of District Regulations Which is an Attachment to the Borough Code**

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: Coulson**

**SECOND: DePaola**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

- G. **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. Veni**

**SECOND: Mr. Furmato**

**APPROVED: All in Favor**

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

**Resident – 2117 Foster Road – Asked about Consent Agenda Item Numbers 7-10. Asked about the union contracts and what a modest increase means.**

**Mayor Sabosik answered 3.75%.**

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

**H. 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. (115-2024) Bills and Claims
- 2. (116-2024) Void Check Resolution
- 3. (117-2024) Approve Temporary Budget Adjustment

4. (118-2024) Authorize Municipal Budget to be Read by Title Only at Public Hearing
5. (119-2024) Introduction of Municipal Budget – Fiscal Year 2024

The bills for 2024 totaling the amount of \$1,600,475.09 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: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**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. (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
13. (132-2024) Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
14. (133-2024) Confirming 2023 Length of Service Award List (LOSAP)

15. (134-2024) **Approving Participation in the NJ Department of Law & Public Safety Grant For Cops in Shops – Summer Shore Initiative 2024**
  
16. (135-2024) **Approving Applications:**
  - **Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, Social Affair Permit, 2024 Annual Summerfest, Friday, May 31, 2024, from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM (rain date June 2, 2024).**
  
17. (136-2024) **Authorizing the Application to the NJ Clean Energy Program Community Energy Planning Grant Program**

Mayor Sabosik asked that we table the resolution accepting and authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement.

Mr. Dasti stated that we are still waiting for a response from the attorney for the other side. So, we should hold off on this one.

Council President DePaola asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda with the exception of that resolution which will be removed and tabled.

**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:**

**J. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

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

**MADE: Ms. Archer**

**SECOND: Ms. Coulson**

**APPROVED: All in Favor**

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

**Resident: 2117 Foster Road** – Stated that he thought it was nice that the taxes were not going up very much but feels that we are getting like the state feeing people to death. Noted displeasure that the water rate and ready to serve charge is almost double.

**Mayor Sabosik stated that there has not been an increase in 6 years.**

**Resident: 2117 Foster Road** – Stated that you are only raising the water rate a little bit but the ready to serve charge is a lot. Asked why we couldn't just charge more for the water. Detailed that larger families use more water than he does as a single person. Stated that if you use more water, you pay more.

**Mayor Sabosik stated that this was at the recommendation of our Borough Auditor's but stated that he will take that information back to them and discuss it before the next meeting.**

**Resident: 2117 Foster Road** – Asked if we could file a lawsuit against JCP&L to get these streetlights fixed.

**Mayor Sabosik stated that he and the Chief of Police have had many discussions with the JCP&L gentleman, and they have stated that they are having a problem with personnel. Detailed that they are trying to go through the hierarchy of JCP&L. Confirmed that they are on them and trying to get to them on higher levels.**

**Chief Picca stated that they still do not have the specific LED lights in stock yet, so they are having trouble replacing the standard lights to the brighter ones. Specified that this is not just here, it is all over the state, but they continue to document the situation. Stated that his police officers make note of out lights and take note of the number on the pole and call it in to JCP&L.**

**Resident: 2117 Foster Road** – Stated that a pole on Patterson Road was replaced by Verizon but the old pole was left with wires hanging off of it.

**Mayor stated that we will look into that.**

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

**Mayor Sabosik stated that there will be no Executive Session this evening.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**All in Favor.**

**TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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

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**ROBERT A. SABOSIK  
MAYOR**