

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 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:	Greg P. McGucken, 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: “Once again, we are going to enhance the command structure of our police department. Once again, we are going to promote a local gentleman who has devoted a lot of his life to our town, which I appreciate.”

A. RESOLUTION/OATH OF OFFICE

- 1. (303-2025) Authorizing the Provisional Promotion of Lieutenant Chris Voit to Captain in the Point Pleasant Borough Police Department, effective December 8, 2025.**

MOTION: Adopt Resolution

MADE: Stevenson

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “The next item on the agenda is something that we can all be proud of. We are honoring the Point Pleasant Borough Field Hockey Team.”

B. PROCLAMATION

- 1. Honoring the 2025 Point Pleasant Borough Field Hockey Team**

C. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Archer stated the following: “I would like to congratulate Captain Chris Voit on his well-deserved promotion. I also want to congratulate the Point Pleasant Borough Field Hockey Team on their championship win. Both wonderful things that have happened here in town.

For Open Space, we have the Christmas Cabin on December 13th and 14th. Santa will be there and cookies will be served. The pictures with Santa are complimentary. You could bring children and don’t forget, the pets are also included.

I wasn’t here during the November meeting. I would like to thank the residents of Point Pleasant for voting for myself and Joe Furmato for another term. I am quite honored to be a councilwoman here in Point Pleasant.

I also want to mention, in November the Historical Society did a wonderful presentation on the history of the canal. The Canal is 100 years old. I just want to thank Fred Potter and the Historical Society for having that presentation available to everybody.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “First off, I would like to congratulate Lieutenant Voit on his provisional appointment to Captain. For those of you who may wonder why it is provisional, it is because we currently have someone who is in the midst of going out for a full retirement. Until that officer officially retires, we needed somebody to help fill in the gaps. So, this is provisional until the retirement is finalized.

In the meantime, you will notice signs and sidewalks along with bike lanes on Bridge Avenue. There are a lot of improvements going on in town and I am asking everyone to please be patient. We are in the middle of this construction, and I believe everyone will be pleased with the final result. Please be safe out there and be mindful of the new traffic enhancements that are being put in all over town.

I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and merry holiday season.”

Council Member Stevenson stated the following: “I would like to also congratulate Captain Voit. He has been an invaluable part of our police department, and we are lucky to have him.

Currently there are many bills being considered. Our Assemblyman Kanitra, McGucken and Holzapfel have been reviewing these both good and bad. Keep an eye on Assemblyman Kanitra’s social media account where he discusses these bills. I will have an update on them at a future meeting.

As for the Board of Ed, I was going to mention the Field Hockey Team and their accomplishments, but you beat me to it.”

Council Member Coulson stated the following: “Congratulations to Captain Voit on his provisional appointment that will become permanent. And congratulations to the girls Field Hockey Team on their championship.

The Rec Committee met on November 12th. We are looking forward to 2026 after such a successful year this year. The County grant award letter has been received, and it is the same as 2025, even though we asked for an increase. But we are fortunate, as many other county projects saw reductions or denials.

Registration for our winter Recreation programs opens December 16th. See the website for registration and for different programs that are being offered. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year to everyone.”

Council Member Veni stated the following: “I also would like to congratulate Lieutenant Voit on his promotion to Captain. It is very well deserved. Also, congratulations to the Borough Field Hockey Team. A great job from the athletes and the coaches as well. My daughter is 9 years old, and she looks up to them. They are good young women and appreciate that. They are role models for my daughter. This is what she sees, and how they act and how they perform. So, that is special to me as a father. Kudos to their moms and dads for raising such great young women.

Moving along to the EC. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00pm here in the courtroom. 2025 has been a really good year. I am proud to be a part of this team. Everywhere you look, you see all these great additions to the town. This is something that I continue to be proud of, and I want to thank you all for doing such a good job and for being a mentor to me. Happy Holidays to everyone.”

Council President Furmato stated the following: “Congratulations to Captain Voit and the Field Hockey Team.

Sidewalk updates: Herbertsville Road, the work is going to stop soon because winter is coming. Hopefully work will resume in early Spring or later in the winter. New Jersey Natural Gas, behind the building here, have also stopped for the winter. They are about 50% done, and they will pick it up in the spring to finish it up.

Leaf Pickup: The first round of Leaf Pickup is already done. The second round started last week, and they should be done by the end of the month. So, try to get your leaves out. I am the only one on my block who doesn't have trees.

The roof on this building is done, and the DPW building is almost done. As Joe Veni said, there are big improvements. A few people don't like it, but you will get used to it. I was just down in Florida, and they are doing the same thing down there on all the roads. Creating sidewalks and bike lanes.

Everyone have a Happy Holiday.”

1. Report of Mayor

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “All of these safety initiatives we have been very fortunate with, to have them all funded by the state. All of these bike friendly and walk friendly items are needed in today's world. I am very happy to see this continuing in the spring. We are transforming this town to modern day walkability and bikeability which I think is very important to our residents.

On a different front, Governor Elect Sherril has established a 35 member local government advisory group of elected officials to provide expertise and bring to the new Governor, local problems. This is a forum, where we hopefully will be able to work on the water mitigation problems and some of the other problems associated with the local towns. I am happy to say that I was one of the 35 people nominated, and accepted the appointment to help our town, as well as our surrounding towns in Ocean and Monmouth County, to try to solve this global problem of water, traffic, and E-Bikes.

Mayor Sabosik read allowed the public notice informing the public of the Annual Reorganization Meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 4, 2026, at 12pm in the Council Chambers.

D. MINUTES

1. **Approve Council Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2025**
2. **Approve Executive Session Minutes of November 10, 2025**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Stevenson

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Archer: Abstain

Ms. DePaola: Yes
Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes
Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

E. ORDINANCE

1. **Final Reading/Public Hearing**
Ordinance No. 2025-18 – Amending Article 1 of Chapter 50 of the Code of the Borough Of Point Pleasant, entitled “Tax Collector’s Office”, Creating new Section 50-2.1

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Archer

SECOND: Furmato

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Archer: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes
Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes
Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

2. **Final Reading/Public Hearing**
Ordinance No. 2025-19 – Establishing and Designating “No Passing Zones” Along County Road #63 (Bridge Avenue)

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Stevenson

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Furmato: Yes
Ms. Archer: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes
Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes
Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

3. **Final Reading/Public Hearing**
Ordinance No. 2025-20 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 19 Entitled “Land Use” Specifically Chapter 19-28.14 with Respect to “Sidewalks and Curbing, Pedestrian Safety Fund”

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

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:

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: DePaola

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Furmato opened the meeting to the public.

Resident: 2117 Foster Road – Asked about Resolution Item #3 Authorizing Emergency Appropriation.

Mr. Pannucci: Responded that we had to purchase extra bulk water for the year because one of our pumps went down, and we had to buy more water during that time.

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. (304-2025) Bills and Claims
2. (305-2025) Void Check Resolution
3. (306-2025) Authorize Emergency Appropriation – Water/Sewer Utility Fund
4. (307-2025) Authorization Transfer of 2025 Budget Appropriations

The bills for 2025 totaling the amount of \$3,962,361.52 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: Archer

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.”

1. (308-2025) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale
2. (309-2025) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accounts
3. (310-2025) Rescinding Resolution #254-2025 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Treasurer to Release Premium Bid Money
4. (311-2025) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4 3.32 – Shore
5. (312-2025) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4 3.32 – Barten
6. (313-2025) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4 3.32 – Rapach
7. (314-2025) Authorize Refund for Various Recreation Programs
8. (315-2025) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 160, Lot 5-1035 Old Farm Rd.
9. (316-2025) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 306, Lot 25-646 West End Dr.
10. (317-2025) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond – Block 102, Lot 8-1138 Lawrence Ave.
11. (318-2025) Authorize Refund of Application & Escrow Fees – Block 303, Lots 1.01 & 2.01 1612 & 1616 Beaver Dam Road
12. (319-2025) Authorizing the Road Opening for 1719 Certainty Drive
13. (320-2025) Approve Carry Over Vacation Time for Borough Employees
14. (321-2025) Authorize Purchase of 11 Air-Pak X3 Pro SCBA – FD Equipment through Bergen County Co-op #BC-BID-24-30 – COF #2025-143

15. (322-2025) Authorizing Amendment to Contract with Brian W. McAlindin, of the Firm Bathgate, Wegener & Wolf, P.C. for Borough Prosecutor Services
16. (323-2025) Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of a Shared Services Agreement for Fire Inspection Services with the County of Ocean
17. (324-2025) Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property Via Online Auction – Police Department
18. (325-2025) Authorizing the Borough to Enter into the National Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation Agreement
19. (326-2025) Authorizing Participation of Employee Dental Insurance Plan Offered by Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. Effective January 1, 2026
20. (327-2025) Confirming Personnel Appointment:
 - Todd Wagenbach Jr., is hereby appointed to the position of full-time Laborer in the Department of Public Works, Grade 1, Step 1, at a salary of \$53,507.00 as per the Teamsters Local Union No. 469 (Blue-Collar), effective December 22, 2025.
19. (328-2025) Confirming Personnel Appointments – OEM
 - Thomas Soban, Emergency Management Asst. Deputy Coordinator
 - Jennifer Azzarno – CERT Team
20. (329-2025) Confirming Personnel Action:
 - Resignation of Thomas Anderson as Laborer in DPW effective December 6, 2025.

MOTION: Adopt Resolutions

MADE: Archer

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Veni: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

I. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

5 Minute Limit Per Person. 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: Coulson

SECOND: DePaola

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

Resident: 2406 Spruce Street – Recommended that the electronic sign by the school be smaller. There was so much information on it that she had to pull her car over to be able to read it all. Commented that the kids are not going to be able to take that all in while driving.

Chief Leonhardt: Stated that those signs are placed by the Board of Education and not ours.

Resident: 2406 Spruce Street – Stated that the E-Bikes are still a problem and cited encounters she had with them.

Councilman Stevenson – Stated that our two Assemblymen put forward a bill to try regulating and did not get bipartisan support.

Borough Attorney/Assemblyman McGucken: “There have been a number of bills, but the Senate Committee approved another bill. We have two sessions left before the legislature ends, and I think there is an effort to get this finished beforehand hoping the Governor will sign this before we get the new governor. So, right now there is a lot going on with this and it is very bipartisan. Everyone agrees that there is a real problem, and we are hopeful that we will get something done in the next few weeks.

Mayor Sabosik: “The good thing about this, is that all of us feel the same way. This is not an age problem, or a generation problem. It is a society’s problem that has to be fixed. Hopefully, the advisement group that the Governor Elect has appointed will be able to help the assembly and the senate come to a conclusion that is beneficial for all of us. That should create safety for our kids. That is what we are looking for.”

More conversation took place regarding the issues of E-Bikes

Mayor Sabosik: “We will keep you apprised of what is happening in Trenton, because they are the ultimate power.”

Resident: 2117 Foster Road – Stated that it was nice that there is a tax break for disabled veterans. Also wanted to say that the Idle Hour is now open on Saturday and Sundays at 7am. Also mentioned that it is very hard to see late night dogwalkers if they are not wearing reflective gear. Wished the Mayor and Council Happy Holidays.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Adopt Resolution authorizing Mayor and Council to retire into Executive Session

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council are desirous of retiring into Executive Session to discuss applicable exceptions to the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, those matters relate to the following:

- 1. Personnel**
- 2. Contractual/Possible Litigation**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Point Pleasant, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Council shall retire into Executive Session to discuss the Aforesaid matters; and
2. That minutes shall be taken; and
3. That the matters to be discussed will be in all likelihood be known to the Public when and if the necessity for confidentiality no longer exists; and
4. That at the conclusion thereof, the meeting shall again be opened to the public.

MOTION: To Retire into Executive Session: Furmato

SECOND: DePaola

APPROVED: All in favor

Executive Session was closed and back into regular session.

Greg McGucken stated the following: “No further action will be taken tonight. The personnel matters will continue into the new year. No further action is necessary for council.”

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**