

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2014
8:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Time: 8:01p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Moment of Silence

Councilman Blass

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: Absent
Borough Solicitor Duffield: Present

Payment of Bills

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin Yes, Abstain # 28830
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes, Abstain # 28842
Mayor Johnson _____

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

Award Presentation

Sam Brown

Environmental Commission T-shirt Logo Contest Winner

*Mr. Brown was not in attendance; award was not presented.

Approval of Minutes

Work Session, Closed Work Session, Formal Meeting, and Closed Formal Meeting of June 9, 2014.

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

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

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

Committee Reports

Councilman Austin - Councilman Austin reported that the Chief of the Pitman Police Department, Robert Zimmerman, is attending a conference in Atlantic City this week. Additional activity within the Police Department includes the department receiving a \$1,000.00 "Click It or Ticket" grant, and the anticipated arrival of the new K-9 unit on July 23. Special Officer Tom McEvoy attended Narcan training at the Gloucester County Prosecutors Office.

The Environmental Commission, along with the Friends of Alcyon, are planning a clean up of Alcyon Lake and Betty Park in October.

Councilman Blass – Councilman Blass thanked the art students from Pitman High School for designing and painting the art work to cover the plywood used to board up the property at 56 S. Broadway. Their design will be installed later this week.

Councilman Pierpont – Councilman Pierpont reported the following activities performed by the Public Works Highway Department between June 9 and June 20:

Trash Collected: 141.2 tons

Recyclables collected: 55.4 tons

Brush collected: 48 loads

Leaves delivered to Moore's Farm: 31 yards

Repaired three lights in the Grove.

The following activities were performed by the Public Works Water & Sewer Department between June 9 and June 20:

Water leak repaired at Cedar and Alcyon

Patched holes and repaired drains in the Borough.

Repaired a manhole cover on Carew Avenue

Repaired a water leak in the Grove

Installed a new timer for the fountain at Glen Lake

Councilman Pierpont reminded residents that the Public Works Department will be tagging residents for bulk trash placed out during non-bulk week collection times, and he asked residents to please call 589-1040 to report potholes.

Councilwoman Higbee – Councilwoman Higbee reported that the Historic Preservation Commission met on June 12, 2014, and approved an application for a new sign. She presented the revised design guidelines and explained the clarifications and updates that were made to the document. This booklet will be used to help guide property owners who seek to perform restoration or rehabilitation of buildings located within the historic district. The next meeting of the Commission will be on July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

The Borough's Tax Sale for delinquent properties was held on June 16, 2014. Thirty-three properties were listed, three of which went to the Borough.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Grove will be June 21, 2014.

Councilwoman Kelley – Councilwoman Kelley reported that the Planning and Zoning Board held their monthly meeting on June 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. An application for a fencing variance was denied by the Board with five members voting to deny the variance and four members voting to approve. The New Use Waiver Committee gave approval for a business to open on West Jersey

Avenue. Work continues on the Master Plan and a committee has been formed to discuss some sections that need to be reviewed. The next meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board will take place July 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

The Economic Development Committee held their monthly meeting on June 19. A subcommittee continues to work on the directional parking signs. Also discussed was getting the new brochure out to the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce, Gloucester County Economic Development, and realtors selling commercial properties. One new business has opened and there are four new businesses in the process of opening. Unfortunately, “Cutie Patooti”, the children’s clothing store, will be closing. The next meeting of the EDC will be on July 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Kelley read the report from the Registrar of Vital Statistics for May 2014: Four marriage licenses and one hundred forty-six certified copies of death certificates were issued. Total fees collected amounted to \$947.00.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance No. 10, 2014 – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Renaming the War Memorial Mall as the “Edward J. Campbell, Jr. War Memorial Mall”

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Blass Second: Higbee

Motion to Open to the Public: Kelley Second: Higbee

Time: 8:12 p.m.

Stacy DeClement, 221 Grandview Avenue – Ms. DeClement expressed the appreciation of the family of Edward J. Campbell, Jr. to Mayor and Council for the act of renaming the War Memorial Mall in Ballard Park to the Edward J. Campbell, Jr. War Memorial Mall in honor of her father.

Motion to Close Public Hearing: Kelley Second: Higbee

Time: 8:14 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

New Business

Bond Ordinance No. 12, 2014 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase and Site Plan Approval and Improvements for Block 3, P/O Lot 1 and Lot 4 in for the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$100,000 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 \$95,000 to Borrow With a Down Payment of \$5,000; 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
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

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

***Ordinance No. 13, 2014 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing an Amendment to the Borough of Pitman Police Department Rules and Regulations**

First Reading

*This ordinance was removed from the agenda as a result of discussion in the Work Session meeting held earlier this evening. It will be added to the Formal Meeting agenda of the regular meeting of Mayor and Council scheduled for July 14, 2014.

Ordinance No. 14, 2014 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 19-4 Entitled “Removal of Grass, Weeds, Brush and Other Impediments” of the Code of the Borough of Pitman

First Reading

Motion: Kelley

Second: Pierpont

Roll Call:

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

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

Ordinance No. 15, 2014 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Establishing the Salaries and Wages for Employees of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey for the Year 2014 and Forward

First Reading

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 98, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Certifying to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey That the Members of the Governing Body of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, Has Received and Reviewed the Annual Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2014

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 99, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving the Transfer of a 2002 Ford Crown Victoria to Pitman Fire Company No.1

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 100, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Confirming the Report of the Tax Collector in the Matter of Yard Work

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 101, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Secure Bond Anticipation Notes

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

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

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

Event Permit Applications

Event: Monthly Produce Stand

Applicant: Friends of the Grove

Date: Fourth Saturday of June, July, August & September

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: Ballard Park, Corner Pitman Avenue & Broadway

Contact Person: Michelle LaPlante

Motion: Kelley

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

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

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

***Event:** Hobo Band Concerts

Applicant: Pitman Recreation Commission

Date: See Event Permit Application

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Grove Auditorium & Sunset Auditorium

Contact Person: Andy Fox/Sig Johnson

Motion: Kelley

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes

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

Mayor Johnson _____

***Approved contingent upon the submission of a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured, if it is determined to be necessary.**

Raffle Applications

Applicant: Highland Chemical Engine Company

Dates: August 28, 2014 - September 1, 2014 (No carnival activity Aug. 31)

Location: PHS grounds - Linden & Edgemoor Avenues

Contact Person: Jeff Penuel

Raffles: On-Premises for prizes

On-Premises 50/50 (Nightly)

Off-Premises Big 50/50 (September 1, 2014)

Non-Draw Raffles for prizes

Motion: Kelley

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razzo: Absent

Mayor Johnson _____

Public Portion

Motion to Open to the Public: Austin

Second: Blass

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Michael Rosebery, 432 Alcyon Boulevard - Mr. Rosebery spoke of the problems that residents of the 400 block of Alcyon Boulevard have with flooding every time it rains. He stated that the problems are a result of the resident that lives across the street on Desiderio Avenue. He said that the actions of this resident pertaining to the wetlands that abut his property has changed the size and altered the course of Lost Lake Run, and has caused storm drains in the area to become clogged. These issues have caused storm runoff to come across Cedar Avenue and flood the properties located on the other side, which is where Mr. Rosebery lives. Mr. Rosebery asked members of Council to look into this destruction of the wetlands and the effect it is having on the neighborhood. He further pointed out that this area has been the subject of an investigation by the Environmental Protection Agency and that in the past, the homeowner has been ordered to cease any activity that would alter this Borough owned property.

Councilman Austin stated that he will speak with Mr. Rosebery after the meeting regarding this issue. Councilman Pierpont stated that he will notify the Code Enforcement Officer to inspect the wetlands property and the Public Works Department to clean the storm drains in the area.

Connie Feizet, 428 Alcyon Boulevard – Ms. Feizet stated that the flooding of the area during storms has caused pot holes to form in the street. She agreed with Mr. Rosebery’s assessment of the activity in the wetlands, adding that the resident has also planted bamboo in that area. She feels that the flooding problem is worsening and would like to see the Public Works Department clear out the area around Lost Lake Run and cut the bamboo that is on Borough property before it takes over the area.

Motion to Close the Public Portion: Kelley

Second: Higbee

Time: 8:48 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Austin

Time: 8:48 p.m.

Second: Higbee

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator