

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026**  
**7:00 P.M.**

<b>Mayor:</b>	<b>Robert A. Sabosik</b>
<b>Council President:</b>	<b>Joseph Veni (Absent)</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Antoinette DePaola</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Valerie Coulson (Absent)</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Charlene Archer</b>
<b>Council Member:</b>	<b>Joseph Furmato (Absent)</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, published in the January 9, 2026, edition of *The Ocean Star* and published in *The Asbury Park Press* on January 9, 2026.

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** “Before we get into our committee reports, we are going to have a proclamation for Borough Point Pleasant Participation, Patchwork for Wildlife Program. Basically, it's raising environmental awareness, increasing habitat across a broad swath of Ocean and Monmouth Counties. Wherefore, the Borough Point Pleasant recognizes and celebrates the efforts of our residents who achieve Patchwork for Wildlife recognition, acknowledging their positive contributions to our local environment.”

- A. **PROCLAMATION**
  - 1. **Supporting Participation in the Patchwork for Wildlife Program**
  
- B. **WORKSHOP**
  - 1. **Committee Reports**

**Council Member DePaola stated the following:** “First up is a year-end report by the emergency management volunteers. In the end of the year, they had responded to a residential structure fire, where they were able to be deployed to provide firefighter rehabilitation support. They also notified of a traffic signal malfunction with CERT assistance, they had five truck checks completed, one OEM drill, one CERT meeting, and two drills. All told, the man-hour summary for OEM was 605.5 man-hours. For our CERT team, it was a 114.5 man-hours, which is the total for December of 276 hours. And for that, I would like to congratulate and thank our OEM and CERT teams for devoting all that time as volunteers for the betterment of our town. So many thanks go out to them. And next up is the public safety report by our Chief Leonhardt. For the month of January, the police department has continued to focus heavily on traffic safety and infrastructure-related initiatives, particularly along Bridge Avenue. The ongoing road improvement project on Bridge Ave remains a priority. As part of this project, newly installed, push-to-cross pedestrian beacons are now operational and are intended to significantly improve pedestrian safety at key crossing points. In addition, several digital speed feedback signs have been installed along the corridor. These signs are already

servicing as an effective traffic calming measure by reminding motorists of their speed and encouraging compliance with posted limits. The chief would also like to remind the public that the no passing on the right ordinance has officially been adopted for Bridge Avenue. This change was implemented to address safety concerns related to vehicles entering designated bike lanes in order to pass traffic. Through January, the police department has placed a strong emphasis on enforcement and education related to this ordinance. Officers have been actively monitoring Bridge Avenue and addressing vehicles that pass on the right or improperly enter bike lanes, as these actions pose a significant risk to cyclists, pedestrians, and other motorists. As most of you know by now, infrastructure updates and repairs on the Loveland Town Bridge have begun, and that is anticipated to last for approximately two months. So please follow the detours. And as far as the barricaded incident of January 1st is concerned, it was a behavioral health crisis at the Roadway Inn on Route eighty-eight, and the individual was reported to be in possession of a knife. And fortunately, our officers, along with Ocean County crisis negotiators and Ocean County Prosecutor's Office Regional SWAT team, were able to negotiate with the individual, and there was no ongoing threat to the public. And the individual received the care and evaluation that was necessary. And that's all I have this evening."

**Council Member Stevenson stated the following:** "Governor Murphy signed a bill banning firefighting foam that contains PFAS, also known as forever chemicals. These have been linked to several health problems, so we in the fire service are appreciative of that bill being passed. Here in town, the fire company is in the process of collecting and gathering up all the foam containing that, and it will be disposed of at a proper facility within the state. The bill also provided a grant through the DEP to help towns that may have difficulty getting rid of them. I'm not sure if we're doing it here. And then for Board of Ed, things are moving along. They've recently announced the Educator of the Year and a few other changes to curriculum coming up. And that is all I have."

**Acting Council President Archer stated the following:** "Open Space, we had Christmas at the cabin with Santa. It was December thirteenth and December fourteenth. It was well attended. It was a great event as always. I commend the Open Space Committee for all the hard work they do, all the cookies they bake, and how they coordinate everything together with the hot chocolate and Santa, and they have pictures with Santa as well. Also, that weekend, it happened to have a snowstorm. That was on December fourteenth. But even with the snowstorm, around two thousand to three thousand people still attended. The event was well attended, and a lot of the residents enjoyed it. I do want to thank DPW for coming in quickly and clearing the Riverfront Park's parking lot, and the pathways and everything, and making it safe for all the residents to come and enjoy that special day. And that's all I have."

## 1. Report of Mayor

**Mayor Sabosik stated the following:** "Leaf collection was finished the first week in January. Obviously, we would have done sooner, but with the heavy snow that we received. The Christmas tree pickup started today. Just put them on the curb, and DPW will get them on a consistent basis over the next few weeks. Bridge Avenue safety improvements, as our Councilwoman stated, has a few last items, and please tell everyone, do not pass on the right, because we will be enforcing that. I'm happy to say, the assemblyman who came in this evening just informed me that this afternoon, one of the last days of voting with this session in Trenton, the e-bike bill was passed. So as soon as we get some finite items on it, we will talk more about that. So, I'm very happy to see that the assemblyman and the rest of the elected officials in Trenton have come to the conclusion of the problem that we're all facing with these e-bikes. And I look forward to reading what type of restrictions and what type of benefits they are going to put in for making sure of the safe operations. And with that, that's all I have this evening."

**C. MINUTES**

- 1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2025**
- 2. Approve Executive Session Minutes of December 8, 2025**

**MOTION: Approve Minutes**

**MADE: Archer**

**SECOND: DePaola**

**Mr. Veni: Absent**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Absent**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**

**Mr. Stevenson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**D. ORDINANCES**

- 1. Introduction**

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

**MOTION: Adopt Ordinance**

**MADE: DePaola**

**SECOND: Stevenson**

**Mr. Veni: Absent**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Absent**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**

**Mr. Stevenson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

**E. 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: DePaola**

**SECOND: Stevenson**

**APPROVED: All in Favor**

**Acting Council President Archer opened the meeting to the public.**

Seeing no hands, Acting Council President Archer 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. (055-2026) Bills and Claims
2. (056-2026) Approve Emergency Temporary Appropriation

The bills for 2026 totaling the amount of \$9,284,112.20 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. Veni: Absent**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Absent**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**

**Mr. Stevenson: Yes**

**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. (057-2026) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale
2. (058-2026) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accounts
3. (059-2026) Canceling Taxes and Authorizing a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4 3.32 – Morgan
2. (060-2026) Authorizing the Canceling of Tax Sale Certificate #25-00002 Sold in Error and Authorizing a Refund of the Purchase Funds, Subsequent Payments and Premium to Lienholder
3. (061-2026) Authorize Refund Escrow Fee – 1202 Sunset Avenue
4. (062-2026) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond Block 382, Lot 2 - 2210 Beach Blvd
5. (063-2026) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond Block 342, Lot 34 - 1553 Littlehill Road
6. (064-2026) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond Block 342, Lot 29 – 1543 Littlehill Road
7. (065-2026) Authorize Refund Demolition Bond Block 113, Lot 23 – 827 Trenton Avenue
8. (066-2026) Authorize Background Check Reimbursement for the Recreation Dept.
9. (067-2026) Authorize Recreation Department Refunds
10. (068-2026) Authorize Recreation Department to Rehire Part-Time Seasonals

11. (069-2026) Approving the Following Applications:
- Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, Summerfest, Friday, June 5, 2026, and Saturday, June 6, 2026 (rain date June 7, 2026) at Community Park.
  - The Shore House Bar & Grill, Petition to Extend Licensed Premises, Point Pleasant Soccer Fundraiser, Sunday, February 1, 2026 from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM (rain date February 2, 2026).
  - Earth Day Celebration, Riverfront Park on Saturday, April 25, 2026 (rain date April 26, 2026).

**MOTION: Adopt Resolutions**

**MADE: DePaola**

**SECOND: Archer**

**Mr. Veni: Absent**

**Ms. DePaola: Yes**

**Ms. Coulson: Absent**

**Ms. Archer: Yes**

**Mr. Furmato: Absent**

**Mr. Stevenson: Yes**

**CARRIES:**

#### **H. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

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**MADE: DePaola**

**SECOND: Archer**

**APPROVED: All in Favor**

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

**Resident: 2117 Foster Road** – Stated that the traffic signal on Route 88, Arnold Avenue and Johnson, isn't working properly.

**Chief Leonhardt** – Stated that there was an issue with the wiring and the sensor but that it was replaced and fixed.

**Resident: 917 Ellison Avenue** – “I was the recipient of a grant from the state for lead paint, and I got that completed. I decided to follow up on the lead in our water pipes. I talked to the water department, who told me that there's a long waiting list, and the state has a deadline, but we might not be able to keep up with it

because there's no funds available. So, they're doing the low income first, and then eventually us. So that led me to talking to a contractor about replacing my water line on my own, and then he wanted to tear up the sidewalk. And then I looked around at my street, and out of twenty houses on my street, I am one of four that have sidewalks, but they don't go anywhere. It's just in front of my house, and it ends. So, a lot of the neighbors have taken them out over the years. One house just got subdivided, and new construction didn't require putting the sidewalks in. I know there's a big initiative in the town to get sidewalks but on my street, I am the one who gets all the dog droppings because my house has a section of sidewalk. People love using my sidewalk because it is a very narrow street. But I am one of the only ones with a sidewalk, so it is very awkward. With the liability, I would prefer to take it out until the town comes in and says, let's redo everyone's sidewalk on the street. I tried to contact Zoning, and they couldn't find an ordinance about it. So, they recommended that I email you guys, and now I am here to try to figure it out."

**Mr. Pannucci:** "This conversation can go a number of ways. I will look into this, but I will not be able to give you an answer tonight. It could be something as draconian as everybody's sidewalks were supposed to be there, and nobody was supposed to take them out. Now, everybody's got to put them back in. But that is probably not going to be the case. maybe your house was built with sidewalks needing to be there, and there, if you disturb them, you have to do that. Or it could be something going back to the fifties, where there's nothing in the books, and you can take them out. What I'll do is, after the meeting is over, I'll give you my card, and then you'll give me your information. I'm going to have to do a little research for you. It all depends on how those houses were built on that street during that period of time. Normally, if somebody disturbs a sidewalk, it's the homeowner's responsibility, regardless if the town, the county or whoever puts the sidewalk in, it reverts to the homeowner's responsibility. The homeowner has to upkeep it. That is in any town in the state. If we need them or not, depends on when it was built. So, I will have to check that out for you."

**Seeing no other hands, Mayor Sabosik closed this portion of the meeting.**

**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**