

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 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>Deputy Borough Clerk:</b>	<b>Veronica Thwing</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. PROCLAMATION**

- 1. Honoring John Wardell for His 50 Years of Service to the Point Pleasant Boro First Aid**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “Tonight, we have an honor to bestow upon a gentleman who is an icon in our town, who has given so much back to this town for many years. Personal sacrifice. More hours than we can all count. He has no idea that this is coming his way this evening. So without further ado, Mr. John Wardell.”

**John Wardell:** “Thank you very much for recognizing me, I will see you all later.”

Laughter in the audience

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “I’ve known John so long, that when he was the zoning officer in town, when he would come visit me, I knew I didn’t have to say anything just hold out my hand to get my ticket. And then we would negotiate for the betterment of our town. He has been unbelievable to our town. Now, without any further ado, John, your proclamation.”

**John Wardell:** “First off I want to say, I am so sorry that my wife is not here. Second, I want to thank everybody and to anybody that I upset when I was the Code Enforcement Officer, I am sorry. But I really want to thank you all for all of your support while I was in office and through all my time here. I appreciate it.”

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “Before we start our committee reports, we have a young man here who is observing our meeting for his Eagle Scout Medal for Government. Stand up sir. Thank you for attending our meeting and hopefully we can give you some good things to write so you can get your new medal.”

## **B. WORKSHOP**

### **1. Committee Reports**

**Council Member Borowsky stated the following:** “My apologies, but I do not have a report tonight.”

**Council Member Archer stated the following:** “As our Open Space Committee has not had a meeting since June, I do not have a report as well. But we are meeting on Wednesday night. So, I will have a report for the next meeting.”

**Council Member Coulson stated the following:** “Our summer is coming to close, and we are moving on to our fall. Now the pumpkin spice coffee is at Wawa, and I am a little depressed. I think our first Borough football game is this Friday night. So that is always a positive. This month’s Rec meeting is this Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Just some of the Fall things. The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> and this is when we have our fireworks in the evening at the Riverfront Park. The rain date is the next night, October 13<sup>th</sup>. This happens to be Columbus Day weekend so that works out well. Trick or Trunk is Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Haunts in the Park is on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendars.

On a personal matter, I would like to acknowledge Officer Nickerson who captured my runaway 13 year old dog. He was so kind and so diligent. I don’t know how he got out of the yard, but he was running around with a comb on his head and no collar. But he captured our dog and also asked me for a picture to make sure it was mine. I appreciated that he was careful to make sure no one else went off with my dog. Eli has been in time out since his escape.

I also would like to do a shout out to my mom Joan who has turned 90 today. She will be very mad that I made that public.”

**Council Member Veni stated the following:** “First, a big thank you and congratulations to Mr. John Wardell for his 50 years of dedicated service to the Borough of Point Pleasant and the First Aid Squad.

Land Use and Code Enforcement, we had a meeting in August, and we discussed any issues.

The EC had a meeting last Tuesday night. We are making very good progress for the 2025 Earth Day event. So, stay tuned for more information. We received the preliminary plans for Nellie Bennett. They are in the process of reviewing and looking forward and the next EC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.”

**Council Member Furmato stated the following:** “Last week we had a DPW meeting and the items that were discussed were Dorsett Dock Road Sidewalk starting in mid-September. River Road sidewalks phase one starts from Crystal Point to Meadow Point Road. The Mossbank and Treeneedle project should start in late September which should alleviate all of the confusion there in that intersection. The municipal building roof is going to be replaced in the spring. Safe Streets to School grant from behind Ocean Road School. That will be on for tonight for designing. River Road Phase two, which includes Herbertsville Road, will be on for tonight’s approval. New Jersey Natural Gas is supposed to start this week if they haven’t already. They will be there paving. Other items discussed is to have street signs repaired. I have been babysitting my daughter’s dogs, so I have been walking around noticing signs that are broken. I take a picture to Mark at Public Works, and his guys fix it.

Arnold Avenue Park, we will start on a walkway around the perimeter of the park. We also had a Recreation meeting earlier in the month and passed a lot of things that needed to be worked on and so now the design work will start to be done. Hopefully, we will see work progress starting there within the next 6 months.

Northstream Parkway and Richards Road, we have a Community Development Grant for both places to get cleaned up and for ADA compliant sidewalks.”

**Council President DePaola stated the following:** “I too would like to extend my congratulations to John Wardell for his 50 years of public service to the residents of our town. As you can see from the members of the first aid squad that showed up this evening, we have a lot of younger people joining and that is something to be very proud of because a lot of towns were having trouble getting volunteers and we seem to be attracting a whole new generation, so kudos to our first aid squad and their leadership and kudos to John Wardell for his life of public service. On the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Police Youth Summer Camp was held July 24-August 2nd for our borough residents ages 11-13. We had another successful camp experience. The officers enjoyed instructing our youth on various roles involved with law enforcement. Our first responders also volunteered their time for an interesting interaction with the campers and exposed them to a variety of their duties and responsibilities and we'd like to thank all of the local businesses who provided food for the campers for lunch every day. So that is just another event where our community and businesses come together and benefit the youth of our community, which is really wonderful. On August 16th, the police department received reports of thefts from residences in the area located in Hidden Harbor Condos on Beaver Dam Road and that was located on Arnold's Yacht Basin on Beaver Dam Road. Through a very thorough investigation with our patrol officers and the detective bureau, we are happy to say that a 33-year-old from Brick, by the name of Robert Barrows, was identified and charged on August 20th with two counts of third degree burglary and six counts of theft. A majority of stolen property included fishing poles and reels. Fortunately, they were recovered at the defendant's home and the police are making efforts to return them to their rightful owners. It's just another example of, if you see something, say something. Our police department works 24 hours a day and so if you see any suspicious activity, you're encouraged to report it.

And also you may have noticed the push to cross flashing crosswalk lights, in an effort to continue and enhance our pedestrian safety. These flashing lights were installed on Beaver Dam Road by Hollywood Road leading to community park. Pedestrians can push the button to activate the lights alerting drivers that pedestrians are entering the crosswalk. This crosswalk is actively utilized by residents who cross Beaver Dam to enter the park. This particular system that was installed also lights up the crosswalk at night using overhead spotlights, so that was one project we were able to do. And finally, on July 16th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the police department conducted a pedestrian safety decoy detail to address pedestrian safety in crosswalks. This resulted in 28 motor vehicle stops. And all this work by our police department was funded through a grant we applied for from the New Jersey Division of Highway Safety. I know that there are a lot of resident complaints about speeding, e-bikes, pedestrian crossing and the police. But our police department especially under the leadership of Chief Picca have been out there and really warning residents, drivers and out of towners to be safe when they're out there. I would hope that we all will be cautious when we are driving with school back in session.”

## **2. Report of Mayor**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “The Barrier Island Mayors Association have had various meetings regarding the offshore windmill proposals. We are all very concerned about these proposals for numerous reasons. Safety, environment, I don't know how many people have heard about what happened in Nantucket. They had one of them spin off and they had to close 7 beaches in Nantucket over the whole summer getting the shards of the fiber glass off the beach. Bringing the power to the land is a very difficult procedure and very problematic. Some of the engineers that we spoke to stated that when it reaches the land the temperature of the power cable can reach over 200 degrees. So, we are looking into this as a group. The

Fishing Association is naturally against this. We feel that much more research is needed to go into this. The damage to our environment and beaches would be insurmountable if this goes unchecked.

The next item that we have talked a little bit about up here is the Nellie Bennett Salt Marsh Restoration Project with the grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation with the Department of the Interior is moving along. There is different funding coming up behind this initial grant. We need Phase 2, 3 and 4. So, on tonight's agenda there is an authorization to purchase a small piece of the marsh and return it to public ownership which will help us get the additional funding and complete the restoration of the marsh."

**C. MINUTES**

**1. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2024**

**MOTION: Approve Minutes**

**MADE: Coulson**

**SECOND: DePaola**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**D. ORDINANCES**

**1. Introduction**

**Ordinance No. 2024-14 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 19 of the Borough Code Entitled “Land Use”, to Include the Requirement for Certain Information and Plans to be Submitted in Support of an Application for a Building Permit for a Single-Family Home.**

**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:**

**2. Introduction**

**Ordinance No. 2024-16 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7A-18 of the Borough Code Entitled, “Speed Limits”.**

**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**  
**Ordinance No. 2024-19 – Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Interests in Real Properties By Negotiation, Purchase, Condemnation or Eminent Domain, Said Properties Being Identified on the Annexed Schedule and Parcel Maps – B 299.3, Lot 3 Beaver Dam Creek**

**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:**

4. **Introduction**  
**Ordinance No. 2024-20 – Amending and Supplementing Shapter 7A-10 of the Borough Code Entitled “Stop Intersections”**

**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. 2024-21 – Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Interests in Real Properties By Negotiation, Purchase, Condemnation or Eminent Domain, Said Properties Being Identified on the Annexed Schedule and Parcel Maps – 1301 Beaver Dam Road**

**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:**

6. **Introduction**

**Ordinance No. 2024-22 - Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Interests in Real Properties By Negotiation, Purchase, Condemnation or Eminent Domain, Said Properties Being Identified on the Annexed Schedule and Parcel Maps – 1303 Beaver Dam Road**

**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:**

**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. Veni**

**SECOND: Ms. Archer**

**APPROVED: All in Favor**

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

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

**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. (217-2024) Bills and Claims
2. (218-2024) Void Check Resolution
3. (219-2024) Request Chapter 159 Budget Insertion– Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Grant
4. (220-2024) Request Chapter 159 Budget Insertion – NJDOT Local Aid – River Road and Herbertsville Road Curb and Sidewalk Construction Project
5. (221-2024) Appointing Kendra Lelie, PP, AICP, of Kyle & McManus Associates as a Professional Planner to Assist Point Pleasant with Affordable Housing Obligation
6. (222-2024) Authorizing the Execution of Agreements with Ocean County to put in For an Inclusive Recreation Program Via American Rescue Plan Act Fund
7. (223-2024) Authorizing RVE Engineers to Design and Bid for River Road and Herbertsville Road Sidewalk and Curbing Improvements VIA Local Transportation Projects Fund Program – COF-2024-135
8. (224-2024) Authorize RVE for Design and Engineer work for Borough Hall Roof Replacement Project - COF-2024-136
9. (225-2024) Authorize RVE to Design and Bid Sidewalk and Curbing Improvements VIA Safe Routes to School Grant-COF-2024-137

The bills for 2024 totaling the amount of \$12,533,623.58 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:**

**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. (226-2024) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water Sewer Accts.
2. (227-2024) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale
3. (228-2024) Cancelling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to NJSA 54:4-3.32 - Gillespie
4. (229-2024) Cancelling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to NJSA 54:4-3.32 - Sarro

5. (230-2024) **Cancelling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to NJSA 54:4-3.32 - Heun**
6. (231-2024) **Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of a Shared Services Agreement for Improvements to Bay Isle Drive and Boat Point Drive with the County of Ocean**
7. (232-2024) **Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Ocean and Point Pleasant Borough for Utilization of the Ocean County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Training Facility**
8. (233-2024) **Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit**
9. (234-2024) **Authorizing Receipt of a Maintenance Bond and All Closeout Documents and Release of the Performance Bond for the 2021 NJDOT Reconstruction of Old Drift Road, Johnson Avenue, Memorial Drive and Burnt Tavern Road**
10. (235-2024) **Authorize Partial Refund of Permit Fees – Block 75, Lot 2, 3401 Bridge Avenue, Unit 29**
11. (236-2024) **Setting Payment of Exempt Taxes**
12. (237-2024) **Approve 2024-2025 Hourly Rate Increase for Special Law Enforcement Officer IIIs (SLEO III)**
13. (238-2024) **Approve Hourly Increase for Special Law Enforcement Officer II's (SLEO II)**
14. (239-2024) **Authorizing the Road Opening for 1139 Bradford Drive**
15. (240-2024) **Authorizing the Road Opening for 1411 George Street**
16. (241-2024) **Authorizing the Road Opening for 2227 Barnegat Boulevard**
17. (242-2024) **Authorize Recreation Department to Rehire Part-Time Seasonals**
18. (243-2024) **Authorize Refund for Various Programs – Recreation**
19. (244-2024) **Awarding a Contract for the Roadway & Parking Improvements for the Mossbank Project to Fiore Paving Co. – COF-2024-134**
20. (245-2024) **Rejecting All Bids Submitted for the Boat Point Drive Raising and Drainage Project**
21. (246-2024) **Approving Applications:**
  - **Bay Head Shores Property Owners Association, Social Affair Permit, Annual Labor Day Celebration, Saturday, August 31, 2024, from 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM, (rain date September 1, 2024).**
22. (247-2024) **Confirming Personnel Appointments:**
  - **Memorialize Richard Gobin is hereby appointed to the position of Temporary, Full-time DPW Laborer in the Building and Grounds**
  - **Confirming Appointment of Robert Gasenheimer to the position of Laborer in the Department of Public Works. Department, effective July 29, 2024, at \$16.00 per hour.**
  - **Retirement of Alan Kretz, Senior Mechanic, DPW effective May 1, 2025.**
  - **Retirement of David Griggs DPW effective June 1, 2025.**
23. (248-2024) **Confirming Personnel Appointment – OEM:**
  - **Daniel White, Community Emergency Response Team Member**
24. (249-2024) **Confirming Appointment of Robert Gasenheimer to the position of Laborer In the Department of Public Works**

**MOTION: Adopt Resolutions**

**MADE: Coulson**

**SECOND: Archer**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**H. AUTHORIZATION**

**1. Authorization to Solicit Bids for Solid Waste Collection**

**MOTION: Approve Authorization**

**MADE: Furmato**

**SECOND: Coulson**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Mr. Borowsky: Yes**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**I. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

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

**MADE: Ms. Coulson**

**SECOND: Ms. DePaola**

**APPROVED: All in Favor**

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

**Resident, Woods End Road:** “I have been a resident since 1996. I currently work for a Financial Group and we provide benefits to municipalities. I was wondering if you were aware what the health benefits increase was for next year.”

**Mr. Pannucci:** “You and I have talked and right now all of our unions are talking amongst each other whether if they would like to move forward with the benefit card and then we would have to draw up the appropriate RFP.”

**Resident, Woods End Road:** “I was wondering if the council would provide us with a census from the town so that we can give a quote.”

**Mr. Pannucci:** “I will look into this. We already have an insurance broker of record with Point Pleasant Borough. We already have a health insurance broker that we are contracted with. If the unions would like to move forward with this, we will contact you and set something up.”

**Resident, Spruce Street:** “When I first moved in, Whitten Drive was a field. Then I woke up one day and I heard bulldozers. Is that a recognized street? Because my suggestion about the traffic going on my street was when they come back, make it a no right turn so that they don’t have to have traffic on the other streets.”

Also asked if the Council remembered her asking if they can turn the garbage can at the recreation center so that the residents could get to it. Stated that it now has been moved even further away.

Superintendent of Public Works, Mark Lane stated that they were having problems with the garbage cans and local residents filling them with their household trash.

**Mayor Sabosik stated that this will be looked into, because he had received more phone calls on this issue.**

**Resident, Spruce Street:** “Just my opinion on Northstream, no matter what you are going to do, unless you have cops sitting there 24 hours a day, it is a speedway. It is really dangerous.”

**Chief Picca:** “We have increased enforcement there, but it is not realistic to have officers there 24-7. We have placed a message board and increased signage there, which is slowing people down.”

The Spruce Street Resident and Chief Picca continue to discuss the efforts they are putting into making the area safer.

**Resident, River Road:** “I have questions about the sidewalks being done at River Road. Does anybody have a plan for this?”

**John LeCompte, Engineer** “At this time we have a preliminary layout that we provided to the County for review. Once we get it back, we will share it with the town. I will give you my card. Send me an email and I will send you information. It will be on the river side.”

**Resident, River Road:** “There are not a lot of people walking down River Road. I feel like there will be a large amount of damage you are going to do to the whole area. We have all of our landscaping and mature trees around there. Once you disturb the root system, you might as well cut the tree down.”

**Mayor Sabosik:** “I do not see this as a negative thing in my humble opinion. We have a lot of young children who have moved into town and all the properties will be restored. John will tell you, in our contract, we have made sure that if something is done, we put things back together. We are not taking anybody’s footage. What we are doing is we are taking from the town’s right of way and putting in sidewalks due to the increased need.”

**Resident, River Road:** “Instead of doing all of this work, why don’t you fix the drainage problem that is going on over there? I have been fighting with them for years. My neighbor doesn’t even get to use his driveway at times because there is so much water. The whole road gets flooded and we can’t even get that problem resolved.”

**Mayor Sabosik:** “The County is working on the drainage problem as well. But we will talk to our engineers to look into the problem.”

**Resident, Foster Road:** Asked for clarification on ordinances.

**Mayor Sabosik responded.**

**Resident, Foster Road:** Asked if it was true that bicycles in New Jersey have to have a light on them.

**Chief Picca stated that the language is that bikes shall have a light.**

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

Mayor Sabosik stated that there will be no Executive Session

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**All in Favor.**

**TRANSCRIBED BY: ANTOINETTE JONES, BOROUGH CLERK**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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

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**ROBERT A. SABOSIK  
MAYOR**