

**COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026  
5:30 P.M.**

<b>Mayor:</b>	<b>Robert A. Sabosik</b>
<b>Council President:</b>	<b>Joseph Veni</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Antoinette DePaola</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Valerie Coulson</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Charlene Archer</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Joseph Furmato</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>William Stevenson</b>
<b>Borough Attorney:</b>	<b>Greg P. McGucken, Esq.</b>
<b>Borough Administrator:</b>	<b>Frank Pannucci</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, transmitted to the *The Asbury Park Press* on February 23, 2026.

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “Tonight we have two proclamations for two dogs and two handlers, who have done so much for the Borough in the last few years.”

**A. PROCLAMATIONS**

- 1. Honoring the Retirement of Kaya Point Pleasant Borough K-9**
- 2. Honoring the Retirement of Juno Point Pleasant Borough K9**

**B. RESOLUTIONS/OATH OF OFFICE**

- 1. (070-2026) Authorize Appointment of Police Officer:  
Zachary O'Donnell is hereby appointed to the position of Police Officer in the Police Department at the 2026 contractual salary of \$50,358.00 effective March 1, 2026.**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “Tonight we are going to talk about Officer O'Donnell. He is a 2024 graduate of Point Pleasant Borough High School. He began his law enforcement career with our Police Department as a Class II. He graduated from Monmouth County Police Academy in May of 2025, and served the community there throughout the summer before coming to work in Point Pleasant Borough in September, 2025 as a Class II. Since starting our department, Officer O'Donnell has proven himself to be a hardworking, dedicated officer. In addition to his regular duties, he earned his radar certification. He took part in Career Day at the Middle School and also participated in the Cops vs. Kids basketball game. Upon completion of his patrol officer field training program, he will be assigned to the regular patrol rotation. Officer O'Donnell resides in Point Pleasant with his family, and we are proud to welcome him as a full time member of our Police Department. Congratulations, Officer O'Donnell.”

**MOTION: Adopt Resolution**

**MADE: Coulson**

**SECOND: Stevenson**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Mr. Stevenson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “I want to personally thank all of the officers who have come out tonight to welcome their new member. It shows the integrity and hard work of our department.”

**C. WORKSHOP**

**1. Committee Reports**

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “This evening the Committee Reports and Report by the Mayor will be delayed until the next meeting. But all of us up here want to thank the Police Department and the DPW for the great job they did during the storm. It was incredible. I also want to thank the OEM and the rest of our services. They all did a phenomenal job. If anybody doubts that, all you have to do is go to a couple towns by us, and then you will see how good our people did.”

**D. MINUTES**

- 1. Approve Re-Organization Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2026**
- 2. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2026**

**MOTION: Approve Minutes**

**MADE: DePaola**

**SECOND: Furmato**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Mr. Stevenson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**E. MAYORAL APPOINTMENT**

- 1. Pat Troy to the Open Space Advisory Committee**

**Mayor Sabosik welcomed this new member to the Open Space Advisory Committee**

**F. ORDINANCES**

- 1. Final Reading/Public Hearing  
Ordinance No. 2026-01 –Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7A-18 of the Borough Code Entitled “Schedule XVIII: Speed Limits”**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: Stevenson**

**SECOND: DePaola**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Mr. Stevenson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**2. Introduction**

**Ordinance No. 2026-02 –Amending Chapter 7 Section 24 Entitled “Low-Speed Electric Vehicles” in its Entirety**

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: Archer**

**SECOND: DePaola**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Mr. Stevenson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**3. Introduction**

**Ordinance No. 2026-03 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 15 of the Borough Code Entitled “Beaches, Parks and Recreational Areas” to Create New Section 2 to be Entitled “Memorial Tree Program”**

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: Archer**

**SECOND: Furmato**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Mr. Stevenson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**4. Introduction**

**Ordinance No. 2026-04 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 19 of the Borough Code of the Borough of Point Pleasant, entitled “Land Use” Repealing Chapter 19-35.B and Replacing with a New Section Chapter 19-35.B which shall be Entitled “Point Pleasant Borough Fourth Round Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan”**

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: Coulson**

**SECOND: Furmato**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Mr. Stevenson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**G. 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: Coulson**

**SECOND: DePaola**

**APPROVED: All in Favor**

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

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

**H. RESOLUTIONS**

**Five (5) Minute Limit Per Person**

**“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. (071-2026) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (072-2026) Authorize Transfer of 2025 Budget Appropriations**
- 3. (073-2026) Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Donations – Memorial Tree Fund required by (NJSA 40A:5-29)**

**The bills for 2026 totaling the amount of \$9,580,195.98 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: DePaola**

**Mr. Veni: Yes**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Yes**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Yes**

**Mr. Stevenson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**I. 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. (074-2026) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
- 2. (075-2026) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accounts**
- 3. (076-2026) Authorize Refund Current and Escrow Accounts – Zoning Board of Adjustment**
- 4. (077-2026) Authorize Recreation Department to Rehire Part-Time Seasonals**
- 5. (078-2026) Authorize Refund for Various Recreation Programs**
- 6. (079-2026) Authorizing the Road Opening for 831-833 South Street**
- 7. (080-2026) Authorizing Release of a Maintenance Bond for Property Known and Designated as Block 249, Lot 12.03 a/k/a 2139 Bridge Avenue**
- 8. (081-2026) Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Program – Fatal Accident Support Team (FAST-2026)**
- 9. (082-2026) Authorize Purchase of a 2026 Ford F-250 for DPW through State Contract #24-Fleet-103120 – COF #2026-114**
- 10. (083-2026) Authorize Purchase of a 2026 Ford F-150 for DPW through Bergen County Co-Op #BC-Bid-24-23 – COF #2026-115**
- 11. (084-2026) Authorize Purchase of a Water Valve Maintenance Trailer from E.H. Wachs through National Co-op Buy-Board #788-25 – COF #2026-116**
- 12. (085-2026) Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of a Shared Services Agreement for Regional SWAT Team Services with the County of Ocean**
- 13. (086-2026) Appointing Kendra Lelie, PP, AICP, of Kyle + McManus Associates as a Professional Planner to Assist Point Pleasant with its Affordable Housing Obligation – COF #2026-118**
- 14. (087-2026) Apply for the 2026 Local Recreation Improvement Grant to Repair and Update the Riverfront Park Gazebo Area**
- 15. (088-2026) Authorizing a Waiver of any and all Building and Zoning Permit Related Fees from the Point Boro First Aid Squad, Point Pleasant Fire Company and Point Pleasant Board of Education for the Year 2026**
- 16. (089-2026) Authorizing Approval to Accept the NJDOT Fiscal Year 2025 Municipal Aid Program Grant for LA-2025 MA Point Pleasant Borough Eastham Road and Sudbury Road Reconstruction**
- 17. (090-2026) Accepting the Donation of New Dugout Roofs at McKennan Lake Field**
- 18. (091-2026) Confirming Personnel Appointments/Actions:**
  - Austin Woardell, Point Pleasant Borough Fire Department Station 75, Volunteer Firefighter, effective February 23, 2026.**
  - Resignation of Kyle Waterson, as Laborer in the Department of Public Works, effective February 9, 2026.**

- Kathryn Wagner is appointed as Secretary to the Open Space Advisory Committee with a stipend of \$100.00 per meeting.
  - Dustin Gabriel has been appointed as a Class I Special Law Enforcement Officer.
19. (092-2026) Approving the Following Applications:
- Point Pleasant Fire Department, Coin Toss, Saturday, June 20, 2026 (rain date June 27, 2026), and Saturday, October 3, 2026 (rain date October 10, 2026) at the intersection of Bridge Avenue and Route 88.
  - Clean Ocean Action, Beach Sweeps, Saturday, April 11, 2026, and Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM.
  - Point Pleasant Borough Band Boosters – Pickleball Fundraiser at the River Avenue Tennis Courts, Saturday, March 28, 2026 (rain date April 4, 2026).
  - Approval of Idle Hour, Annual Expansion of Premise Permit Renewal.
  - Idle Hour, Petition to Extend Licensed Premises, Saint Patrick’s Day Party, Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM (rain date March 15, 2026).
  - The Shore House Bar & Grill, Petition to Extend License Premises, St. Patrick’s Day Party, Sunday, March 17, 2026, from 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM (rain date March 18, 2026).
  - Point Pleasant Boro Rotary Club, 5K Run Race at Community Park, Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 5:30 AM – 12:00 PM.
20. (093-2026) Authorizing a Stipend for Part-time Work in the Finance Office

**MOTION:** Adopt Resolutions

**MADE:** Stevenson

**SECOND:** Archer

**Mr. Veni:** Yes

**Ms. DePaola:** Yes

**Ms. Coulson:** Yes

**Ms. Archer:** Yes

**Mr. Furmato:** Yes

**Mr. Stevenson:** Yes

**CARRIES:**

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**SECOND:** DePaola

**APPROVED:** All in Favor

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

**Seeing no hands, Mayor Sabosik closed public participation.**

**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mayor Sabosik stated that there would be no Executive Session this evening.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**All in Favor.**

**TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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

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**ROBERT A. SABOSIK  
MAYOR**