

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	Joseph Furmato
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola
Council Member:	Valerie Coulson
Council Member:	Charlene Archer (Absent)
Council Member:	Joseph Veni
Council Member:	William Stevenson
Borough Attorney:	Jerry Dasti, Esq.
Borough Administrator:	Frank Pannucci

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 10, 2025, edition of *The Ocean Star* and January 10, 2025, edition of *The Asbury Park Press*.

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Tonight is a great night where we are going to say thank you to a lot of people who made this town different. Tonight, we are going to promote and then honor two individuals. We will then take a 5 minute break to take pictures if they want to take pictures. These items that we are bringing up tonight which makes our town different. People helping the police, and the police helping the people. That is what makes our town unique. We do it in a manner that is positive to everybody concerned.”

A. RESOLUTIONS/OATH OF OFFICE

- 1. (196-2025) Authorizing the Promotion of Jeffrey Johnson to Sergeant, in the Point Pleasant Borough Police Department, effective August 11, 2025.**

Mayor Sabosik: “Jeff was born and raised here in Point Pleasant, NJ. He has dedicated his life to serving the community that has shaped him. His public service journey began in 2006 when he joined the Point Pleasant Borough First Aid Squad and earned his EMT certification. He graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 2009 working as a part-time dispatcher for Point Pleasant Borough. He then went to Sea Girt where he was a Class I and graduated from the Ocean County Academy in May of 2010. He remained in the Sea Girt PD as a Class II gaining experience in various roles. In 2011, seeking to broaden his patrol experience, he joined the Lakehurst PD as a Class II. His commitment and continued growth led him back to Point Pleasant where we were very fortunate to hire him in March 2012 as a full-time police officer. He has pursued higher education and has an associate’s degree from the Ocean County College. He has been a chief component with our K-9 Unit and community policing. He lives in Point Pleasant with his young wife Megan, and their three children.”

MOTION: Adopt Resolution

MADE: Stevenson

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Archer: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes
Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes
Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Our next order of business will be proclamations for heroic actions in regards to one of our residents in need of help.”

B. PROCLAMATION

1. Recognizing Lilian Youseff on Her Extraordinary Heroism on July 28, 2025

Mayor Sabosik: “Next we will be honoring one of our finest police officers in the history of the Point Pleasant Police Department. Bobby Tobias is without a doubt, one of the best of the best.”

2. Recognizing P.O. Robert Tobias for his Life Saving Efforts on July 28, 2025

C. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Veni stated the following: “I would like to congratulate Sergeant Johnson on his well deserved promotion. Thank you for being an integral part of the Borough Police Department and for helping keep our town safe every day. Congratulations to both Lilian Youseff and Officer Tobias for selflessly putting your own lives second and another person’s life first to save them.

Just a quick EC note. The next Environmental Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 7pm here in the court.”

Council Member Stevenson stated the following: “I want to congratulate Sergeant Johnson on your much-deserved promotion. What you do for our town and children is amazing. Thank you for your dedication. To our lifesaving award winners, Lilian Youseff and Officer Tobias, what can I say but thank you.

I recently spoke with our District Assemblyman Greg McGuckin, about a bill he and Assemblyman Paul Kanitra sponsored A1062, which establishes a 15 MPH speed limit for E-Bikes and E-Scooters. They are currently working on getting support from various law enforcement organizations and other members of the assembly. They will keep me updated. Assemblyman McGuckin advised that the Assembly is on summer break, and any legislation will not be acted on until late fall.

I reported at the last meeting that the state health and benefit plan want to increase contributions significantly. The proposed increases range from a single user making \$20,000-\$29,999 up 2.584% to a family plan with an employee making \$110,000+ increases to a flat rate of \$17,500.00 each. The league of municipalities is working hard with various groups, including the legislature, to come up with a different plan. They are not supporting this bill.

School fall sports and band practices have started and will be reopening on September 3rd.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “First off, I would like to congratulate Jeff Johnson on his promotion to Sergeant of our Borough Police Department. Jeff has been a wonderful addition to our department, and he has worked really hard over the years. It is really a well deserved promotion. And we are all so lucky to recognize Officer Tobias and our resident Lilian Youseff on their courageous and heroic actions in saving someone under distress. Also, I would like to thank our Emergency Management organizations. They responded to 48 incidents in July. They were very active and one of the things that happened in August was our National Night Out, for which I would like to thank our DPW, our Police and our Community Watch Organization and all the local government organizations and non-profits that showed up to help us. And thank you to all our local businesses that were kind enough to donate so that we could have this free event for families and residents of the Borough. Another indication of why we love living here. Everybody worked together really hard, and it was a wonderful event.”

Council Member Coulson stated the following: “I would like to congratulate Sergeant Johnson on his well-deserved promotion, and I want to say a big thank you to Lilian Youseff and our own Police Officer Tobias for their life saving efforts. This is what Point Pleasant is about. Community, and people helping people. This could have really had a bad outcome if not for them.

Sadly, summer is coming to an end. Our Fall Recreation programs will be starting soon. The Fall Festival is in October, and then we have Trick or Trunk and Haunts in the Park. I will give you those dates as it gets closer. I am going to savor what we have left of the summer.”

Council President Furmato stated the following: “I would like to congratulate Jeff for his promotion to Sergeant. He is a great guy, and I know he is going to do a great job.

On another note, Wednesday this week, bidding goes out for the Herbertsville Road and River Road Sidewalks. And then next Monday we will have a meeting here to award that bid.

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Tonight we will be voting on a new ambulance for our First Aid. We have one of the most active First Aid units in the state. All hours of the day and night, they go out and take care of our residents. We will be retiring an older ambulance. Also, tonight, we have one police interceptor and two Ford Escapes. We are going to two Ford Escapes because we are going to retire 15 year old Crown Vics. The Ford Escapes are going to give us almost double the gas mileage that the Ford Crown Vics used to give us and also gives us two more vehicles with all wheel drive. Hopefully, the Council approves both of those items tonight. I think it is mandatory that we do that.

Also, tonight we will be voting on a settlement from a chemical company which at the end will probably be close to \$400,000.00 for this town. It was through a class action lawsuit that we became part of, and we have not spent any dollars for the attorney. It is a national firm that is doing it. We will be getting the money over the next six years.

As Council President Furmato stated, we are going to have a special meeting next week. But we also had meetings with New Jersey DOT where they are coming out with the largest maintenance contract in their history for Route 88 Improvements. This will have bike lanes, walking lanes and rapid rectangular flashing beacons, which is what we have at the park. This is vital for the future of our town. We are making the town safer. We are improving the walkability, and we will continue to do these improvements.”

D. MINUTES

- 1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2025.**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Veni

SECOND: Coulson

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

D. ORDINANCES

- 1. Final Reading and Public Hearing
Ordinance No. 2025-13 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 2-28 of the Borough Code Entitled, “Access to Public Records” to Include New Chapter 2-28-7 Entitled “Body-Worn and Vehicle Camera Footage Requests”**

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Stevenson

SECOND: Furmato

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

- 2. Introduction
Ordinance No. 2025-14 - Amending and Supplementing Chapter 14 of the Borough Code Entitled “Personnel” to Include New Chapter 14-13.9 Entitled “Liability for Training Costs; Terms Defined”**

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Furmato

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

3. Introduction

Ordinance No. 2025-15 - Amending and Supplementing Chapter 14 of the Borough Code Entitled “Personnel” to Include New Chapter 14-13.10 Entitled “Liability for Certain Costs for Training Certain Law Enforcement Personnel, Definitions”

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Stevenson

SECOND: Coulson

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Archer: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes
Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes
Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

4. Introduction

Ordinance No. 2025-16 - Amending and Supplementing Chapter 19 of the Borough Code Entitled “Land Use” Specifically Chapter 19-3 Clothing Donation Bins

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Fumato

SECOND: Stevenson

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Archer: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes
Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes
Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

5. Introduction

Ordinance No. 2025-17 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, “Traffic,” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Point Pleasant to Establish No Parking Zones on Beaver Dam Road

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Furmato

SECOND: Veni

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Archer: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes
Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes
Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Councilman Furmato, before I turn this meeting over to you, there is one small change that needs to be made in the consent agenda. Item number 17 should be the purchase of two 2025 Ford Escapes, not 2026. So, if you could change the paperwork.”

**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: Stevenson

SECOND: Coulson

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Furmato opened the meeting to the public.

Resident: 2117 Foster Road – “On that settlement. Did we actually have any pollution in town or are we just getting a settlement.”

Mr. Dasti: “It didn’t affect our well water, just the pollution in the ground. There was never any threat to the health of residents in town.”

Mr. Pannucci: “It is stemming off of the styrofoam and the fire extinguishers from the Brick Township Fire Academy on Herbertsville Road in Brick. Because it is close enough to our proximity, we were able to join the national lawsuit against Dyson, Dupont and all those firms that manufactured those chemicals to recoup some of the costs that we naturally had to use. So, it is free money for us. Mr. Dasti did an amazing job getting us that free money. And the Mayor and Council.”

Mr. Dasti: “Here is an interesting story about that. We retained a nationwide firm to do this on a contingency basis. The name of the firm was Kennedy & Madonna. And Kennedy was Robert Kennedy Jr. So, he was the partner in the firm. His name is not on the letterhead anymore because he has got other things going on. I talked to Kevin Madonna quite a few times. Their office is outside of New York City in a small town in New York State. I asked him why they are not in the city being such a big firm. He then explained that they were all set to go into the city and open offices there in the city. We were going to move in on September 12, 2001, to the Twin Towers. I have never been back.”

Resident: 2117 Foster Road – Asked which post John Kaklamanis will be a crossing guard at.

The Council responded that that would be up to the Chief.

Seeing no other hands, Council President Furmato 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. (197-2025) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (198-2025) Request Chapter 159 Budget Insertion – Barrier Island Flood Mitigation Consortium**

The bills for 2025 totaling the amount of \$8,751,735.73 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: DePaola

SECOND: Archer

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: 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. (199-2025) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
- 2. (200-2025) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accounts**
- 3. (201-2025) Authorizing the Issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1**
- 4. (202-2025) Authorize Recreation Department to Rehire Part-Time Seasonals**
- 5. (203-2025) Authorize Refund of Various Recreation Programs**
- 6. (204-2025) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 279, Lot 83, 1716 Bay Blvd.**
- 7. (205-2025) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 127, Lot 12, 1127 Borden Ave.**
- 8. (206-2025) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 155, Lot 2, 1232 William St.**
- 9. (207-2025) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 328, Lot 17, 1502 Ivy Road**
- 10. (208-2025) Accepting Closeout Documents and Authorizing Payment of Engineer’s Certificate No. 2 and Municipal Voucher in the Amount of \$14,827.52 Submitted by Diamond Construction**
- 11. (209-2025) Amending Resolution No. 321-2024 Dated December 9, 2024, to Re Allocate Award Budget Accounts and Authorize Morgan Municipal, LLC for Engineering Services for the FY2025 NJDOT Local Transportation Project – Bridge Avenue Safety Improvements Project**
- 12. (210-2025) Awarding a Contract for the FY2025 NJDOT Local Transportation Project- Bridge Avenue Safety Improvements Project to Earle Asphalt Company – COF #2025-131**
- 13. (211-2025) Authorizing and Approving Settlement with 3M Company**
- 14. (212-2025) Authorizing the Road Opening from 1202 Sunset Avenue**

15. (213-2025) Authorize Purchase of an Ambulance for First Aid Through HGACBUY Contract #AM10-23 - COF #2025-132
16. (214-2025) Authorize Purchase of One (1) 2025 Ford Explorer Interceptor Through Ocean County Co-op B2024-117 – COF #2025-133
17. (215-2025) Authorize Purchase of Two (2) 2025 Ford Escapes Through Bergen County Co-op BC-BID-24-43 – COF #2025-134
18. (216-2025) Authorize Outfitting of Police Vehicles by Elite Vehicle Solutions – COF #2025-135
19. (217-2025) Declaring an Emergency for a Sanitary Sewer Break in the Vicinity of 1814 Boat Point Drive
20. (218-2025) Confirming Personnel Appointments/Actions-PD
 - Resignation of Jessica Corino as full-time Crossing Guard, effective August 11, 2025.
 - John Kaklamanis be appointed to the position of part-time Crossing Guard, effective August 11, 2025, at the rate of \$26.63 per hour, as per the current Teamsters Local Union No. 469 Collective Bargaining Agreement.
21. (219-2025) Approving the Following Applications:
 - Approval of The Shore House Bar and Grill, Extension of Premises, Steve’s Colon Cancer Fundraiser, Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
 - Approval of Kiwanis Club of Point Pleasant, Pointsgiving 2025 at Community Park, Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
 - Approval of Bay Head Shores Property Owners Association, Social Affair Permit, Annual BHSPOA Labor Day Celebration, Saturday, August 30, 2025, from 2:00 PM-10:00 PM (rain date August 31, 2025).
 - Approval of Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, Social Affair Permit, Fall Festival at Riverfront Park on Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM (rain date October 12, 2025).
 - Approval of Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore Point Pleasant Troops, Campfire Singalong at Maxson Avenue Beach at Riverfront Park on Friday, September 26, 2025 (rain date September 28, 2025).

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Coulson

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Archer: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes
Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes
Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

Mayor Sabosik read the notice for the upcoming special meeting coming up on Monday August 18, 2025, at 5:30pm. The agenda of this meeting will consist of awarding a contract for LTPF Herbertsville and River Road Project.

MOTION: Approve Special Meeting

MADE: Furmato

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Absent

Mr. Veni: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

I. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: Coulson

SECOND: Furmato

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

Resident: 2117 Foster Road – Asked if they were going to have fireworks this year at the Fall Festival and also asked what the town was going to be doing at the Municipal Hall since he noticed the employees have not been parking by the building.

The Mayor responded that yes, there would be fireworks at the Fall Festival, and the Borough will be redoing the roof at the municipal building.

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:

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

**ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR**