

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “As you know, tonight is a very special night. We will be appointing a new officer for our town police department, who I consider the best of the best. We must continually enhance the numbers to ensure the safety of our residents, and that is the program this mayor and council will continue. The young man who we are going to appoint is named Sam Hankins. He's a lifelong resident of Point Pleasant Borough. He graduated from the high school in 2024. He resides in Point Pleasant Borough with his family. He's been a Class II Special Enforcement officer with our town since July of 2025. He successfully completed the Ocean County Police Academy in March of 2026. He has been a special officer Class II, working patrol, community, and traffic safety. He has demonstrated professionalism, dedication, and a strong work ethic while serving our community that he has called home his entire life. Tonight, Sam is taking a step in his law enforcement career as a sworn full-time police officer with the best of the best, Point Pleasant Borough Police Department.”

A. RESOLUTION/OATH OF OFFICE

- 1. (165-2026) Authorize Appointment of Police Officer:**
Samuel Hankins is hereby appointed to the position of Police Officer in the Police Department at the 2026 contractual salary of \$50,358.00 effective July 20, 2026.

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Stevenson

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Veni: Yes
Ms. Archer: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes
Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Absent
Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

B. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “I don't have much, but we have a lot of roads that are going to be paved, but we don't have dates. We are authorizing Collier Engineering to design the community center or rec center, and also the demolition of the current buildings on that property will happen soon. And we are waiting on that telephone pole, which has been going on two years, to have it moved, relocated or something. Also, we have RFPs to design. The 2026 DOT grant for Comanche to have that paved. So that'll be in the works soon. Also, congratulations to our new officer.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “I too would like to congratulate our new police officer. It was a quick and easy decision knowing that he has already been a special Class II on our force. He's done some fabulous things while he's been employed by the Borough in that position. So, kudos to Officer Hankins, and we wish him nothing but the best. Also, on tonight's agenda, you'll notice that we are appointing a new municipal judge. She seems to be doing a great job in the towns that she is currently in, and we look forward to bringing her on board. And lastly, I would personally like to thank DPW, police, fire, OEM, CERT, and First Aid who all helped to respond to the incidents over Fourth of July weekend, with the severe flooding that we had. We had trees down, electric out, and all in that brutal heat. And yet our emergency responders went out there when all the rest of us were hunkered down in our homes and went to the aid of others. So, we couldn't have gotten it done more smoothly without their help. So really thank you all very much for that. And, our Point Pleasant and Emergency Management in June, they responded to 33 incidents, and they deployed to the fire that we talked about last time. They deployed 9 OEM members and 10 cert team members out to the location, to secure the area and make sure everybody was safe. I also would like to wish the Mayor's wife CJ a very happy birthday. And I would also like to say, thank you for coming here to our meeting, on your birthday!”

Council Member Stevenson stated the following: “First I want to thank all the first responders in DPW for the storm response back in the beginning of the month. They handled themselves with great professionalism. I want to congratulate Patrolman Sam Hankins. I know Sam, he's very good. He's done a lot of good for the town the year he's been here, so I think he's going to be a good addition to our already great police department. On the legislative side, only thing I have right now is that the estimated increase for our state health benefit plan has come out for our employees. And the employees will see another 17.3% increase in their state health benefit plan unfortunately in 2027. So, there's some people in the legislature that are trying to work to get it taken down... Or not taken down, but to work on it, but we'll see what happens in the upcoming year.”

Council President Veni stated the following: “First I'd like to congratulate Patrolman Hankins. Welcome to one of the best police forces in New Jersey. Secondly, there is an EC meeting tomorrow night here in court at 7:00pm. And one thing I want to mention with JCP&L, I know I am not the first person to bring it up today, in addition to our first responders and our police doing such a great job, I definitely want to highlight the Mayor. Being on the council, we're usually the first ones to get the concerns from pretty much everybody we know. Sometimes they even come to your house and knock on your door at all hours of the day or night. And you reach out to the Mayor, and he's on it. And he's on it more than I've ever seen anybody be on it. Him texting me at five thirty in the morning was quite impressive. So, I want to thank him for doing that and lighting a fire under them because my house went out of power last Saturday night for about twelve hours. And the fire truck showed up. And it took them about two and a half hours to fix it, but they did. And I think if that was prior to him getting on them, I think that would have been a couple of days or at least 24 hours. So, thank you, Mr. Mayor, for doing that.”

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “Thank you. You know, I would like to discuss JCP&L tonight. To say that I'm totally frustrated with their lack of service would be an understatement. I've been on the phone with them probably twenty times in the last twenty-two days, some lasting a couple of hours. The town administrator Frank Pannucci, I want to say thank you too. Between the two of us, we spent almost forty hours over four days trying to figure out what's going on at JCP&L. I'm going to give you some highlights of what I said, and I think I pointed out a lot of their problems is internal. They have a flawed business plan. The contact person doesn't have the information that we need. We would call up our contact rep, and he would say, "Well, I have to get back to you. I don't have that information." We need the information given to him first, so he can give us valid information. I'm sure everybody saw the notice that their power's coming on three days later. They went out and they bought generators. They come back, and the power comes on an hour later. That type of information, which is wrong and totally unprofessional, should not be given to towns to our populace. Basically, I said to them, "What happened to the redundancy that they promised?" They say it is coming. I said, "So is the holiday season for the last three years. What happened to the improvements?" They say it is coming. Basically, all of us had the same complaints. There was twenty-seven mayors on, and out of the twenty-seven mayors, our town was hit the hardest and the longest, the number of homes out. That is unacceptable. I reached out to the assembly and the senate, and I have to thank the assemblyman next to me who has gone to the governor, and there will be an investigation and some panels adjourned coming up to discuss their lack of failure. My question to JCP&L was, are they ineffectual due to problems of First Energy? First Energy had to pay a fine of two hundred and fifty million dollars in Ohio. Are we being charged at two hundred and fifty? Is that why we don't have enough people? Is that why we have to get people from North Carolina, Canada, and the surrounding states rather than having in-house people? I am totally aghast at the lack of response, the lack of professionalism that they show. I intend to seek financial reimbursement to the best of our ability from the state for the cost that it cost our town. To give you an example of lack of redundancy and improvements, the substation on Route eighty-eight was from 1964. I did some history background. It was originally owned by Point Pleasant Electric Company, who sold it to JCP&L. I asked them, when was the last time that you upgraded it? After Sandy? And how much was upgraded? I asked him four different times over eight days. They promised to get back to me. They have not. I said to them, "Do we have to eminent domain and go back to have our own power company?" And with that statement, my town administrator and town attorney said, "Bob, relax." They got a little nervous, but I didn't want them to get away scot-free from not improving our services. The area that was affected most was Ocean County. Out of 1.2 million customers, they had two hundred and fifty thousand out. Out of the two hundred and fifty thousand out, our town had almost six thousand people out. The geographic size of our town does not make sense to be impacted that heavy. I too want to thank all of our volunteers, and I want to especially thank our police department for doing a phenomenal job protecting trees, protecting poles that were down, and protecting our residents. In conclusion, I intend to go to Trenton and complain, and talk to the highest level. I am very happy that we have a very responsive assemblyman and assembly office in our district. They have done great things to get to the attention of the governor. As I said previously, the governor is impaneling two special committees to talk about this. What I'm concerned about is not what they're doing yesterday. I'm concerned about what's going to happen tomorrow. And is tomorrow going to bring more power outages? Is it going to be long-term, short-term? Over the weekend, we had two hundred and fifty-eight homes out again. Again, I got phone calls. JCP&L says, "We'll get right back to you." Right back to me is four hours later. I'm a businessman. Four hours later is not right back. Right back to me is within twenty minutes. So, without further ado, I will keep you abreast on our quest to get JCP&L to be more professional and to deliver the services that they are paid dearly for, which is electricity in good times and bad. That's their job, and our job is to protect our residents and Mayor and Council up here, as Joe Veni said, "Five thirty in the morning, we're on the phone. We're talking." That's what we're doing. We're being proactive, and we're going to get them to come to the table and bring more power and better power to our town. And I promised my wife I wouldn't let my blood pressure go up. It's still okay. So that's it in my report.”

C. MINUTES

1. **Approve Council Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2026.**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Stevenson

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Absent

Ms. Archer: Absent

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

D. ORDINANCES

1. **Final Reading/Public Hearing**

Ordinance 2026-11 Creating Chapter 3-34 of the Borough Code Entitled “Storage of Marine Vessels and Watercraft”

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident: 2117 Foster Road: “Reading the ordinance, it says residential. Are the boat works industrial under different regulations?”

Borough Attorney, Mr. McGucken: “It's strictly residential because that's where the issues have been. The commercial businesses have been there, and they are part of the fabric or business community, and they are subject to site plan and local land use board approvals. So, as long as they're complying with their approvals, they are okay to proceed where they are.”

Resident: 2714 Shady Glen Ave: “What is the implementation? What is the timeline if this gets approved today? How are residents and boat owners notified of this going into effect? Just as somebody who's not entirely familiar with the process.”

Mr. McGucken: “Once the ordinance is in effect, the code enforcement officer would be the one who would be responsible to enforce it. The code enforcement officer normally issues a verbal warning or a written warning first, potential notice of violation, and then ultimately summonses if the carrot doesn't work, the, the ordinance violation would then be issued.”

Mayor Sabosik stated that there would be a grace period, if that is what she is asking.

Resident: 2714 Shady Glen Ave: “Is there any kind of a registration? Because they have to be registered. So, let's say people that are registered owners in Point Pleasant that keep their boat, is there a way that we could notify them in advance?”

Mayor Sabosik: “It's a numerical question, not a single boat question. If you read the ordinance, what it states is the number of watercraft on personal property, not a watercraft on personal property.”

Resident: 2714 Shady Glen Ave: “Ok, I will re-read that. Thank you.”

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Furmato

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Absent

Ms. Archer: Absent

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

2. Introduction

Ordinance 2026-12 Repealing and Replacing Chapter 7-25 Entitled “Designated Handicapped Parking on School Street,” Section 25.4, Entitled “Penalties for Violations”

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: DePaola

SECOND: Furmato

Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Absent

Ms. Archer: Absent

Mr. Furmato: Yes

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

Council President Veni opened the meeting to the public.

Resident: 2117 Foster Road: Asked if the Mayor and Council have plans for the new building already.

Mayor Sabosik and Councilman Furmato both answered that they have a basic idea and renderings for a design, but no official plans.

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

F. 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. (166-2026) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (167-2026) Void Check Resolution**
- 3. (168-2026) Requesting Approval of an Emergency Appropriation in the Amount of \$50,000 for the Payment of the Legal Installment of Principal on Bond Anticipation Notes**

The bills for 2026 totaling the amount of \$11,997,623.45 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: Furmato

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Veni: Yes
Ms. Archer: Absent

Ms. DePaola: Yes
Mr. Furmato: Yes

Ms. Coulson: 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. (169-2026) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accounts**
- 2. (170-2026) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
- 3. (171-2026) Rescinding Resolution No. 141-2026 Authorizing the Tax Collector to P Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills**
- 4. (172-2026) Authorize Recreation Department Refunds**
- 5. (173-2026) Authorize Recreation Department to Rehire Part-time Seasonals**
- 6. (174-2026) Authorizing the Road Opening for 613 Mistletoe Avenue**
- 7. (175-2026) Authorizing the Road Opening for 902 Sunset Avenue**
- 8. (176-2026) Authorizing the Road Opening for 2110 Evergreen Lane**
- 9. (177-2026) Authorizing Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the NJDOT for the Reconstruction of Adelaide Road and Smith Drive Project**
- 10. (178-2026) Authorize Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc., for Engineering Services for the New Recreation Center – COF #2026-124**
- 11. (179-2026) Authorize RVE for Design, Administration and Observation for the 2026 NJDOT Local Aid Grant for the Comanche Avenue and Hyacinth Place Project and Solicitation of Bids – COF#2026-125**
- 12. (180-2026) Authorize Purchase of Two (2) 2026 Ford Explorer Interceptors through Ocean County Co-Op B2024-117 – COF #2026-126**
- 13. (181-2026) Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officer III – Charles R. Zulla**

14. (182-2026) **Confirming Personnel Appointments/Actions:**
- **Keaghan K. Dellolio, Point Pleasant Borough Fire Department Station 75, Volunteer Firefighter, effective July 20, 2026.**
15. (183-2026) **Confirming Personnel Appointments – New Members to the CERT Team:**
- **Craig Mulgrum**
- **Patricia-Ann Cozzarelli**
16. (184-2026) **Approving the Following Applications:**
- **Approval of Kiwanis Club of Point Pleasant, Pointsgiving 2026 at Community Park, Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.**
- **Red House Music and Rehearsal Studio, Wreck Fest, Fundraiser for the Future of Sound Foundation, Sunday, July 26, 2026, from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM at 3127 Bridge Avenue.**
- **Memorialize Crystal Point Yacht Club, Social Affair Permit for the Riviera Beach Boat Club, Saturday, July 18, 2026, from 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM.**
- **Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, Social Affair Permit for the Fall Festival at Riverfront Park on Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM (rain date October 11, 2026).**
17. (185-2026) **Appointing Municipal Court Judge Susan Clark for a 3-Year Appointment as the Point Pleasant Borough Municipal Court Judge**
18. (186-2026) **Authorize Purchase of One (1) 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Vehicle Through State Contract 26-Fleet-129165 – COF #2026-127**

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

MADE: DePaola

SECOND: Stevenson

Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Absent

Ms. Archer: Absent

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

H. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: DePaola

SECOND: Furmato

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

Resident: 2714 Shady Glen: “Mayor, this is for you. At the last council meeting, you had brought up that you were working with the county about resurfacing the fields at Beaver Dam Park, about getting that turfed. And I was just curious, because my understanding is that we currently don't have adequate access to be able to use the fields for our youth sports.”

Mayor Sabosik: “I would have to disagree with your interpretation of adequate use. I think the county has given the town hours to go there, and I'm looking forward to an enhanced program of increased usage by the residents of Point Pleasant Borough.”

Resident: 2714 Shady Glen: “When do you anticipate having an update on that?”

Mayor Sabosik: “As soon as they get back to me. It is a county decision.”

Resident: 2117 Foster Road: “My power was out for 18 hours but I still had my sanity generator. JCP&L can't even fix a streetlight. And hopefully with the new E-Bike laws, we will see a better situation. Also, I noticed at the Arnold Avenue Park, there is a tree branch down that you have to walk around.”

Mayor Sabosik stated that the DPW Supervisor, Mark Lane, will add that to his list to take care of.

Resident: 626 South Manetta Drive: “Just to reiterate, I totally agree with you with regard to the spotty service with JCP&L. I personally had to invest in a natural gas generator because I couldn't take it anymore. And just to put it out there, New Jersey Natural Gas will give you a payment plan for three years if you do decide to invest in a generator. I know we communicated, Mr. Mayor, about the issue with the building next door to where I live. Are we going to be addressing the issue of houses being torn down and then big McMansions put up on a little tiny lot? I know Bay Head has some kind of an ordinance where you can't exceed a certain percentage of height. Is Point Pleasant going to do anything like that?”

Mayor Sabosik: “We have the same laws. We have an ordinance for height and lot coverage that is already in place. I don't think a McMansion can occur in the lot on your street.”

Borough Attorney McGucken: “Basically the township zoning code establishes what size of a house can go on a lot depending on the size of the lot. So, they have the setback requirements. They can't exceed the height requirements. But as long as they meet the code, they can build an appropriate house that meets those code requirements. And those code requirements are based upon the borough master plan and a long time of hearing applications before the various boards on what fits and doesn't fit within the borough. So, the master plan drives the zoning ordinances. The zoning ordinances establish the size of houses based upon the size of the lot.”

Resident: 626 South Manetta Drive: “I know that there are some rules regarding impervious land. There is another house that's a block over on First Avenue that, again, was torn down, and putting up this big

house. I went over there the other day, and it looks to me like this house is going to be taking up far more than fifty percent of the lot. Especially if you put a driveway in there. I would think impervious space would become an issue over there.”

Borough Attorney McGucken: “Well, the zoning ordinance establishes the impervious coverage allowed in any zone, and as long as they meet that requirement, they are allowed to construct. The zoning officer reviews the plans, and before the construction can occur, they have to confirm that they meet those requirements.”

Mayor Sabosik: “There is inspections for any type of trade, and there are inspections that the lot coverage goes according to the plan submitted. If there is any overage on that, then a stop work order is issued, and corrective action must be taken.”

Resident: 626 South Manetta Drive: “I know that when I had to do the driveway and sidewalk put down at my house, I ran into an issue with impervious coverage, even though it was an existing sidewalk and driveway that I was replacing.”

Mayor Sabosik: “Well, that's a fine example that our zoning office and building department are doing their jobs. Because if you had an issue with them or, I am assuming they had some questions of either too much or whatever. So that shows you as an example of what you are pointing out. Our departments are reacting in a positive manner to any type of questions that there are.”

Resident: 2714 Shady Glen: “ I know there are plans in place and, I don't know the specifics of sidewalks and improvements for Route 88 or, maybe it's not sidewalks, but the bike lanes that have gone in. Is there any plans for the intersection where the ice cream shop is?”

Mayor Sabosik: “That was basically a state grant that we received from the state. I am going to let Frank answer this.”

Frank Pannucci: “Well, we didn't receive the grant. The state's doing the work on our behalf. The mayor and the council asked for that. The mayor and council got the grant to put all the push to walk, lighted crosswalks on the Bridge Avenue. The state's doing the same thing at Route 88, at the Ocean Road Elementary School intersection on 88. They will be at the creamery and the shops. The Quick Check and there is one more I can't remember off the top of my head. But the state is doing that, but on their schedule. But they did commit to all of it for us.”

Resident: 626 South Manetta Drive: “Sorry, I forgot something. So, North Manetta Drive, it was my understanding that if the gas company comes through and digs up a portion of the pavement, that they need to repave.”

Mayor Sabosik: “ It's a mathematical equation. They have to disturb a certain amount of road to do it. That was one of the ordinances that this Council passed about five years ago. And that's the reason why you have seen so many roads being paved in our town. They ripped up, I don't know, a hundred roads, Joe?”

Councilman Furrato: “Yeah, I think eleven miles.

Mayor Sabosik: “So we've saved probably twenty million dollars by having this council vote for this ordinance, which has saved local tax dollars in having the New Jersey Natural Gas pay to pay for the roads being repaved.”

Resident: 626 South Manetta Drive: “How much of the road? I know you're telling me it's a mathematical equation, but, how much of the road? If you have a spot that's been ripped up in front of almost every house on the street.”

Mayor Sabosik: “ I would have to have the engineer take a look at that. I don't have that in front of me.”

Resident: 626 South Manetta Drive: “If somebody could look at North Manetta. I brought my bicycle down the other day, and my teeth were chattering going down the street. And it is actually growing weeds around the spots.”

Mayor Sabosik: “That's why we had this ordinance to stop that. They used to have the five-foot-by-five-foot pieces, and this council came together and come up with this great idea. No more five foot by five foot pieces. I'll have somebody take a look at it for you.”

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

Mayor Sabosik stated that there would be no Executive Session.

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**