

*Borough of Pitman
Reorganization Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2014*

Call to Order

6:00 p.m.

Open Public Meeting Act Statement: Pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of the time and date for this meeting was published in the South Jersey Times, posted in Borough Hall, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

Welcome and Introduction of Honored Guests: Mayor Russell C. Johnson, III

Presentation of the Colors: Pitman Fire Company #1 and Highland Chemical Engine Company

Salute to the Flag: Nicholas Razze

National Anthem: Anthony Razze

Invocation: Ron Murschell, Chaplain, Pitman American Legion

Roll Call of the 2013 Governing Body of the Borough of Pitman

Councilman Blass: Present

Council President Higbee: Present

Councilwoman Kelley: Present

Councilman Pierpont: Present

Councilman Razze: Present

Councilman Shoemaker: Present

Mayor Russ Johnson: Present

Municipal Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Recognition of 2013 Pitman Council Member Gene Shoemaker

Election Results & Oath of Office Administered

Councilman-Elect Kevin Austin by Congressman Frank LoBiondo

Election Results & Oath of Office Administered

Councilman Michael Razze by Congressman Frank LoBiondo

Roll Call of the 2014 Governing Body of the Borough of Pitman:

Councilman Austin: Present

Councilman Blass: Present

Councilwoman Higbee: Present

Councilwoman Kelley: Present

Councilman Pierpont: Present

Councilman Razze: Present

Mayor Johnson: Present

Nomination and Election of 2014 Council President for the Borough of Pitman

Motion for Nomination: Kelley

Second: Austin

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Abstain

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 1, 2014 – Appointing Council President for the Borough of Pitman for the Year 2014

Motion: Kelley

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Abstain

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 2, 2014 – Adopting a Temporary Budget for the Borough of Pitman for 2014

Motion: Higbee

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 3, 2014 – Authorizing Professional Services by a Borough Solicitor-Brian J. Duffield, Esquire

Motion: Razze

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: No

Councilwoman Higbee: No

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: No

Councilman Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Yes

Resolutions No. 4 through No. 25, 2014, will be voted in one motion. (If you would like to vote “No” or “Abstain” from any Resolutions, please state the Resolution(s) number when the roll call vote is taken.)

Motion: Kelley

Second: Pierpont

Resolution No. 4, 2014 – Authorizing Professional Services by a Borough Auditor, Bowman & Company, David C. Rollison, CPA, RMA, PSA

Resolution No. 5, 2014 – Authorizing Professional Services by a Borough Engineer-Fralinger Engineering, Stephen J. Nardelli, PE, PP, & CME

Resolution No. 6, 2014 – Authorizing Professional Services by a Special Legal Counsel – Bond Counsel-Parker, McCay, PA; Philip A. Norcross, Esquire

Resolutions No. 4-6

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: No

Councilwoman Higbee: No

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: No

Councilman Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Yes

Resolution No. 7, 2014 - Authorizing Professional Services by a Special Legal Counsel – Labor Attorney; Capehart & Scatchard, PA; Carmen Saginario, Esquire

Roll Call:

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

Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Councilman Razze: Yes

**Resolution No. 8, 2014 - Authorizing Professional Services by a Special Legal Counsel –
Bankruptcy Attorney; Brian J. Duffield, Esquire**

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: No
Councilman Pierpont: No
Mayor Johnson: Yes

Councilman Blass: No
Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Councilman Razze: Yes

**Resolution No. 9, 2014 - Authorizing Professional Services by a Tax Map Maintenance
Professional-Fralinger Engineering, PA: Stephen J. Nardelli, PE, PP, CME**

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: No
Councilman Pierpont: No
Mayor Johnson: Yes

Councilman Blass: No
Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Councilman Razze: Yes

**Resolution No. 10, 2014 – Establishing Regular Meetings of the Borough Council of the
Borough of Pitman**

**Resolution No. 11, 2014 – Establishing Official Newspaper of the Borough of Pitman - South
Jersey Times**

**Resolution No. 12, 2014 – Authorizing the Cash Management Plan Within the Borough of
Pitman**

Resolution No. 13, 2014 – Authorizing Petty Cash Fund

Resolution No. 14, 2014 - Concerning Interest on Delinquent Taxes

**Resolution No. 15, 2014 – Appointing Michael Razze, Jr. as the Fund Commissioner for the
Borough of Pitman to the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint
Insurance Fund and the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Excess
Liability Joint Insurance Fund**

**Resolution No. 16, 2014 – Appointing Judith O’Donnell as Alternate Fund Commissioner
for the Borough of Pitman to the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint
Insurance Fund and the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Excess
Liability Joint Insurance Fund**

**Resolution No. 17, 2014– Reappointing Special Law Enforcement Officers Class II for the
Borough of Pitman Police Department – S/O McEvoy and S/O Osinski**

Resolutions No. 10-17

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilman Razze: Yes to all, except Resolution No. 15: Abstain
Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 18, 2014 – Making Appointments to Specific Administrative Positions and Confirming Such Appointments for the Borough of Pitman

Roll Call:

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

Resolution No. 19, 2014 – Confirming Mayoral Appointments to the Combined Planning and Zoning Board and the Economic Development Committee

Roll Call:

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

Resolution No. 20, 2014 – Confirming Mayoral Assignments for Council Members

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

Resolution No. 21, 2014 – Making Appointments to Specific Board and Commission Positions, and Confirming Such Appointments for the Borough of Pitman

Roll Call:

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

Resolution No. 22, 2014 – Authorizing Professional Services by a Planner – J. Timothy Kernan, Inc.; J. Timothy Kernan

Resolution No. 23, 2014 – Authorizing Risk Management Consultant for the TRICO Joint Insurance Fund and for the Municipal Excess Liability JIF – Len Eckman of Len Eckman, Inc.

Resolution No.24, 2014 – Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer; Judith O'Donnell

Resolution No. 25, 2014 – Authorizing John A. Alice, Esquire, to Provide Legal Services Relating to Litigation Matters between the Borough and Timothy Behr

Resolutions No. 22-25

Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilman Razze: Yes to all, except Resolution No. 25: No
Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 26, 2014 – Making Appointments to Specific Board and Commission Positions and Confirming Such Appointments for the Borough of Pitman Memorabilia Committee

Motion: Higbee
Second: Blass
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Abstain
Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilman Razze: Yes
Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 27, 2014 – Making Appointments to Specific Board and Commission Positions and Confirming Such Appointments for the Borough of Pitman-Board of Fire Engineers

Motion: Blass
Second: Austin
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Abstain
Councilman Razze: Yes
Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 28, 2014 – Making Appointments to Specific Board and Commission Positions and Confirming Such Appointments for the Borough of Pitman Recreation Committee; Ryan Blass

Motion: Kelley
Second: Higbee
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Blass: Abstain
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilman Razze: Yes
Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 29, 2014 – Making Appointments to Specific Administrative Positions and Confirming Such Appointments for the Borough of Pitman-Zoning Officer; D. Clark Pierpont

Motion: Blass
Second: Austin
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Abstain
Councilman Razze: Yes
Mayor Johnson: _____

Oath of Loyalty Administered to New Appointments

Public Portion

Motion to Open Meeting to Public: Razze
Time: 6:36 p.m.

Second: Blass

Matthew Weng, 52 Hazel Avenue - Mr. Weng, who was a candidate for Council in the 2013 General Election, thanked former Councilman Shoemaker, Council President Razze, and Mayor Johnson for the kind words expressed on his behalf earlier in this meeting. He also stated that he was honored to have run for Council with Gene Shoemaker, and wished all members of Council his congratulations and good luck.

Motion to Close Public Portion: Higbee
Time: 6:37 p.m.

Second: Razze

Benediction: Dr. Michael Harriott, Senior Pastor of Kemble Memorial United Methodist Church

Adjournment

Motion: Kelley
Time: 6:42 p.m.

Second: Higbee

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator