COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 (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: "Tonight, we are going to honor some very important people in the town of Point Pleasant, the Friends of the Library."

A. PROCLAMATION

1. National Friends of Libraries Week 2026

Friends of Library President: " I just want to say to mayor and council members, on behalf of the Friends of the Library, I'd like to thank you for this proclamation recognizing our organization. We are proud to support our library and the many programs and activities that make it such a valuable resource for residents of all ages. It is rewarding to know that our efforts make a difference, and your recognition means a great deal to us. Thank you for your support and for taking the time to recognize our volunteers. We truly appreciate it and look forward to continuing to support our wonderful library and community."

B. WORKSHOP

1. Committee Reports

Council Member Furmato stated the following: "Laguna Village roads were milled and paved. Those roads consisted of 80% sand and 20% glass in the asphalt. If you ever tried to walk on those roads, you couldn't walk in bare feet. You would get glass splinters. Ocean County did the work for us at $155,000. Consent agenda item #11, sidewalks behind Ocean Road School. The federal grant is for around $750,000. This is two years in the making just to get to that $750,000.00. We are working on getting more money so we can do more roads back there. Two years ago, the cost has gone up drastically. So that's in the works. The next thing is consent agenda item #13. Bids came in for the demolition of the funeral home at the future community center site. The bid is $173,000.00. It's about $100,000 under our estimate. So that should be done within the next couple of months. And then from there, we move on with that to see how long it's going to take and what it is going to take to build what we want to build. In the last five years, the town of Point Pleasant has received roughly $15 million dollars, in grants for sidewalks, roads, parks, and pedestrian safety. And we are going to keep building on that number because we work on it constantly."

Council Member Coulson stated the following: "Thursday evening is Haunts in the Park. 5:00pm to 6:00pm is the family-friendly for the littles, not so scary. 6:30 to 9:00 is for those who like the scary. You can buy pre-sale tickets at the rec center. They're available by check or cash this Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:00 to 3:00. This way to avoid just standing in line on Thursday night. Our winter basketball program is ongoing. Registration is still available for multiple fall programs that have not started yet. So just call the rec center if you're interested in registering for any of the fall programs. There is availability in the three-year-old preschool program. It's two days a week. If you're interested, please give the rec center a call. And the rec center people who are working there are very excited about the demolition of the building on Beaver Dam. So more to come on that. And that's all I have."

Council Member DePaola stated the following: "First up is my report from the Point Pleasant Emergency Management office. Our volunteers were involved in 29 incidents that they monitored in September, 7 notifications only, 19 weather alerts, and 3 emergency responses. On September the 27th, the Point Pleasant Community Emergency Response Team, which we call the CERT team, was deployed on three separate occasions to assist the Point Pleasant Police Department with storm-related incidents involving downed trees and wires. CERT members assisted with securing affected areas, blocking, and coming off of roadways, and helping keep motorists and pedestrians away from hazardous locations. And our Office of Emergency Management was activated in September from the 24th to the 28th because of severe nor'easter. So, for those four days, they monitored the weather and responded accordingly. And for the month of September, there was 856 man-hours deployed, and the CERT team had close to 400 man-hours. And these are all volunteers, so again, I'd like to thank them because they really help out whenever we have these severe weather movements coming through our area. And next up, our police department. They have had some interesting activity going on throughout the town. First, there was a political sign theft, which resulted in the arrest of Gregory Hall. Police Chief Leonhardt would like to remind everyone that regardless of political affiliation, removing or stealing someone else's political signs is against the law. Our department takes these complaints seriously and will investigate them accordingly. There was a spat of vehicle burglaries, and our detective bureau recently made an arrest in connection with several vehicle burglaries that occurred in the Sunrise area. I want to recognize the investigative work that went into identifying the suspect and bringing this case to a successful resolution. The chief would like to remind our residents to lock your vehicles. With that said, the chief wants to remind residents to make sure you are locking your vehicles at night. Many vehicle burglaries involve suspects looking for unlocked cars. So, remove your valuables, your keys, your key fobs, and any other important documents from your vehicles in the evening, and report any suspicious activity to our police department. Also, this year the Borough's 9:00 PM juvenile curfew will be in effect beginning Thursday, October 29th through Monday, November 2nd. And that's for the Halloween time. And please remind your children of the curfew and help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable Halloween. And speaking of Halloween, the Point Pleasant Borough Police Department, along with the Community Watch organization and the Mayor and Council are having a Trunk or Treat event, which will be taking place tomorrow night at Community Park from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Various county and local governments will be having trunks so that the children can trick-or-trunk, trick-or-treat in a safe, planned environment, and that will be tomorrow night, again, from 5:00 to 7:00. And that's all I have this evening."

Council Member Stevenson stated the following: "The only thing I have is on the legislative side. New Jersey Senate Bill S3236 was introduced by Shirley Turner. It did pass a committee hearing unanimously, and essentially it would be to permanently observe daylight savings time. So, the house committee does have a companion bill but has not gone for a hearing yet. And regardless, there is a federal law that says that we have daylight savings, so it would have to be changed federal before they do anything."

Council President Veni stated the following: "The EC will meet here tomorrow night for their monthly meeting, 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome. A couple of big topics that will be discussed tomorrow night is the status of the Slade Dale with the Christmas trees. We are still having a little bit of difficult time. I know all the kids from the band to the football team to the lacrosse team are all busy. So, it's very hard to get a time where they are all together so we can go and finish from 2025's stock. We have to prepare for 2026. So, I'm pivoting, and I have a couple things in the works with the DPW director to see if we can get that across the finish line. So, anybody that is available to help, if you could reach out to me through email or just talk to me, that would be great. I spoke to our DPW director about the lighting project earlier. He said the status is at 25%. For those of you who don't know, the town has gotten some very heavy rebate incentives from the state of New Jersey to replace their existing antiquated lights with new LED energy-saving lights. And you know, it is more than just saving energy. The big thing about it is there's a lot less maintenance that goes with them, so a lot more time that DPW can concentrate on other things that they have to do because they do have a very busy plate all the time."

Mayor Sabosik stated the following: "I've received some letters from some people from Herbertsville Road thanking mayor and council for procuring the sidewalks. I have a grandmother here who's watching kids and carriages go in front of her house, and she wrote in capital letters, "Love the sidewalks. Love the capability that we've done, making our town safer." And I just want to point out, that was done in conjunction with Trenton. The state of New Jersey accepted our application, realizing the need all of our residents had for this type of improvement. I'm very happy that this team up here worked so hard on these applications. And for the previous administration, Governor Murphy's administration, to approve this shows that this town works in a very bipartisan way to the needs of all the residents to improve our lives, to make it safer. I want to thank the assemblyman next to me, who happens to be the town attorney, who voted for it also, so I appreciate that. It shows that this group up here has worked very hard. As Councilman Furmato stated, we've got millions of dollars since this team was brought together, for the benefit for all residents, and we'll continue to do that. I heard today that we are in the finals for some federal money, for our community center. I don't know the final amount yet, but I hope it's significant. I still believe in Santa Claus, so maybe we can get a big gift before Christmas from Washington, DC. There are a couple other items, a couple of bills coming across that haven't come yet. It's called Volunteer Fire Company Assistance Program and the Division of Fire Safety and the Department of Community Affairs to support the ongoing operation and sustainability of volunteer fire companies. I think this is a great bill. It'll help fund local fire departments, not with a lot of money, but it shows that the state cares about volunteer fire departments and they are willing to set aside a certain amount of money. I received a letter recently, so I'll give you the letter at the end of this meeting."

C. MINUTES

1. **Approve Council Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2026.**
2. **Approve Executive Session Minutes of September 21, 2026.**

MOTION: Approve Minutes

MADE: Stevenson **SECOND: Coulson**

Mr. Veni: Yes **Ms. DePaola: Yes** **Ms. Coulson: Yes**
Ms. Archer: Absent **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: Coulson

SECOND: Furmato

APPROVED: All in Favor

Council President Veni opened the meeting to the public.

Resident – Osborn Avenue: "Regarding Item #13 - Awarding contract to the lowest responsive bidder for the site demolition of existing funeral home building. I believe you spoke about that. I would like to know if the labor agreement with their labor work is it New Jersey workers?"

Mayor Sabosik responded that it is.

Resident – Osborn Avenue: Asked if the laborers were legal in this country?

Mr. Pannucci: "They have their own reporting that they have to do with the NJ Department of Labor and the NJ Department of Community Affairs. They check all time sheets from any company that does bid work for any township in the state of New Jersey. And if they fudge those time sheets with people that aren't documented or aren't allowed to work, they're going to have a little bit of problems with the state."

Mayor Sabosik: "It's called a certified payroll form. I am a contractor, as you know. And, I have to supply certified payroll for anything that I do for any government entity or military, so it is strictly enforced, and this will be strictly enforced. Our engineer will have somebody on site for that. You can be rest assured you will not see Alabama license plates if that's what you're worried about."

Seeing no other 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. (244-2026) **Bills and Claims**
2. (245-2026) **Request Chapter 159 Budget Insertion – Ocean County Office of Senior Services 2026 Area Plan Contract**

The bills for 2026 totaling the amount of $2,318,970.90 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:** Furmato

Mr. Veni: Yes	Ms. DePaola: Yes	Ms. Coulson: Yes
Ms. Archer: Absent	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. (246-2026) **Authorize Adjustment and/or Refund on Certain Tax or Water/Sewer Accounts**
2. (247-2026) **Authorize Refund of Lien Redemption and Premium Paid at Tax Sale**
3. (248-2026) **Canceling Taxes Pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4-3.32 - Olsen**
4. (249-2026) **Authorize Recreation Department Refunds**
5. (250-2026) **Authorize Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor – Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program 2026/2027**
6. (251-2026) **Authorize Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor – Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program 2026/2027**
7. (252-2026) **Memorialize Authorization for the Road Opening for 2115 Seagull Terrace**
8. (253-2026) **Authorization for the Road Opening for 207 Maxson Avenue**
9. (254-2026) **Authorizing the Execution of a Schedule "C" Agreement with Ocean County for 2026**
10. (255-2026) **Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of a Shared Services Agreement for Recycling Center Use and Revenue Sharing Agreement with the County of Ocean**
11. (256-2026) **Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Federal Aid Grant Agreement with NJDOT Re: SRTS-2024 Proposed Sidewalk near Ocean Road Elementary School – Point Pleasant Borough**

12. (257-2026) **Authorize RVE for Additional Funds for the Design, Administration and Observation for the 2026 NJDOT Local Aid Grant for the Comanche Avenue and Hyacinth Place Project**

13. (258-2026) **Awarding a Contract to Winzinger, Inc., as Lowest Responsive Bidder for the Site Demolition of the Existing Funeral Home Building Project – COF #2026-136**

14. (259-2026) **Confirming Personnel Action:**
- **Retirement of Antoinette Jones as Municipal Clerk, effective December 31, 2026.**

MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

MADE: Coulson **SECOND: DePaola**

Mr. Veni: Yes **Ms. DePaola: Yes** **Ms. Coulson: Yes**
Ms. Archer: Absent **Mr. Furmato: Yes** **Mr. Stevenson: Yes**

CARRIES:

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MOTION: Open the meeting to the public

MADE: DePaola

SECOND: Stevenson

APPROVED: All in Favor

Mayor Sabosik opened the meeting to the public.

Resident: 2117 Foster Road: Stated that the fireworks were beautiful.

Resident: 1309 Bay Avenue: " At the last meeting, I had asked if we could have those lighted crosswalk things on Bay Avenue. I'm just wondering what is the timeframe for something like that to happen?"

Mayor Sabosik stated that it is a county road and that our engineer has been in talks with their engineer. Stated that sometimes these things can move slowly but hoping it can be done within months and not years.

Resident: Osborne Avenue: "I brought up about two years ago, YouTube or whoever wants the venue, to broadcast all public meetings in Point Pleasant Borough. Now, do I have anyone here that is on the council objecting to the YouTube or any other outlet to broadcast these meetings, like Point Pleasant Beach does? Is anybody here against it?"

Councilman Furmato: "I'm not totally against it, but I have a problem with the influencers of the internet that'll make us a mockery of this place. So maybe I am against it. For example, some guy coming in and playing a guitar for five minutes or some guy doing break dancing in the hallway. These are things that have happened in other towns and could happen here. If you look on YouTube in other towns, this happens a lot."

Resident: Osborne Avenue: "Why can't we take those people right out the door?"

Mayor and Council stated that you cannot do that. There is freedom of speech.

Resident: Osborne Avenue: Asked if anyone else would be against You Tube.

Mayor Sabosik stated that he is reluctant for security reasons. Noted that we have kids here to receive proclamations and he would be reluctant to have them filmed. But did state that we can look into it again.

Resident: Osborne Avenue: Asked again if the Chief could escort people out if there is a problem.

Borough Attorney McGucken: "No, you cannot do that. If somebody wants to come and make a mockery with speeches, they have a right to do it, unfortunately. Or fortunately, depending on your perspective. But I've sat through some of those meetings, particularly in Jackson, which becomes an absolute entertainment for social media influencers, who then post it online for clicks on their websites. It gets pretty rough and a lot of people in the town are not thrilled with it. Whether it's cursing, or other things, it's all about social media, and that's what it becomes. It's not about the public. However, if somebody wants to videotape a meeting, they have every right to do so. I think we have an ordinance that requires you just to give advance notice. But if somebody wants to videotape a meeting, they have every right to do that."

Resident: Osborne Avenue: "Next item I have here is the FLOCK cameras. I just noticed Beaver Dam and Route 88 have the FLOC cameras."

Mayor Sabosik: "The FLOCK cameras is a pilot program from the state of New Jersey that replaced the cameras in the police cars. The access for FLOCK cameras is strictly enforced. Nobody in this council or mayor's office can go to him and ask to look at any type of tape or anything else. Chief, if you want to explain the security about FLOCK cameras."

Chief Leonhardt: "What is your concern?"

Resident: Osborne Avenue: "Well, these data centers that are being uploaded to AI. And also, a family member of mine neglected to register her car properly. She missed a date, and she was issued a ticket by FLOCK. FLOCK is the one who informed the police or the Department of Transportation or Motor Vehicle that she was late. She was fined $40."

Chief Leonhardt: "We don't get updates from Flock. Flock is a resource that we have to go into for investigative tool. There is no reporting from Flock to us about anything. It does not work that way."

Resident: Osborne Avenue: Stated that he does not have a problem with anyone up here, But that he will be voting for Megan Jedry because she is bringing up important issues.

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: Furmato

APPROVED: All in favor

Executive Session was closed and back into regular session.

Mayor Sabosik stated that they spoke about potential legal action the town will be undertaking.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

All in Favor.

TRANSCRIBED BY: VERONICA THWING, DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

ATTEST:

ANTOINETTE JONES, RMC, CMR
BOROUGH CLERK

APPROVED:

ROBERT A. SABOSIK
MAYOR