

COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026
7:00 P.M.

Mayor:	Robert A. Sabosik
Council President:	Joseph Veni
Council Member:	Antoinette DePaola
Council Member:	Valerie Coulson
Acting Council President:	Charlene Archer
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.

A. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Furmato stated the following: “I only have one thing. On Arnold Avenue, item number 13 on the consent agenda, we're awarding a contract to A. Takton Concrete for the handicap walkways to the street on three roads. And also, the county will be putting in the pedestrian crossing and the electronic signs to press the button to cross the street at those locations. And that's all I have.”

Council Member DePaola stated the following: “First off, I'd like to once again thank our police department for being proactive. The month of August saw a 207% increase in the number of motor vehicle stops on our roadways, which is helping to cut down on some accidents, incidents, and other violations, such as failing to stop for pedestrians. We would like to thank Sergeant Grohowski for leading the effort with the traffic safety team. And our OEM team have been very busy this summer with their responses and with additional training. There is also a resolution on tonight for them so that they can move forward with accreditation. And that is all I have this evening.”

Council Member Coulson stated the following: “The 2026 beach season was very successful. Unfortunately, I think we're getting away from swimming beach weather, but happy fall. The lifeguards and badge checkers were staffed throughout the season. We had a great and efficient beach operation. And in addition, the beaches were equipped with the AED in accordance with the New Jersey State requirements. The defibrillators that the state now requires us to have on beaches. We have the Fall Fireworks, Saturday, October 10th with a rain date on Sunday, October 11th. That happens to be Columbus Day weekend. Haunts in the Park, Thursday, October 22nd with the rain date being October 23rd. Looking ahead, our tree lighting is Saturday, December 5th, with the rain date of December 6th. Our Fall Rec programs are online. You can register online. They were a little late getting it up this year because we have to always wait for the facilities that we're using to approve our schedules, and our vendors have to approve things before we can put it out to the public because we don't want to be canceling things after we have people signed up. So that's what happened for the late online registration. That is all I have.”

Council Member Archer stated the following: “I too don't have a large committee report as Open Space has been on a hiatus. We are meeting next week. So, I will have an updated report on what Open Space is going to be doing. Since we finished doing the memorial tree, we are looking for a new project. So that's what we are going to be talking about. Additional products or a new project we can do going into 2027. And that's all I have.”

Council Member Stevenson stated the following: “The State Health Benefit Commission adopted the plan for the 2027 rate increase. The rate increase will be 17.3% for active employees, 36.5% for early retirees, and 19.3% for Medicare retirees. Also, I came across this the other day. Our very own district county assemblyman introduced earlier in the year Senate Bill 648, and which actually has an identical Senate Bill 51, which was introduced by our senator. It passed and signed into law. It will establish an animal abuse registry for those convicted of such offenses, and it will set up a similar mechanism with a tiered system, of who gets notified, who doesn't get notified, and consequences for not registering and continuing to register every year. So that's still the in committee. And other than that, school is in session. Please drive safe. Thank you.”

Council President Veni stated the following: “Update on our Slade Dale project. We had intended to have the football team assist ALS and the EC with the bubbling of the branches for securing of the shoreline. Unfortunately, there was a schedule conflict, so, we are going to be looking at that again, hopefully sooner than later because it is getting cold. But, our goal is to get that done so we can start getting the Christmas trees for this year set up. And the EC will meet on October 20th here in the courtroom. Everybody's welcome. And just a quick update, Mark Lane, our DPW director, gave me an update on our lighting project. It is progress. We are moving forward with it. So, we have got the lights in, and the electrician is going to be starting to put them in. So, we appreciate that. That is all I have.”

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: “I'm fortunate enough to be on the New Jersey Conference of Mayors committee for the new plan coming out from NJDEP regarding the regulations for, resiliency planning and flood mitigation, to protect communities from future environmental risks. These meetings are very important for our community because they are going to affect some of the new homes being built. To give you an idea of what we're talking about in these meetings, and this committee is bipartisan throughout the whole state. We were talking about coordination among state departments, being able to get building permits quicker, quietly, and more efficiently. Affordable housing obligations, some of the towns will have affordable housing obligations. The economic impact of raising the homes to the new standards for the year 2140. Waterfront properties, non-waterfront properties, riverfront properties, all of these. Historic districts, older housing stock, how are they going to handle historic districts? You can't raise the historic homes. Public infrastructure must be addressed along with private property. All these meetings were very productive, and very long. We don't have answers yet. We should be implementing some of these within the next eighteen months with DEP. 50% substantial improvement trigger. If your house is worth five hundred thousand and you're spending two hundred and fifty thousand, that triggers that you have to comply with the new rules. If you keep lower than that, you do not. Building height, small lot. We know we're one of the towns with small lots. Point Pleasant Beach has small lots. Other towns around us, Lavallette. How do you put homes up twenty feet up in the air and have access? You're going to have to have four or five switchbacks. Everybody knows if they go buy a house on stilts, there are switchbacks. Plus, you have to have a resting area for seniors, because I am one. All of these I guess, not problems, but intricacy of the plans have to be addressed, and that's what this committee is doing.

There are approximately twenty-five mayors out of the six hundred of us who belong to the conference. So as this gets farther along, we will be coming back to council with what's happening about it. New Jersey DEP will be coming out with the rules. They have the final say. We can make recommendations. New Jersey DEP has the final say. So, stay tuned with that. Speaking of stay tuned, I have a young lady sitting to the right of me for the last decade. She is without a doubt one of the most key people in this town. We're going to talk next month about her. She's retiring to take care of her family, and I think that is admirable. I think it shows character. And when she came here, I guess I was just in, a year as a mayor. She was very good and from another town. We appropriated her from Freehold, as we like to say. It was unanimous. And she has been a key cog in the success of building the culture of our workers treating our citizens the best that they can be treated. So, she has announced her retirement. She'll be leaving us on December tenth. We are going to miss her. Next month, I'm going to come up with some other stories that we went through. I promise. We have had a lot. So that is what we will do, we will wait till next meeting. She's a consummate professional. Dedicated and always well-prepared. We are going to miss you. So, stay tuned, and all of us have other comments next month.”

B. MINUTES

1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2026.

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Archer

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Veni: Abstain

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

2. Approve Executive Session Minutes of August 17, 2026.

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Coulson

SECOND: Furmato

Mr. Veni: Abstain

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

C. ORDINANCES

1. Final Reading/Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2026-13 Creating and Establishing Borough Code Chapter 7A-21, Entitled “Schedule XXI: Resident Handicapped On-Street Parking Spaces” and Granting the Placement of a Resident Handicapped On-Street Parking Space in Front of the Property Commonly Known as 1113 Barton Avenue

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Furmato

SECOND: Archer

Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

2. Final Reading/Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2026-14 Vacating All Right, Title, and Interest of the Borough of Point Pleasant in Certain Lands Adjoining State Highway Route 88 and No Longer Needed by the NJDOT for a Public Highway

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident: Foster Road – Asked if this was all one piece of property, or will it be divided up to several people.

Mr. Pannucci: Responded that it is just the green section next to the property. You cannot build on it and the state doesn’t want it.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance

MADE: Archer

SECOND: Coulson

Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

**D. 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: Stevenson

SECOND: DePaola

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Veni opened the meeting to the public.

Beachwood Resident: “I'm a resident of Beachwood. I come here today as a Second Amendment advocate to speak on consent item 16. I think it's a great thing for your town to join the other 24 towns in New Jersey that have done this already. The state has put a lot of increases on anybody who wants to participate in their Second Amendment right. From \$57 a few years ago, it's now over \$500 for somebody who wants to exercise that right. So, for your town to refund that money helps out a lot. The residents have already contributed to the resources that are being used by the town. The police officers' salaries, the building infrastructure, the internet, everything they use to do this, it's already being paid for. So, the extra money is just there as a cumulative measure. So, thank you for listening to this.”

Resident – Foster Road: Asked if we get extra money for allowing Optimum to come in.

Mayor Sabosik responded that we receive 3.5% and that they will have someone from there to come to a meeting to speak soon. Also noted that these fees are state regulated. Towns cannot negotiate, but since there will be competition soon, it will be interesting to see the prices offered.

Englishtown Mayor – “Good evening, Mayor. My name is Daniel Francisco. I'm the mayor of the Borough of Englishtown in Monmouth County. I just want to echo the sentiment of Tony before me, who's a good friend of mine. I just want to applaud and extend gratitude to this governing body for considering the measure, I believe it's number 16 on your consent agenda. I'm the litigant in federal court that got a court order out of Monmouth County that the New Jersey Legislature based their entire 2022 bill off of. And one of the negative consequences of that bill was that increase of \$150 on top of the existing \$50 to the 2C:58-4 carry permit applications, amongst a swath of other negative impacts that hurt the civil rights of New Jersey residents. We were the first town to pioneer the measure. I believe tonight you'll be the 25th town to implement this measure, and it's going to resonate in a very positive way throughout the Second Amendment community and the civil liberties community. They are watching this closely. There is a conference next week that I'll actually be attending in Dallas. It is the GRPC. It's the Second Amendment Foundation's annual conference, where they talk about this very issue, and they cite

the municipalities in New Jersey that are passing these measures. It is going to be met with a lot of positivity. It has been a great way to show the state that even when they do things that are not moral, legal, or appropriate, that the people on your local dais will do the right thing that is both legal and morally appropriate to protect the civil liberties of your residents. So, from a member of another body to yours, I extend my gratitude and the fortitude that it takes to do this. You will be shocked how many towns will say they support Second Amendment rights, and then when it comes to doing the right thing, they cower and blame Trenton for their problems. So, I just come today out of humility and thanking the mayor and the body, and I hope that you pass, number 16 on your consent agenda, along with your other items. Thank you very much.”

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

E. 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. (215-2026) Bills and Claims**
- 2. (216-2026) Void Check Resolution**
- 3. (217-2026) Request Chapter 159 Budget Insertion – Nationwide Opioid Litigation Settlement**
- 4. (218-2026) Request Chapter 159 Budget Insertion – Clean Communities**
- 5. (219-2026) Request Chapter 159 Budget Insertion – Stormwater Grant**
- 6. (220-2026) Declaring an Emergency for the Municipal Building Geothermal Loop Repair – COF #2026-133**
- 7. (221-2026) Authorize Emergency Appropriation – Water/Sewer Utility – Rising Fuel Costs**
- 8. (222-2026) Authorize Emergency Appropriation – Current Fund – Rising Fuel Costs**

The bills for 2026 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:

F. 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. (223-2026) Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accounts**
- 2. (224-2026) Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
- 3. (225-2026) Canceling Taxes Pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4-3.32 - Zindzius**
- 4. (226-2026) Authorize Recreation Department Refunds**
- 5. (227-2026) Authorize Recreation Department to Rehire Part-time Seasonals**
- 6. (228-2026) Authorize Refund of Zoning Permit Fee – Block 13, Lot 24-226 Passaic Ave**
- 7. (229-2026) Authorize Permit Refund – Block 376, Lot 3.04 -2228 Briarwood Lane**
- 8. (230-2026) Authorizing the Road Opening for 1702 Bay Isle Drive**
- 9. (231-2026) Authorize RVE for Engineering Services to Provide Services for the Required MS4 NJDEP Phase 2 Watershed Assessment Report Submission – COF #2026-131**
- 10. (232-2026) Authorize RVE for Engineering Services to Update Stormwater Control Ordinances (SCO) and Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) for NJDEP NJPACT REAL Compliance – COF #2026-132**
- 11. (233-2026) Accepting a Maintenance Bond and Authorizing Release of the Performance Bond for the 2025 LPTF Herbertsville Road & River Road Sidewalk Project**
- 12. (234-2026) Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property Via Online Auction – DPW**
- 13. (235-2026) Awarding a Contract to A. Takton Concrete Corporation as Lowest Responsive Bidder for the Point Pleasant Borough CDBG Arnold Avenue Handicapped Improvements Project – COF #2026-134**
- 14. (236-2026) Authorize Execution of the Ocean County Sidewalk Construction Grant Agreement and the Mandatory Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement**
- 15. (237-2026) Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS)**
- 16. (238-2026) Authorizing a Refund of the Municipal Portion of a Handgun Carry Permit Fee Otherwise Required Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4**
- 17. (239-2026) Designating Agent of Record for the Borough’s Voluntary Benefits Program**
- 18. (240-2026) Granting Permission to Optimum Communications, Inc., to Install, Use and Maintain Communications Facilities Along, Under and Over the Public Right-Of-Way to Provide Communications Services to the Public**
- 19. (241-2026) Approving the Following Applications:**
 - The Shore House Bar and Grill, Petition to Extend Licensed Premises, Boro Bikes, Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM (rain date October 3, 2026).**
 - Travel Smiths 40th Anniversary Event, Saturday, October 10, 2026, From 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM.**
- 20. (242-2026) Confirming Personnel Appointments:**
 - Resignation of Diane Vandernoot as part-time Crossing Guard effective October 2, 2026.**

- Tina Corti is appointed to the position of part-time Crossing Guard, effective October 2, 2026, at the rate of \$27.77 per hour, as per the current Teamsters Local Union No. 469 Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Diane Fiorovanti is appointed to the position of substitute, part-time Crossing Guard, effective September 21, 2026, at the rate of \$27.77 per hour, as per the current Teamsters Local Union No. 469 Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- James Sacca is appointed to the position of substitute, part-time Crossing Guard, effective September 21, 2026, at the rate of \$27.77 per hour, as per the current Teamsters Local Union No. 469 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda (Item #21 Voted on separately)

MADE: Furmato

SECOND: Coulson

Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Yes

CARRIES:

21. (243-2026) Authorize Purchase of One (1) E-ONE 75 Ladder Firetruck through Sourcewell #08202-RVG Contract – COF #2026-135

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

MADE: Coulson

SECOND: DePaola

Mr. Veni: Yes

Ms. DePaola: Yes

Ms. Coulson: Yes

Ms. Archer: Yes

Mr. Furmato: Yes

Mr. Stevenson: Abstain

CARRIES:

G. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: Stevenson

SECOND: DePaola

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

Resident: 2714 Shady Glen: “Good evening, Council and Mayor. I'm here tonight as a resident and a mom who's concerned about the future of Point Pleasant. I have a ten-year-old son, and I want to raise him in the same exact town his father grew up in. As you guys are aware, there are several things happening in town right now that a lot of residents are concerned about, and they are concerned about what we are becoming. The proposed townhomes in Loveland Town, the proposed development on Beaver Dam Road, and the potential removal of a very large, mature tree on Arnold Avenue. Now, I understand that that's not something that you guys decide on. That's not the process. These projects go through different boards and processes, but I'm curious about where mayor and council members stand on them. Do you believe these developments are appropriate for Point Pleasant? Do you share the residents' concern that we may be seeing too much development and losing some of the character and history that makes this town special? And do you believe that our current codes and ordinances provide enough protection for the character, trees, and open spaces that make Point Pleasant special? And if not, would you be open to exploring ways to strengthen those protections? And when we look at the development, are we considering more than just additional tax revenue, but can we consider things like traffic, infrastructure, open space, our environment, and the character of our neighborhoods? I'm asking because I want to know what kind of town we are going to be leaving for our children and the next generation. We can always build something new, but we can't always get back what we lose, and I think the residents deserve to hear from everybody representing us. Thank you.”

Mr. McGucken: “No one up here can comment upon any pending application before one of the boards. It would absolutely result in those decisions, if those boards were to deny it, for instance, automatic approval by a court. So, this board cannot influence those decisions in any way by taking a public position on them before the hearing. They would absolutely be doing that, and that would be a problem. So, I would urge any member of the governing body, not to comment on any pending application before the planning board or the zoning board for that reason.”

Mayor Sabosik asked the attorney if he could speak on historical and was told he could.

Mayor Sabosik: “So let me talk about historical so everybody knows what's going on out there. This administration has been very strong in keeping the traditions of our town to the best of our ability. One of the settlements that we had was on Route 88. The gentleman wanted to put up thirty units, little cabins, I'll call it. We went to court. We were in negotiation. Councilor Joe Furmato was there. Councilwoman Toni DePaola was there. I was there. In fact, the judge said it's very unusual to have elected officials going into these type of hearings. We did that because we love the town. We love the history of this town, and we intend to make sure the traditions of this town are being continued. We are not going to talk about individuals which could happen in the future, but I can talk about the past. That's one. Another one was the Duncan Donuts from Route 88. We reacted on the Board. We do not think that was a good application. We went to court. We lost. We're appealing it. So, we don't say yes for tax dollars. That's a misnomer and really a false statement. This administration doesn't go for tax dollars. What we go for is for the benefit of the citizens. We had another one, where a gentleman came, and he wanted to put sixty units. We went to court with that, and we have affordable housing there. In that phone call, it was Joe Furmato, Toni DePaola, Frank, myself, and our attorney. The one with the sixty units. We fought that successfully. Even housing agreed with us that was a bad location for it. We can't discuss anything that we're in negotiations with as per legal counsel, but you can be rest assured, I grew up in this town. I value this town. That's why we're all up here as a team. We're doing the best we can to make sure that we keep

the quality of life, and we keep the history and the traditions of Point Pleasant Borough. That's our job. We're all of your neighbors, and the people on the other boards are your neighbors. They understand. We're very fortunate. We were one of the first towns to negotiate a settlement with fair share housing. I don't know if anybody realized that at one time, they wanted us to put over four hundred units of fair share housing in. We don't have room for twenty fair share housing. That's twenty percent. We were able to negotiate that down to four. Some of those units are all done in across from the Dunkin Donuts. A couple of people have asked me, "Why did you build that, Mayor?" Well, that took care of what we had to do with the state with fair share housing. That's what a team can do together. We're up here for the town. We're elected by the people, for the people, and I'm glad. I'm glad you brought this up tonight, because people should realize the time that we spend on these court cases that you don't hear about. Other towns, I'm sure you've driven other towns around. Some of the towns have four or five thousand units they have to put up. It's ridiculous. Our town has four, and we have some of them done yet in already. Some of the other projects that have come hypothetically in unofficially with legal counsel, asked our opinion, and we said, "We don't think it's a good idea." So don't believe everything you hear on social media. Because we're out here fighting to make sure that this town does not go the way of other towns. Hoboken, Jersey City, that's not our intent. Our intent is to keep the town the way it is. So, I hope I answered your question to the best of our ability."

Mr. Pannucci: "Just so everybody does know how it works, though, New Jersey land use law, certain applications go before the Zoning Board. Why are they going before the Zoning Board? Because they don't comply with our local laws. The thing is, no matter how good or bad a project is, a property owner has the right to at least pitch their plans before the land use board. Doesn't mean it's going to get approved, doesn't mean it's going to get denied, but they do have the right by New Jersey land use law to pitch their good or bad idea before that board. And then the public has the right to go to that meeting and listen to it and ask questions and voice their opinions at the end. And then the respective land use board then decides if it's good or bad, and votes appropriately. The governing body doesn't talk about that because there are certain cases where a board could vote something down, and it could be kicked back to the governing body to overrule them. That's a rare situation, but it can happen, and that's why the governing body doesn't talk about Zoning Board applications. I just thought it was important that people understood that process. And just on that one point you made me think of that when you said that. You had the Pable Evertz property that a developer wanted to buy and put close to a hundred units on them, and they wanted to develop the Arnold Avenue property on the corner of Arnold and Trenton. But this administration purchased both of them, and those will never be developed again. It's going to be the future rec center, and then Arnold Avenue is staying an open space, passive recreation park. So those areas wanted to be overdeveloped, and the governing body spent money to protect that. I got a little antsy about it because I don't like them spending money."

Mr. Furmato: "We've spent many, many hours in our boardrooms on what the mayor's talked about, and there are others that we've done. And luckily, I'm retired, so I spend the day there, many days in the boardroom. So, it's a good thing. And we're also good for ten years. I think our number is zero right now. We don't have to approve anything for the next ten years for affordable housing."

Mayor Sabosik: "So, that is a good point. Other towns did not go and meet with the state on affordable housing. We were the first ones to meet with them and settle with them. Other towns that did not do this are now being forced to overdevelop their lands. Since we have a contract, we are protected for the next 10 years."

Council Member DePaola: “I would like to make a comment. There are a lot of things that we do that doesn't get publicized. Because we are here just to do the people's work. And for instance, there's a lot of hubbub on the internet, the telegraph highway- about Ebenezer Baptist Church. Well, let me just say this, this mayor and council worked for years to try to protect that property. We tried to get that property. The only way to do that, because we didn't know who owned it, it literally took our former attorney years to find out who the owners were and where they were. They were out of state. They were not here in New Jersey. Our former attorney, God rest his soul, before he passed away, he had sent a letter to this trust, and said, "Are you aware that you own this property in Point Pleasant Borough, and the mayor and council are interested in purchasing this property? Please let us know." Within an extremely short period of time, the property was sold to a private developer. There's nothing we can do when a property is owned by a private person, citizen or trust, and they don't want to negotiate with you. They want the largest amount of money they can get, and we were all extremely disappointed to know that it was sold right out from under us. They weren't interested, and of course, once a developer owns it, they are not selling it to us. So just know that we've worked really hard here, and we don't do it for kudos and accolades, which is why half the things we do you don't even know about. But I just wanted to bring that up as a point to show that we truly care about this town, and we are trying the best we can within the confines of the law to make sure that we're not overbuilt. But one good thing and bad thing is people want to live here. A developer can make money. They are going to try their darndest to put something somewhere, and we are doing our darndest to fight the overgrowth to the best of our ability within the law. But thank you for bringing those points up this evening.”

Mayor Sabosik: “Just so people realize, we probably saved almost five hundred units from being built. I'm sitting up here counting, folks. So that's how many we've negotiated that it wouldn't be a good idea for the future of the town.”

Resident: 2714 Shady Glen: “Thank you for clarifying.”

Resident: 2117 Foster Road: Asked for clarification on the crosswalks going in.

Mr. Pannucci: “It's going from Route 88 to Trenton Avenue in equal space. There's going to be three crosswalks. And by the way, the Mayor and Council got money for that via a grant. They are not using local tax dollars. They went out for the grant, got awarded it, and they're going to build them.”

Resident: 2117 Foster Road: Asked why Bank of America still does not have handicap cuts.

Mayor Sabosik stated he will have our Borough Engineer look into that.

Resident: 2117 Foster Road: Asked if the Fire Truck will be replacing the one we already have.

Mayor Sabosik responded yes, the truck we have is a 1995.

Resident: 2117 Foster Road: spoke with the Chief and Mayor and Council about E-Bikes and the Flock Cameras.

The Chief of Police stated that the Flock Cameras are shared data. Not owned only by us. If you are an agency that is subscribed to it, you can have access to it.

Resident: 2117 Foster Road: Asked specifically if ICE has access to it.

The Chief of Police and Mayor both stated that ICE would not have access to it.

Mr. Pannucci: “That is the New Jersey Attorney General's office that has strict directives on what you can do and what you can't do, and the chief has no choice but to adhere to those directives. That's state law. But if you have specific questions on that, I'm sure the chief will be happy to talk to you at length.”

Council Member Stevenson: “Only because I used to deal with this, I know that with law enforcement and law enforcement of different types, anytime somebody accesses that, there's a footprint that says who it was, when it was accessed, and what it was accessed for. I believe the chief can attest to that. So that way, let's just say something got out there, they go back, backtrack to see who is looking things up, and if it was unauthorized, and they are able to see that.”

Resident: 2117 Foster Road: “That part, I kind of understand. I was just wondering about this thing with ICE. I want to make sure they aren't going to come here and just start shooting people.”

Resident: 1309 Bay Avenue: “I have a question about whether there's been any considerations made for sidewalks on Bay Avenue on the Point Pleasant side of the road.”

Mayor Sabosik: “We are negotiating with the county. I'm happy to report that after fifty-five years, they are changing their mind about putting sidewalks on county roads. We have applied for a couple grants for a couple different roads. We are looking at some roads by you. I am not going to say you are next, because Herbertsville Road and River Road was done by the State, at our request. Our team up here has the most applications for grants in one year, versus 10 years of previous people. We have been very successful because we have gotten very good at writing for the grants. I walk a lot around town and used to own a building over there, so I do know your area. It is on the plans to get done.”

Resident: 1309 Bay Avenue: “Okay. And then the follow-up to that is, on those crosswalks on Bay Avenue, is it possible to get those signals put on the crosswalk signs like we have on Route 88 now?”

Mayor Sabosik: “Sure, I call them a wig wag. For the kids, you press a button, and they wig wag. We can look into that with the county. We also got the grant money to put them in over by the park. We will definitely look into that.”

Resident: 2714 Shady Glen: “Apologies, I forgot to mention earlier. I've had a request come in from families that are on the Herbertsville side of town to see if it is possible to put a school crossing guard at the intersection where the ice cream shop is during school hours. Families have kids that are riding bikes, and they are trying to ride over from Herbertsville and they cannot cross safely.”

Mayor Sabosik: “This is the first time I am hearing of this, but we can have the Chief of Police do a traffic study.”

Resident: Jackson Street – “My wife and I bought our home in 1962. We have lived there every year since then. We love the neighborhood, and we have raised three children. The neighborhood is a wonderful neighborhood. And recently, there was a situation where one of the property owners did not take care of their property as they should have. Every other property owner in the neighborhood either takes care of their own or they have it professionally managed, and it's beautiful. I complained to the owner of the property, and they didn't seem to have any interest in doing anything about it because they wanted to feed the bees, the birds, and the butterflies and so on and so forth by seeding the entire property with wildflowers and weeds. I was at wit's end and was very fortunate to meet with Mayor Sabosik one Sunday afternoon and discussed with him the issue at hand. He said that he would look into it. He did. And early on Monday morning, he sent me an email that said he had discussed it and delved into it with the local agency, and they had a resolution to it. I understand that the resolution is in progress, but prior to my meeting with the Mayor, my meeting with the code enforcement officer repeatedly was told that they had no ordinance that made property owners keep their property in decent order. You don't have to have sod and beautiful flowers decorating your property, but you can't have six-foot-high weeds that almost cover the windows of your home. It just shouldn't be, because Point Pleasant Borough is too nice of a town, and we need to take care of it. It's the only property on Jackson Street that ruins the entire street, and every other property is taken care of beautifully. So, I thank you for getting this underway. I understand that there's been some progress in getting that corrected, and I hope that it will be taken care of very soon because my neighbor, who you all received a letter from and pictures of the property, has also gotten a response from the Administrator. And thank you very much for that. And, it's just that we have a pride in our community. We've raised three children here. They're all successful. So, figure it out. We've been here since 1962. Probably more years than all of you sitting up there at the dais. I am 84 today. I look forward to a resolution on this, not on Jackson Street, but for every community in Point Pleasant Borough. If something needs to be cleaned up, please have an ordinance that will take care of this and make it easy. Just serve something on the people that says, these are the rules. I don't hate the bees and the butterflies. But you can't use your whole property to feed them. Just plant little 10 foot circles. I have plants and bushes in my front yard, that the bees and the butterflies love. Just like all my neighbors do. But just make it simple and clean up the area. Thank you.”

Mayor Sabosik: “I do have a public announcement this evening. I never thought Point Pleasant would have this type of a problem. Now, let me explain to you what it is. It is political season. We all have to respect one another. But we had one gentleman who went out at two o'clock in the afternoon and violated two properties, went on private property and took signs, almost thirty of them at last count. We have video tape of the gentleman and his car. I don't know where he comes from. I'm not blaming anybody, but we can't condone this. This isn't what Point Pleasant is. Point Pleasant is a family town where we respect one another. Where we do the right thing for one another. So, I've talked to the police chief. They are looking into it. But tonight, I'm offering a five hundred dollar reward for the arrest and conviction of this gentleman who violated the rights of these two young ladies who had signs on their front lawn. Anybody who knows this person, the chief has pictures, please contact the chief. If he gets arrested and convicted, I will personally give the person who's handing that charge and gets him convicted, five hundred dollars. And that's all I have to say on the matter. If anybody wants to see pictures of the gentleman, I have pictures up here. So, thank you all.”

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

H. 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: Coulson

SECOND: Archer

APPROVED: All in favor

Executive Session was closed and back into regular 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