# COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024 7:00 P.M.

Mayor: Robert A. Sabosik
Council President: Antoinette DePaola

Council Member: William Borowsky (Absent)

**Council Member:** Joseph Furmato

Council Member: Valerie Coulson (Absent)

Council Member: Charlene Archer
Council Member: Joseph Veni (Absent)
Borough Attorney: Jerry J. Dasti, Esq.
Borough Administrator: Frank Pannucci
Borough Clerk: Antoinette Jones

#### THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

<u>STATEMENT BY MAYOR SABOSIK</u>: 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. PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATION

# 1. Honoring Bruce Seyfried

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** "Tonight we have the honor of honoring one of our best. The Fire Department is an integral part of this town. We had a lot of winning teams this year and they come out and give them praise. They come to social functions, and they come to all the cultural events that Point Pleasant has. But there is one individual who has been doing it for decades. He is an outstanding gentleman, and I am proud to announce a proclamation for Bruce Seyfried. Please come up Sir."

#### B. WORKSHOP

### 1. Committee Reports

Council Member Archer stated the following: "I just wanted to do a quick reminder that on December 14<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> we are meeting Santa at the Bennett Cabin at the Riverfront Park. That will be from 2pm to 5pm. All ages are allowed, and I believe that Santa is also taking photos with everyone's favorite pets. So, dogs are welcome as well. Also, I wanted to remind everyone that on December 7<sup>th</sup> the Recreation Committee is also going to be doing the Christmas Tree lighting. The Chamber is going to have the Market in the Park at 5pm."

Council Member Furmato stated the following: "As you can see, Treeneedle and Mossbank streets are all done. Also, the Dorsett Dock Road sidewalks are all done. I have been walking there and it has made a big enhancement to our town. Hopefully, we will have more coming as we get more funding. River Road is finally paved and the next thing we will be doing there is sidewalks from one end to the other. I also want to thank the DPW. They do a great job with the leaf pickup every year. The guys are great, and they even get their brooms out and sweep the streets. I don't think you can get that anywhere else in New Jersey like they do here.

Sunshine Harbor, all the paving is done. I went out there after the rain last week and it looks like they did a great job. We had a lot of tunneling problems out there, but it looks great now.

I also want to congratulate the Boro Girls Soccer Team. They won the Group 2 State Championship. This is a first time effort for the girls.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our Borough Employees and Professionals."

Council President DePaola stated the following: "First up is an incident report by our police department. As some of you may have read in the newspaper, on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:15am the police responded to a report of a confrontation between two motor vehicle drivers. The incident escalated in front of the TD Bank on the Bridge Avenue extension. A sixty year old male from Brick was stabbed. The perpetrator fled the scene but fortunately for us, our police detectives doing the usual great job were able to determine that the person was a Point Pleasant Beach resident, Nicholas Ippolito. He was taken into custody and taken to the Ocean County Jail. This just serves as a reminder to everyone that when you are driving, especially now with the holidays and the stress of the season, do not take serious any of these increased stressors. You need to learn to take a deep breath and let these things go. We have to try to prevent getting worked up over minor incidents where it could lead to serious danger and somebody getting seriously injured or killed. Just remember, take a deep breath, and don't drive angry.

We have our holiday wish tree set up in the lobby of the police department. We are asking people to come and get an ornament off the tree, and it will tell you the wish of the person who has the ornament on the tree. There will be a gift box in the lobby to drop off your gifts. The Police want to make sure that we have all gifts by December 11<sup>th</sup> to get them to the families.

The mothers and the children at Dottie's House and local families that are having a hard time will be the recipients of the gifts from the wish tree. If you are able to, pick an ornament and help a family in need.

On November 20<sup>th</sup> we had coffee with a cop at the Quick Check. This is a wonderful event where people can meet with our officers in a casual setting. They have handouts including information on firearm laws, domestic violence and fraud prevention. We always appreciate this, and we appreciate Quick Check hosting this event.

Also in November, it is epilepsy awareness month. Just to make everyone aware because we all probably know someone with this.

We would like to thank OEM for keeping an eye on our weather. They do a great job of keeping us informed of any weather events that may affect our residents and also thank you to our Fire and First Aid who are always out there when needed. Happy Holidays to everyone."

# 2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: "Wreaths Across America is an American nonprofit that was established in 2007. The primary mission is to place wreaths on graves to military cemeteries through the Christmas season. Their motto is: We must remember the fallen, honor those who served and teach the next generation. I am happy to report that this year, their procession will be coming through Point Pleasant Borough on December 11<sup>th</sup> at approximately 12pm. All 53 of their vehicles will be going through to Bay Head and to the inlet in Point Pleasant Beach for a ceremony at approximately 1pm. Let us all come out and give them our support as they travel through our town and attend the ceremony to show respect for our fallen heroes. We talk so much about our volunteers and how great Point Pleasant is doing. Tonight, I am happy to say our own OEM has been awarded the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey Partner of

the Year. I thank them for their dedication and professionalism, and I am very excited that other organizations are realizing what a great town we have.

Everybody have a safe holiday and eat a lot of turkey. Have a nice nap in the afternoon and we will see you in a couple weeks.

I have one more announcement to make. Our Reorganization Meeting will be Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at Noon."

# C. MINUTES

- 1. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2024
- 2. Approve Executive Session Minutes of October 28, 2024

**MOTION:** Approve Minutes

MADE: Archer SECOND: DePaola

Ms. DePaola: Yes Ms. Archer: Yes Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Coulson: Absent Mr. Borowsky: Absent Mr. Veni: Absent

**CARRIES:** 

### D. ORDINANCES

1. <u>Introduction</u>

Ordinance No. 2024-26 – Amending Parking on Mistletoe Avenue and Treeneedle Road

**MOTION:** Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Furmato SECOND: Archer

Ms. DePaola: Yes Ms. Archer: Yes Mr. Furmato: Yes Ms. Coulson: Absent Mr. Borowsky: Absent Mr. Veni: Absent

**CARRIES:** 

E. <u>OPEN PUBLIC SESSION</u> (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: Ms. Archer

**APPROVED: All in Favor** 

Council President DePaola opened the meeting to the public.

**Resident: Foster Road** – Asked what the percentage of the raise was for Consent Agenda Items #9 and #10.

The Mayor responded that it was 4% each year, for four years.

Seeing no other 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. (287-2024) Bills and Claims
- 2. (288-2024) Void Check Resolution
- 3. (289-2024) Authorization Transfer of 2024 Budget Appropriations
- 4. (290-2024) Chapter 159 Budget Insertion ARPA Inclusive Recreation Program
- 5. (291-2024) Chapter 159 Budget Insertion –FY2025 NJDOT LAIF-Bridge Avenue Improvements 15 Project

The bills for 2024 totaling the amount of 44,468,495.68 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: Absent Mr. Borowsky: Absent Mr. Veni: Absent

**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. (292-2024) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale
- 2. (293-2024) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4 3.32 Roebuck
- 3. (294-2024) Authorize Refund of Various Programs Recreation

4.	(295-2024)	Awarding a Contract for the Roadway Improvements to Canal
		Drive & Roe Avenue Project to S. Brothers, Inc. – COF #2024-131
<b>5.</b>	(296-2024)	Authorize Purchase of a Ford F550 Truck from All American Ford
	, ,	through ESCNJ Co-op #65MCESCCPS – COF #2024-142
6.	(297-2024)	Authorize Purchase of Truck Equipment from Monmouth Truck
	, ,	through ESCNJ Co-op #65MCESCCPS – COF #2024-143
7.	(298-2024)	Authorize Refund Escrow Fee – 1336 Sleepy Hollow Road
8.	(299-2024)	Approve Hourly Increase for Recycling Center Employees
9.	(300-2024)	Approving a Four-Year Contract with the Captains and Lieutenants of
		the Police Dept.
10.	(301-2024)	Approving a Four-Year Contract with the Patrolman and Sergeants of
	, ,	the Police Dept.
11.	(302-2024)	Authorizing Release of a Maintenance Bond Posted for Improvements
	,	to Christine Court and Rue Mirador Roadway
12.	(303-2024)	Authorizing Release of Any and All Rights of Point Pleasant Borough in
	,	a Certain Easement Agreement Located in the Borough of Bay Head
<b>13.</b>	(304-2024)	Confirming Personnel Appointment – New Members to the CERT
	,	Team – OEM:
		- John Calderella, Community Emergency Response Team

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- Jolaine Calderella, Community Emergency Response Team Member
- Joseph Vigliotti, Community Emergency Response Team Member
- Gary Schiavone, Community Emergency Response Team Member
- Joan Buitore-Schiavone, Community Emergency Response Team Member
- Paul Pantaleone, Community Emergency Response Team Member

**MOTION:** Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Furmato SECOND: Archer

Ms. DePaola: Yes Ms. Archer: Yes Mr. Furmato: Yes Ms. Coulson: Absent Mr. Borowsky: Absent Mr. Veni: Absent

**CARRIES:** 

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<b>MOTION:</b> Open the meeting to the public	
MADE: Ms. DePaola	
SECOND: Ms. Archer	
APPROVED: All in Favor	
Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the publ	ic.
Seeing no hands, Mayor Sabosik closed this po	rtion of the meeting.
Mayor Sabosik stated that there would be a	no Executive Session this evening.
MOTION TO ADJOURN	
All in Favor.	
TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA T	HWING, DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK
ATTEST:	APPROVED:
ANTOINETTE JONES, RMC, CMR	ROBERT A. SABOSIK
BOROUGH CLERK	MAYOR