

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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
Council Member:	Joseph Veni
Council Member:	William Stevenson
Borough Attorney:	Senator Connors, 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: “We are going to go a little bit out of order this evening. We have a young gentleman who is going to be joining the Police Department here in the Borough of Point Pleasant. Zach, I wish you nothing but the best. You are going to have a great future here. We have probably one of the best Chief’s ever in our history. You will learn a lot, you are going to work a lot, and you are going to get tired a lot. Welcome.”

A. RESOLUTION/OATH OF OFFICE

1. (221-2025) Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officer II –
- Zachary O’Donnell - \$22.50, effective 9/8/25

MOTION: Adopt Resolution

MADE: DePaola

SECOND: Furmato

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Archer: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes
Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes
Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

B. PRESENTATION

1. Presentation of the new Borough Flag to Carlo Polino

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “This next presentation shows the creativeness of a young gentleman in town who pointed out that the Borough of Point Pleasant did not have a flag. He worked very hard and diligent in developing a flag that reflects our heritage, today and tomorrow.”

Mayor Sabosik read and presented a letter signed by all of Council and the Mayor. A new Borough flag was also given to Mr. Polino and his family.

C. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Archer stated the following: “My report tonight is very quick due to the fact that the Open Space is still on hiatus for summer. We are done now and will have our first meeting on September 24th. I also wanted to congratulate our new special officer Zach O’Donnell.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “Just to let everybody know, our Emergency Management was very busy in August. They responded to 33 incidents. On August 19th, they deployed the CERT Team to help with the Point Pleasant Rotary Car Show. They have done over 646 man hours. The CERT Team has put in 172 man hours, for a total of over 818 hours in August. For that, we would like to thank our volunteers. Our police force continues to get out there and work hard. As you all know, school just started. So, please be careful of all the children that are out there. I know that our Police Department has been educating the children in bike safety and walker safety. Hopefully, all those sidewalks we were able to get installed recently are adding to the benefit to our kids and their parents who walk to school.”

Council Member Veni stated the following: “Our next EC Meeting will be on September 16th at 7:00pm in our courtroom. I would also like to congratulate Zachary O’Donnell on his new position. And I would also like to thank Carlo Polino for that beautiful flag. I think it is amazing, and it really goes to show you how the younger generation cares. That was a lot of work, and I am sure that kid Carlos is going to do a lot more to impress us as he gets older.”

Council Member Stevenson stated the following: “I wanted to congratulate our newest officer Zach on his new position.

I have been discussing the large increase to the state health benefit plan. Recently Governor Murphy and the state public sector unions that represent the state workers have now settled on an agreement for the final six months of fiscal year 2026, which does not include local governments. It is only a short term solution, and they are saying that it is most likely going to take legislation to fix it for the local level. I am just waiting for the new season to start up down in Trenton, but I should have more next meeting.”

Council Member Coulson stated the following: “I would also like to congratulate Zach O’Donnell, our new Class II officer and to thank Carlo Polino for coming up with such a nice idea for a flag in town. We have our Fall Recreation brochure coming out today. There are a lot of new fall programs coming out for all ages. We even have a trip to Radio City on November 6th to see the Rockettes if anyone is interested in that. Our winter basketball program is in the brochure. We need sponsors and coaches. If anyone is interested in this, please contact the Rec Department and contact Sheri. This Friday night, we are showing the movie Jaws, for its 50th anniversary at Maxson Beach. All you have to do is bring a beach chair. The weather is supposed to be nice, but I would bring a blanket. The screen is going to face the river in the back, so it will be a nice backdrop. Our Fall Fireworks are Saturday, October 11th with the rain date of the 12th. That is Columbus Day weekend. So, if for some reason we have to go to Sunday, the kids have off on Monday, so that is great. Looking ahead, Haunts in the Park will be on October 23rd. I will have more on that next month.”

Council President Furmato stated the following: “Congratulations to Zach on being our newest police officer.

As you can see, Bay Head Shores roads are being paved. Eight are complete and four more will be done this week. There are 11 more to go. There are approximately 6 miles of road, and that is a lot of road in town because the Borough only has 55 miles of road. So, this is a good chunk of roads being done. Also, as

you can see along Bridge Avenue, all the public safety work has started. They have been doing it for about two weeks, and they will be there for a little while longer. That will be a big improvement for the town.”

2. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “I would like to congratulate Zachary O’Donnell on his appointment. It just seems as we sit up here that the officers are just getting younger and younger. It is an interesting passage of time. For Carlo, it was a great accomplishment for a young man. This was something that was really from his heart. His family was so proud of him, and so are we.

Tonight, we have a couple of quick things. We received a certificate for Safe Route to Schools again from the Mercer County TMA. It shows that they are recognizing everything that we are doing, from the sidewalks to the rapid deployment of beacons to slow people down. So, I really appreciate that. One thing I must bring up tonight is we had a two-hour meeting today with Mayors and the County officials. New Jersey DEP has a new program called Resilient Environment and Landscape, the REAL. Basically, what that is, there will be an increase in height for all the homes being built along the coast. The main thing we are fighting is they are using a 75 year projection from today for what will happen 75 years from today. We think it is a little bit too forward, draconian and totally unfair for our towns. I will keep you abreast of what is happening with that. The additional height requirement would make a large impact on our senior citizens. So, we must come up with a plan for the state, and for the water areas. Not only Ocean County, but this also affects the Delaware basin, and goes all the way into the Trenton area. This is a very far reaching idea. It is an executive action. The assembly and senate did not even vote on it. So, we will be getting back to you when we have a more definitive plan.

On a better note, Point Pleasant Borough was the starting town for calling the Barrier Island Mayors Consortium. What is that? All the towns have come together to form a group to do something about the bay and the backwaters. So, I am happy to announce tonight that we have received a New Jersey Planning Officials Achievement and Planning Award for 2025. I am going to have our town administrator talk about this.”

Mr. Pannucci stated the following: “A year ago, Mayor Sabosik got all the barrier island mayors together, all ten towns including the county of ocean. They created the first ever consortium. They did this to create regional approaches to flood mitigation. You cannot solve flooding in this area, but you can mitigate it. No town is going to have the answers by themselves. The consortium was recognized by the New Jersey Planning Officials. We will be getting an award at the end of September. We have approximately \$1.3 million dollars’ worth of grants that we have not been awarded yet, but we are expecting to be awarded so that our engineers could start doing that project for the whole barrier island. This is because of our mayor and the other barrier island mayors and the work they have been doing for the last few months.”

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “The last thing I have is a Mayoral appointment for Katie Stevenson on the Green Team effective this evening. I thank her for volunteering to go on this important environmental Green Team for the town of Point Pleasant.”

D. MINUTES

1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2025

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Stevenson

SECOND: Furmato

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Abstain

Mr. Veni: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

2. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2025

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Furmato

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

E. ORDINANCES

1. Final Reading and Public Hearing

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"

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Furmato

SECOND: Stevenson

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

2. Final Reading and Public Hearing

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"

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Coulson

SECOND: Furmato

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

3. Final Reading and Public Hearing

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Mayor Sabosik confirmed that there will be no new clothing bins allowed in the Borough of Point Pleasant. The ones that are there are all that will be left allowed.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Furmato

SECOND: Archer

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

- 4. Final Reading and Public Hearing**
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

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: DePaola

SECOND: Furmato

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: 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: Archer

SECOND: Veni

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Furmato opened the meeting to the public.

Resident: 2117 Foster Road – Asked for Clarification on the item regarding Off Duty Officers, if it also includes wear and tear on the cars.

Mayor Sabosik stated that it does, and that the Borough gets paid \$25 per hour per car.

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. (222-2025) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (223-2025) Void Check Resolution**
- 3. (224-2025) Request Chapter 159 Budget Insertion – CDBG CT-1525-21 for Handicap Access Improvements**

The bills for 2025 totaling the amount of \$18,219,196.23 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: Stevenson

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

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.”

- 3. (225-2025) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
- 4. (226-2025) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accounts**
- 5. (227-2025) Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts Less Than \$10.00**
- 6. (228-2025) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4 32 – Jamarino**
- 7. (229-2025) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4 32 – Waterson**
- 8. (230-2025) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4 32 – Yung & Wilt**
- 9. (231-2025) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4 32 – Stahl**

10. (232-2025) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:432 – Ditchkus
11. (233-2025) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:432 – Perez
12. (234-2025) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond–Block 113, Lot 48, 511 Riverwood Park
13. (235-2025) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 142 Lot 10, 650 Delaware Avenue
14. (236-2025) Authorize Refund of Partial Construction Fees for Permit, Block 172, Lot 13, 2307 Bert Avenue
15. (237-2025) Authorize Recreation Department Refunds
16. (238-2025) Authorize Refund of Current and Escrow Accounts – Zoning Board
17. (239-2025) Confirming Personnel Promotion:
 - Ryan Tschinkel promoted to Sr. Diesel Mechanic, Grade 7a, Step 8 with an annual salary of \$120,180.00 as per the Teamsters Local #469 Contract effective September 8, 2025.
18. (240-2025) Approving the Following Application:
 - Approval of Sun Baked Surf Boutique, Summer Vendor Event, 3112 Bridge Avenue on September 27, 2025, and September 28, 2025, from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
19. (241-2025) Confirming Personnel Appointment – New Member to the CERT Team: - Katrina Sweeney
20. (242-2025) Confirming Personnel Appointment -
 - Bill Stuart appointed to the position of part-time DPW Recycling Center Attendant at a salary of \$16.50 per hour, effective September 8, 2025.
 - Resignation of Stacey Ryan as Telecommunicator effective October 6, 2025.
 - Daniela Maradiegue is hereby appointed as full-time Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee at a starting salary of \$48,931.00 as per the Teamsters Local Union No. 469 Collective Bargaining Unit, effective September 14, 2025.
21. (243-2025) Rejecting Bid Submitted for 2024 LTPF Herbertsville and River Road Project
22. (244-2025) Authorizing Payment of Engineer’s Certificate No. 2, (Final) and Change Order No. 1 (Final) for the Release of the Performance Bond Retainage and Final Payment for the 2024 NJDOT River Road Sidewalk Project
23. (245-2025) Establishing Hourly Rates for Outside Employment of Off-Duty Police Officers
24. (246-2025) Approve Hourly Increase for Special Law Enforcement Officer II –
 - Richard Otto - \$23.50 per hour, effective 9/8/25
25. (247-2025) Authorize Purchase of a Stationary Automated License Plate Reader System from Flock Group Inc., Through NJ Cooperative Purchasing Agreement #CK04-Subcontract #24-38 - COF #2025-136
26. (248-2025) Authorize Additional Fees for Jean Cipriani, Esquire, of the Firm Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, PA for COAH

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Archer

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Archer: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes
Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes
Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

I. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: Archer

SECOND: DePaola

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

Resident: 1402 Blaze Drive – “We live right by the park. We have an ongoing issue with young people in this town causing mayhem back by the park. They come pounding on our doors late at night. I was a kid once, and we did these things too, but not to the extent to which this is happening. We have contacted the police. They were wonderful. They have come out and have spoken with us, but short of chasing these kids through the park, there is not much that can be done right now. Me and my neighbor are here tonight to ask what else can we do to stop this. They pound on the door at 9:30pm at night. They have done this 7 days in a row. They have kicked and damaged my new door. And the park seems to be their haven. They do these things and then run into the park or ride into the woods on their e-bikes. Even though the signs say no e-bikes. We are just here to bring this to the attention of the council. And this seems to be an ongoing issue throughout the town. I have spoken to many other families who are having this issue as well.

Mayor Sabosik asked the Chief to have an increased surveillance between the time of 9pm and 10:30pm. And to have another unit at the other end of the park.

Chief Leonhardt stated that they had already started having more police presence in that area 2 weeks ago.

Resident: 2220 Beach Blvd – “Kids can be kids; I don’t have a problem with it. I even used to drink in the park. My big problem with kids in the park is #1, the damage. Kicking doors. #2 is the litter. I was an environmental engineer for 45 years. And my wife is the biggest environmentalist I know. She has made me a better environmentalist. I don’t mind them doing what they do in the park. Just don’t leave their garbage there or damage property. And the e-bikes are going to end up running someone over and the town will end up being sued. Also, another thing I would like to ask is if you could put stickers on the green and blue cans stating which is garbage and which is recycling. Because I don’t think it is obvious to everyone.”

Mark Lane stated that he will have it done tomorrow.

Resident: 2220 Beach Blvd – “That is another thing I would like to point out. Every department in this town. The DPW, recycling and the offices in the borough hall are outstanding. This borough has magnificent public employees. I was a public employee. And I have seen, a lot of these employees are looked down on by others and that is nonsense. These public employees are very dedicated, very hard workers. When I saw the work done by the Bennett Cabin, I wanted to know what engineer designed that deck. It is awesome. Well, I found out, it wasn’t an engineer. It was our DPW. I am proud to be a member of Point Pleasant Borough. I will tell you this, we will never leave the Borough.”

Mayor Sabosik: “Thank you. We agree with you. This administration has been at the forefront of making sure our people are treated right. If one of them gets yelled at, I tell them to have the person call the Mayor and Council. We get paid to get yelled at, they do not. They are part of a team. Team means Together Everybody Achieves More. There is no I in Team. So, I am happy you are saying this. We have gotten feedback from others that they get a very positive experience at the town hall and DPW, and we feel good about that.”

Resident: 2117 Foster Road – “I walked into Borough Hall this afternoon and noticed the new flags. They are beautiful. And with the backdrop of the new roof, it really looks nice. I see they did a lot of plywood up there too. It looks nice.”

Mayor Sabosik: “And our Engineer is here who watched our contractor like a hawk. So, thank you John for supplying a great supervisor up on the roof.”

Resident: 2117 Foster Road – “And what the prior gentleman just said about the Borough workers. How they redid everything down by the construction offices down there. They do a really nice job.”

Mayor Sabosik: “We have a really creative DPW and in the wintertime, they come up with ideas and we would rather have them do it. It makes them happy and gives them pride. It gives them a sense of accomplishment. And it saves the town a lot of money. They have done an excellent job with every project in town.”

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**