

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2014
8:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Time: 8:05 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Invocation

Councilwoman Higbee

Open Public Meetings Act Statement - Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by adopting a schedule of regular meetings for 2014, which was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, sent to the "South Jersey Times" and filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 5, 2014.

Roll Call

Councilman Austin: Present
Councilwoman Higbee Present
Councilman Pierpont: Present
Mayor Johnson: Present
Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Councilman Blass: Present
Councilwoman Kelley: Present
Council President Razze: Present
Borough Solicitor Duffield: Present

Approval of Minutes

Work Session, Closed Work Session, and Formal Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2014

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Abstain
Mayor Johnson _____

Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Abstain
Council President Razze: Yes

Committee Reports

Councilman Austin

Councilman Austin reported that on July 30, Chief Zimmerman met with the Superintendent of Pitman Public Schools to review the lock down procedures to be carried out in the schools if need be during the upcoming school year.

On August 4, Chief Zimmerman and Patrolman Parker selected the department's K9 unit. He is named Ranger. Patrolman Parker recently attended Search and Seizure classes with Ranger. This training will be utilized during car stops when Ranger is present. The Humane Society donated \$850.00 to the department for the purchase of a bullet proof vest for Ranger.

Det. Sgt. Moore, Cpl. Streater, and S/O Osinski recently attended a Security Safety Conference in Washington Township.

The Borough's Office of Emergency Management is now up and running.

Councilman Blass

Councilman Blass reported that bid packets for the replacement of the roof on Borough Hall have been coming in. They will be opened and reviewed on September 4, 2014.

Statistics for the McCowan Memorial Library for July 2014:

Circulation: 4,562 items

Visitor Count: 8,977

Internet Users: 501

Community Meetings: 10

Story time attendance: 395 children

Council President Razze

Council President Razze reported that the Recreation Department's summer programs are winding down and preparations are being made for enrollment in the fall programs.

Councilman Pierpont

Councilman Pierpont reported that the Highway Division of the Public Works Department was out last week finishing the stone project in the Grove alleyways and driveways. Most everything on the punch list has been addressed. In addition, the alleyways at Webb Avenue and West Avenue have been graded and finished. We will use any remaining materials from this project to smooth out Big Alley.

In July, the Borough recycled 107.51 tons of materials at \$22.55 per ton. The revenue to the Borough totaled \$2,424.38.

Public Works Manager Steve Alexander met with Sgt. Owens to discuss the student drop off zones at our schools. The signs will be installed, and the curbs painted before the start of school.

Repairs to the operating system for the dam at Alcyon Lake are complete, and the lift gate is now functioning properly.

Employees of the Water and Sewer Division replaced a fire hydrant on Adams Avenue, and repaired two water main leaks on Roosevelt Avenue.

Video Pipe Service performed a camera inspection of the storm drains on Spruce Avenue and the sanitary sewer mains on Highland Terrace. We are awaiting the final reports.

We have started using a new corrosion protection system in our water lines. Seaquest has been known to protect pit cast steel water mains in some cases better than other brands. We are monitoring its effectiveness within our system and will determine if we will continue use of this product in the future.

The next meeting of the Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce will take place on August 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Pitman Manor. As always, the Chamber invites everyone to shop, stroll, stay, and dine local.

Councilwoman Higbee

Councilwoman Higbee reported that the Historic Preservation Commission will meet this Thursday evening at 7:00. Four applications have been submitted for approval, two are for businesses and two are for homes.

Councilwoman Kelley

Councilwoman Kelley reported that the Planning and Zoning Board will meet on August 18 at 7:00 p.m. and the Economic Development Committee will meet on August 21 at 7:00 p.m.

On August 7, Councilwoman Kelley, Administrator O’Donnell, and Councilman Austin met with Charles Appleby, Chief of the Environmental Management Branch of the New Jersey National Guard. This meeting was to bring us up to date on the progress of the remediation project ongoing at the former Amory site. Since our last meeting on July 17, 2013, they have reapplied for, and received the wetlands permit, and in May of 2014, soil abstraction and injection was performed. On, or around, August 13, 2014, the first round of soil testing will be conducted. It will take up to forty-five days for the results to come back. The Borough could possibly have the Remedial Action Outcome (RAO) letter within a year.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance No. 17, 2014 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 7 Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” of the Code of the Borough of Pitman

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Austin Second: Blass

Motion to Open to the Public: Razze Second: Blass
Time: 8:15 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to Close Public Hearing: Razze Second: Blass
Time: 8:15 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: No Council President Razze: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

New Business

Ordinance No. 18, 2014 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appropriating \$20,000 From the Capital Fund Balance and Authorizing the Purchase of an MPH Speed Monitor Trailer

First Reading

Motion: Austin Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes Council President Razze: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Ordinance No. 19, 2014 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Software Upgrades, Refurbishing a Trash Truck, Improvements to Storm Drains, Paving of Borough Street(s), Replacing/Repairing the Roof on Borough Hall and the Purchase of a Telephone System for the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$664,000 Therefore; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond

Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$630,800 to Borrow With a Down Payment of \$33,200; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection With the Foregoing

First Reading

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 118, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Release of the Maintenance Bond and Escrow Funds Provided by William Pote Submitted for a Project Affecting a Parcel Known as 150 Highland Terrace, Block 85, Lot 7.01 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

Motion: Kelley

Second: Higbee

Councilwoman Kelley amended her Motion to include the approval of Resolutions No. 118, 119, 120, 121, and 122 with one Roll Call of Council.

Second: Higbee

Resolution No. 119, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Release of the Maintenance Bond and Escrow Funds Provided by Gino Fasolino/Promenade in Pitman, LLC, Affecting a Parcel Known as Block 73, Lot 5 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

Resolution No. 120, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Release of the Maintenance Bond Provided by South State, Inc. Relating to the 2011 Water and Sewer Capital Improvements Project in the Borough of Pitman, Gloucester County

Resolution No. 121, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Release of the Maintenance Bond Provided by Pioneer Pipe Contractors, Inc. Relating to the Muriel Avenue Emergency Repair Project in the Borough of Pitman, Gloucester County

Resolution No. 122, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Release of the Maintenance Bond Provided by M. D. Remodeling, LLC, Relating to the Municipal Building Renovations/Basement Egress Project in the Borough of Pitman, Gloucester County

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 123, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing and Approving Improvements to

Theater Avenue

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razzo: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 124, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Donations to the Theater Avenue Revitalization Project Required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razzo: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Event Permit Applications

Event: Fall Craft Show

Applicant: Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

Date: September 20, 2014 (Rain date 9/27/14)

Time: 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 pm.

Location: Broadway, Pitman & Ballard Avenues & Ballard Park

Contact Person: Lori Poisker

Motion: Razzo

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Abstain

Council President Razzo: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Application for Signage

Event: Annual Labor Day Carnival

Applicant: Highland Chemical Engine Company

Date Range: August 5 – September 2, 2014

Location: Corner Holly Ave. & Delsea Drive and Corner Lambs Rd. & Holly Ave.

Contact Person: Jeff Penuel

Motion: Razzo

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razzo: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Payment of Bills

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Council President Razze: Yes

Public Portion

Motion to Open to the Public: Razze
Time: 8:28 p.m.

Second: Austin

Sandy Razze, 148 W. Jersey Avenue - Mrs. Razze asked when the signs regulating the timed and untimed parking areas on W. Jersey Avenue will be installed.

Mayor Johnson replied that the ordinance will be in effect in approximately 20 days.

Mrs. Razze then asked Councilman Pierpont why he voted “No” on the final adoption of Ordinance No. 17, 2014.

Councilman Pierpont stated that he felt more could have been done within the ordinance to accommodate the businesses and their clients that are located in that area.

Motion to Close the Public Portion: Razze
Time: 8:30 p.m.

Second: Austin

Adjournment

Motion: Razze
Time: 8:30 p.m.

Second: Higbee

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O’Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator