

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
June 8, 2015  
8:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

Time: 8:02 p.m.

**Salute to the Flag/Invocation**

Councilman Razze

**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 2015, which was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, sent to the "South Jersey Times" and filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 4, 2015.

**Roll Call**

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

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

**Proclamation Presentation**

Citizen of the Year Presentation made to Alice Polocz

**Approval of Minutes**

**Work Session, Formal Meeting, and Closed Formal Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2015**

Motion: Kelley

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Blass: Abstains to Work Session, votes to approve Formal & Closed Formal Minutes  
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_  
Council President Kelley: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Yes

**Committee Reports**

**Councilman Austin**

**Police Department** – Councilman Austin reported that Sgt. Owens attended Traffic Radar School at the Gloucester County Police Academy from June 1 through June 3.

The department hosted their "Coffee with a Cop" community outreach event on May 27 at the Pitman WaWa on Woodbury Road. The turnout was very good, and thanks to WaWa for providing the coffee, treats, and door prizes for the people who stopped by.

Councilman Austin congratulated Ptlm. Leach and Ptlm. Pierson for organizing the departments' first Fishing Tournament. They both have received commendations from Chief Zimmerman for their efforts.

Fire Department – Councilman Austin stated that activity with the Fire Department has been light. They continue to train their members at the Tuesday night drills.

Office of Emergency Management Coordinator, Jim Foley, is preparing the emergency action plan for the Borough's Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks. The various departments will meet in advance to discuss the plan and to make preparations for the day's events.

The Environmental Commission met last week to review the events they sponsored for Earth Day, and to make plans to continue their work to keep the town environmentally friendly.

### **Councilman Blass**

Councilman Blass read an email that he received from a resident, which stated:

Thought you'd like to know the new basketball courts at Shertle Park are being heavily used by the Pitman community. I drive by there often, and the courts are almost always being used by many people. The other day there were games going on at all four baskets!  
I want to thank the entire Pitman governing body for this very important improvement that is providing enjoyment for so many kids and adults in our town.

Councilman Blass said that this resident was one who had expressed concerns when the project was in its planning stages. Councilman Blass said that he was glad to see that everything worked out with the shared service agreement that he was able to negotiate with the County to get the courts paved. The writer wanted to be sure that his thanks was passed on to the Mayor and Council.

The Friends of the Library will be having a Teddy Bear Picnic this Wednesday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. Children will be making a stuffed animal and decorating a t-shirt for their animal. Light refreshments will be served. The cost is \$5.00, or more, depending on the size of the animal chosen.

The Friends of the Library will again be sponsoring a Summer Reading Program. The theme for 2015 is *Every Hero Has a Story*.

The Pitman Recreation Commission and the Friends of the Grove are sponsoring a Family Picnic on June 25, from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. on the grounds around the Grove Auditorium. The evening will conclude with a concert from the Hobo Band.

The Pitman Museum will be open on Saturday, June 13 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., and during Fourth Friday on June 26.

Two recent visits to the museum included students from Nehaunsey Middle School in Gibbstown on May 28, and on June 4, students from Pitman's Memorial School.

The Memorabilia Committee is excited about the donation of a C.W. Kersey Lard Tin from the Dole Family. Kersey was a butcher in Pitman. In the early 1900's, hogs would be brought by train, and then driven to a slaughter house located on Delsea Drive.

Councilman Blass reported that he attended the Pitman Board of Education's Recognition Night

on June 3. He said it was rewarding to see in excess of a hundred students recognized for their achievements.

Councilman Razze

The Recreation Commission did not meet last week.

Councilman Razze reminded everyone of the deadline to participate in the Fourth of July Parade, and said that all paper applications must be turned in to Borough Hall by 4:00 p.m., and online applications by midnight on June 12, 2015. The Parade Grand Marshal will be announced at the June 22 Council meeting.

On July 3, the Miss Pitman Pageant will take place at the Broadway Theatre.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:55 a.m. is the traditional start time for the parade, immediately following the Pitman Freedom Four Mile Race. The day will end with the fireworks starting at dusk. Tickets are available for a \$3.00 donation each to view the fireworks from within Alcyon Park. There are 200 tickets available.

Councilman Pierpont

Council Pierpont read the following report:

Residents who place branches and shrubs for curbside pick-up are reminded that they must be kept to four foot lengths, and bundled.

In-street leaf collection is finished until fall. Residents are reminded that any leaves must now be bagged or in a container for pick up.

A new "Report a Problem" tab is on the Public Works web page. Residents may report problems related to Public Works, such as street signs, pot holes, missed trash or recycling pick up, and more, on this tab. Your issue will be resolved quickly.

Root mulch and leaf mulch are still available free of charge to residents. Use the Public Works web page, or call 589-1040, to schedule a delivery.

All Borough residents are reminded that "bulk trash" pick up is the first full week of the month. Please do not place "bulk trash" items at the curb during non-pick up weeks.

During the first five months of 2015, the Borough has pumped over 60,000,000 gallons of water from our wells.

The trash collection statistics for the period of May 25, 2015 through June 5, 2015 are as follows:  
Fifteen loads of trash totaling 160.5 tons  
Eleven loads of recycling collected totaling 51.6 tons  
Twenty-two loads of brush  
Thirteen loads of bulk trash

Councilwoman Higbee

Councilwoman Higbee reported that at the last meeting she spoke of DocuVault giving Pitman three additional days of shredding at their facility. The dates are July 15<sup>th</sup>, September 16<sup>th</sup>, and November 18<sup>th</sup>. Their address is 1240 Forrest Parkway, West Deptford, and their phone number is 853-5160. This information will be on the Borough's website when the date draws closer.

The Borough's annual Tax Sale was today in Borough Hall, where twenty-eight properties were listed for sale. All were sold except for one property.

The Historic Commission will meet on June 11, 2015, where three applications will be considered for appropriateness.

**Council President Kelley**

Council President Kelley reported that the Combined Planning and Zoning Board will meet June 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

The Green Team submitted their application to Sustainable Jersey. This process will not be complete until next October. Their next monthly meeting will be on June 25, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Hall where a guest speaker will discuss the benefits of bike paths.

**Mayor Johnson**

Mayor Johnson took a moment to thank Sgt. Owens, Roxanne Sommers, Mike Brewer, Pat Quinn, and all the other committee members who put together the Veterans Parade this past Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

**Unfinished Business**

**Ordinance No. 7, 2015 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Pieces of Equipment In and For the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$474,015 Therefor; 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 Up To \$450,265; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection With the Foregoing**

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Motion to open to the public: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:20 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public portion: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:20 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

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**Ordinance No. 8, 2015 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Improvements to the Water and Sewer Utility System In the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$1,290,985 Therefor; 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 Up To \$1,131,973; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection With the Foregoing**

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Motion to open to the public: Razze  
Time: 8:22 p.m.  
No public comment.  
Motion to close public portion: Razze  
Time: 8:22 p.m.

Second: Austin  
  
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Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

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

**New Business**

**Resolution No. 102, 2015 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Refund of Real Estate Taxes and Other Miscellaneous Refunds**

Motion: Higbee  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Kelley  
  
Councilman Blass: Yes  
Council President Kelley: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Yes

**Resolution No. 103, 2015 - 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  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Kelley  
  
Councilman Blass: Yes  
Council President Kelley: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Yes

**Resolution No. 104, 2015 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Renewing Membership in the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund**

Motion: Razze  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Blass  
  
Councilman Blass: Yes  
Council President Kelley: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Yes

**Resolution No. 105, 2015 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing State Contract Purchase of a 2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptor, All Wheel Drive, to Cherry Hill Winner Ford, Cherry Hill, New Jersey Under State Contract #88728**

Motion: Austin  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes

Second: Blass  
  
Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Council President Kelley: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Yes

**Resolution No. 106, 2015 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving Form of Performance and Maintenance Guarantees Proposed for a Project by Joy Community Church Affecting the Parcel Known as 309 Florence Avenue, Block 51 Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman, Gloucester County, New Jersey**

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Resolution No. 108, 2015 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Recognizing and Understanding that the Borough of Pitman has an Important Role in Ensuring the Well-Being of Animals and Their Owners**

Motion: Kelley

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Resolution No. 109, 2015 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Supporting Land Use Decisions With the Intent of Making the Borough of Pitman a Sustainable Community**

Motion: Kelley

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Resolution No. 110, 2015 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Supporting Opportunities to Incorporate Green Building Measures Into the Design, Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of Municipal Buildings and Facilities**

Motion: Kelley

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

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

**Resolution No. 112, 2015 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing a Closed Meeting**

The general nature of the subjects to be discussed shall be:

**Contract Negotiations: Borough of Pitman and PBA Local 122**

Action may be taken upon returning to an open meeting.

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

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**Payment of Bills**

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Abstain #30431; Yes, to approve all other items

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilman Higbee: Abstain #30440; Yes, to approve all other items

Council President Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Abstain #30509; Yes, to approve all other items

Councilman Razze: Abstain #30479; Yes, to approve all other items

Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

**Event/Signage Permit Applications**

Applicant: Pitman Recreation Department

Event & Signage: 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Pitman Freedom 4 Mile Road Race

Date: July 4, 2015

Time: 8:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Broadway, Lambs, W. Holly, Cedar, Glen Lake Blvd.

Contact Person: Andy Fox

Motion: Razze

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

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Applicant: Pitman Wrestling

\*Event: Cat Attack

Date: July 16, 17, & 18, 2015

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (7/16 & 7/17); 9:00 a.m. – Noon (7/18)

Location: Sunset Auditorium, Facility use form

Contact Person: Dan Datz

Motion: Razze

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

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**\*Event Permit approved contingent upon receipt of a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough as Additional Insured, and the receipt of a signed Facilities Use Form.**

Applicant: Pitman Parade Committee

\*Event: Parade & Fireworks

Date: July 4, 2015; Rain date: July 6, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m. (Parade); Dusk (Fireworks)

Rain date: 6:00 p.m. (Parade); Dusk (Fireworks)

Location: See attached

Contact Person: Michael Razze

Motion: Razze

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Portion**

Motion to open to the public: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:45 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close the public portion: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:45 p.m.

**Closed Meeting**

Motion to enter into a closed meeting: Blass

Second: Razze

Time: 8:45 p.m.

Motion to return to an open meeting: Razze

Second: Blass

Time: 9:47 p.m.

As a result of discussion in the closed meeting the following action was taken upon returning to an open meeting.

**Motion:** Austin

Council will agree to phase out longevity in Year 4 of the new contract between the Borough of Pitman and PBA Local 122. Present officers will maintain longevity after year four by it becoming part of their base salary. If an officer currently not receiving longevity becomes eligible during the first four years of the contract, he/she will be given a \$1000.00 increase to their base salary in the year they would have been eligible for longevity. All other officers will receive a \$1000.00 base salary increase in Year 4. New hires after July 1, 2015 will not be eligible for longevity benefits in any form, or the Year 4 increase in salary of \$1000.00, and will follow an established ten step salary guide that is agreeable to both parties.

Second: Razze

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson: \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Portion**

Motion to open to the public: Razze

Second: Blass

Time: 9:53 p.m.



**Craig Kraemer, PBA Local 122** – Mr. Kraemer wished to clarify that the new salary steps being incorporated into the contract would be in effect for new hires after July 1, 2015.

Motion to close the public portion: Razze  
Time: 9:53 p.m.

Second: Blass

**Adjournment**

Motion: Razze  
Time: 9:53 p.m.

Second: Blass

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O' Donnell  
Borough Clerk/Administrator