

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2016**

Call to Order

Time: 8:03 p.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 2016, which was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, sent to the "South Jersey Times" and filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 3, 2016.

Roll Call

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

Councilman Blass: Present
Council President Pierpont: Present
Councilwoman Rudley: Present
Borough Solicitor Alice: Present

Approval of Minutes

Work Session, Formal Meeting & Closed Formal Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2016

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

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

Councilman Blass: Yes
Council President Pierpont: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Committee Reports

Councilman Austin read the following report:

The McCowan Memorial Library's Board of Trustees will have no meetings for the remainder of the summer. Their next meeting will take place on September 27. I will be attending the next meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board scheduled for July 18.

Also, I would like to thank Councilman Razzo, and all of the volunteers who helped him put on a great parade and fireworks display on the Fourth of July.

Councilman Blass

Councilman Blass gave an update on the garden being planted by the Friends of the Grove on First Avenue. Perennials were planted, and additional parking spaces have been created in that area.

A new electric timer was installed at the Pitman Memorabilia Museum, and the emergency generator for Borough Hall should be installed within the coming weeks.

Councilman Razzo

Councilman Razzo thanked the volunteers that helped with the Borough's Fourth of July festivities, beginning with the Miss Pitman Pageant Committee. Councilman Razzo congratulated this year's winners; Miss Congeniality Stephanie Salvatico, Second Runner-up, Annie Beato, First Runner-up, Hadley Cressman, and 2016 Miss Pitman, Grace Koller. Grace had an opportunity to wear her crown and represent the Borough at the Parade Awards & Hobo Band Concert. Councilman Razzo thanked everyone who helped with the Fourth of July Parade. He said that there is months of planning that goes into getting the parade going. Special thanks went out to prize sponsor Cape Bank, who sponsors our Bike Division. Also, the Women's Club of Pitman who donates year after year to support us financially, the Church of the Good Shepherd, the United Methodist Church, and the St. James Lutheran Church, who all allow us to use their facilities. Thank you to all the ladies in Borough Hall, and to all the Council members who come out to help on the morning of the parade. Finally, thanks to Dawn Ritzler for helping run the many errands that are required for the parade.

The Fourth of July Four Mile Road Race went off without a hitch. Councilman Razzo was impressed that the top ten finishers of the race were in the 15 to 19 year age group.

Councilman Razzo thanked all who came out to our 26 minute fireworks display, in the rain. Once the fireworks were set up, it would have been a waste to cancel them.

Council President Pierpont read the following report:

The project to improve the infrastructure on North Brentwood, Elm, Elsie, and Spruce Avenues is coming into the final phase. This 1.7 million dollar project replaced aging water supply lines, sewer lines, and storm water drainage systems. Unfortunately, during the project, some older trees had to be removed from the park strip to facilitate new curbing, sidewalks, and storm water drains. All things considered, the residents along those streets should see immediate improvements.

Our next project will be the resurfacing and storm water improvements on Hudson Avenue, from Lambs Road to Elm Avenue. The bid proposal is near completion and will be advertised shortly.

Please remember that bulk trash items are limited in number and type of items. No electronic items (e-waste) will be picked up at the curb. We cannot mix these items into our trash stream; they must be disposed of separately. A convenient drop off point is located at the Public Works yard. If you have any questions concerning bulk trash, or other Public Works issues, please visit our borough web site, or call 589-1040.

Councilwoman Higbee

Councilwoman Higbee thanked everyone involved in planning and volunteering to help with all of the Fourth of July festivities.

Councilwoman Higbee announced that today the Borough signed off on our tax rate, so the tax bills will be printed and mailed with a due date of probably August 15, instead of the usual due date of August 1.

Councilwoman Rudley

On behalf of the Pitman Police Department, Councilwoman Rudley thanked everyone responsible for making the latest Coffee-with-a-Cop event such a success, especially Wawa, and of course Miss New Jersey, 2016, for coming to greet residents.

The Police Department would also like to thank the Sheets family who graciously brought sandwich trays to the Police Department in a show of support for the department.

The Fourth of July events went very smoothly, and Councilwoman Rudley thanked everyone involved, and specifically Councilman Razzo.

The Economic Development Committee continues to actively work to fill the remaining empty stores in the business district, as well as working in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce regarding ideas to generate business in the area. With the recent resignation of one member, Councilwoman Rudley invited anyone who has a passion for Pitman to contact her, and consider coming out and volunteering to fill this position on the committee. Their next meeting will be here in Borough Hall, in the Conference Room, on July 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Rudley announced that the Pitman Fire Safety Office has received a grant to cover the cost of a digital camera for use in their arson investigations. Their next meeting will be July 19, here in Borough Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Rudley stated that both Highland Chemical Engine Company, and Pitman Fire Company #1 have been called upon frequently in the last few weeks to handle a number of calls for service in Pitman, and assisting nearby towns. A three alarm fire recently occurred in Glassboro and both houses were instrumental in getting the fire under control.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance No. 6, 2016 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Restricting the Sale Dogs and Cats From Pet Shops Located in the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Rudley

Second: Higbee

Motion to open to the public: Razzo

Second: Austin

Time: 8:18 p.m.

Nancy Bonsall, 423 Yorkshire Road, Cherry Hill, NJ – Ms. Bonsall stated that she is in attendance as a representative of New Jersey Residents Against Puppy Mills. She thanked Council for their consideration of this ordinance, and encouraged their approval when voting. Mayor Johnson thanked Ms. Bonsall for making the trip to Pitman in support of the ordinance.

Motion to close public portion: Razze
Time 8:19 p.m.

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

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

Councilman Blass: Yes
Council President Pierpont: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

New Business

Ordinance No. 7, 2016 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter XXXV Entitled “ZONING” of the Code of the Borough of Pitman

First Reading

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

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

Councilman Blass: Yes
Council President Pierpont: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Resolution No. 104, 2016 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving Change Order No. 2 to the Contract With J & A Construction, Inc. for the Water Main, Sanitary Sewer, and Stormwater Line Replacement Project

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

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

Councilman Blass: Yes
Council President Pierpont: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Resolution No. 105, 2016 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman to Enter Into a Revised CDBG Grant Cooperation Agreement and Home Investment Partnership Program Funds With the County of Gloucester

Motion: Higbee

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

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

Councilman Blass: Yes
Council President Pierpont: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Resolution No. 106, 2016 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appointing Brandon E. Rivera to the Position of Part-time Laborer in the Pitman Public Works Division

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 107, 2016 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Supporting the Susan Marie Rupp Foundation and the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance in Declaring the Month of September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

Motion: Blass

Second: Razzo

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 108, 2016 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87; FM Global Fire Prevention Grant

Motion: Rudley

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Payment of Bills

Motion: Higbee

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Abstains to #32347; approves all other payments

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Abstains to #32363: Approves all other payments

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Signage & Event Permit Applications

***Applicant: Pitman Republican Executive Committee**

Event: Monthly Meetings

Dates: 7/27, 8/24, 9/28, 10/26, 11/30, 12/28

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Location: Borough Hall Conference Room

Contact Person: Patti Kelley

Motion: Razze

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Abstain

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

***Approved contingent upon review by the Pitman Police Department, and review of the Certificate of Liability Insurance by the Borough's RMC, Len Eckman, Inc.**

Applicant: Highland Chemical Engine Company

Event: Highland Quality Carnival

Dates: September 1, 2016 – September 6, 2016

Location: Corner, Holly Avenue & Delsea Drive

Contact Person: Jeff Penuel

Motion: Razze

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Abstain

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

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Applications for Raffle Licenses

Applicant: Highland Chemical Engine Company

Event: Highland Quality Carnival

Type and Times:

Non-Draw Raffle (Wheels & Games of Skill): September 1, 2, 3, 5; 6pm-11pm

On-Premises Raffle (Nightly 50/50): September 1, 2, 3, 5; 7pm-11pm

On-Premises Raffle (Nightly Grand Prize): September 1, 2, 3, 5; 10pm

Off-Premises Raffle (Big 50/50): September 5; 9:45pm

Contact Person: Jeff Penuel

Motion: Razze

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Abstain

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

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Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:29 p.m.

Anthony Asbury, 130 Glen Lake Avenue – Mr. Asbury came to the meeting to inquire on the progress of the proposed liquor license sale in the Borough. Mayor Johnson announced that the Work Session of August 8, 2016 has been reserved for discussion of the alcohol question. Mayor Johnson encouraged Mr. Asbury, and anyone else interested in the discussion, to attend that meeting.

Motion to close the public portion: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator