

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
FORMAL MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2016**

Call to Order

Time: 8:04 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
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 Minutes, April 25, 2016

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Council President Pierpont: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Abstains to Work Session Minutes, votes to approve Formal Meeting Minutes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Council Reports

Councilman Austin

Councilman Austin announced that the next meeting of the McCowan Memorial Library Board of Trustees will meet on May 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

The Combined Planning and Zoning Board will meet on May 16 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Austin also reminded Council, and those in attendance, that the Master Plan requires updating. He asked that anyone who has suggestions for new goals for the Master Plan, to please contact him and he will report

them to the committee working on the plan.

Councilman Blass

Councilman Blass reported that the Memorabilia Committee met on May 3. At that meeting, they set the dates for when the Museum will be open for the next couple of months.

This coming Saturday, May 14, from 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m., the Chamber of Commerce will host the Spring Craft Fair along Broadway. The next Fourth Friday celebration will take place on May 27 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Blass said that he was happy to report that the trees along Spruce and Elsie Avenues have been removed as of last Friday.

The Grove clean-up was this past Saturday. Many volunteers came out to weed, mulch, and plant flowers.

Councilman Razzo

Councilman Razzo reported that Youth Week was again a great success, although the track and field event fell victim to bad weather and had to be postponed until May 14. Councilman Razzo thanked Recreation Director Andy Fox for coordinating the many events, and thanked all who helped make this a special week for the youth of Pitman.

Registrations for the 4th of July race and parade remain open. Applications to participate in these events are beginning to trickle in.

Councilman Razzo wanted to make everyone aware that, in case you are asked about Broadway being worked on by the county, the Borough has been informed by Freeholder Simmons' office that the milling and paving on Broadway will not impact either the race or the parade.

Councilman Pierpont

No report

Councilwoman Higbee

Councilwoman Higbee reported that she attended the department supervisor meeting along with the Youth Week department representatives, and a lot of information was shared. Mrs. Higbee said that she hopes the middle school children were not too overwhelmed.

Councilwoman Higbee said that tonight is the second reading of our CAP ordinance, and at the next regular Council Meeting, scheduled for May 23, we can adopt our municipal budget for 2016.

Clean Communities clean-ups continue throughout the borough, and we are approving payments tonight for three clean ups, with two more planned within the next few weeks. Councilwoman Higbee said that she is eagerly awaiting the announcement from the state regarding the 2016 Clean Communities award. There are currently four groups waiting to do clean-ups.

Borough Tax Collector, Beth Walls, reported that for the month of April she collected \$1,683,350.22.

This Thursday evening, May 12, at 7:00 p.m., Councilwoman Higbee will attend the Historic Commission meeting due to the planned absence of Councilman Blass, who has another commitment that evening.

Councilwoman Rudley

Councilwoman Rudley read the following report:

The following is my report for the Council meeting being held this evening, Monday, May 9, 2016.

Please let me know if you need any clarification or have any questions.

On Thursday, April 28, 2016, Chief McAteer, Sgt. Zander, and Det. Sgt. Moore each participated in a live webinar on “Doxing” (Identity Theft through Social Media) given by American Military University. The webinars are free, and will be utilized by the Police Department throughout the year.

The Police Department would like to remind all residents that there is a Borough-wide Leash Law and “Clean-up After” law for pets in Pitman.

The Pitman Police Department and Highland Chemical Engine Company will be holding a joint Bubble Ball Tournament fundraising effort on Friday, May 20th at the Total Turf Experience on Lambs Road.

This past Saturday, the Second Annual Pitman Police Department Fishing Tournament was held. It was another huge success, and Patrolmen Leach & Pierson are to be commended for their efforts.

On Monday, May 2, the Gloucester County Police Awards Committee recognized Det. Sgt. Moore, Cpl. Streater, Ptl. Carson, Ptl. Barbetta, Ptl. Parker, Ptl. Decker & Ptl. Weist, with Unit Citations for their work in the Special Investigations Unit. Ptl. Decker also received a Life Saving Award.

The Police Department will be hosting the annual “Coffee with a Cop” sometime at the end of May, or early June. There will be changes to the format that we are hoping will increase interest and attendance. Look for details soon.

The Economic Development Committee held a Commercial Real Estate Open House on May 8, and it was a great success. I provided access to the old bank on Broadway for interested persons from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The bank building is currently owned by the Borough, and many people have great ideas to bring that building, and a few other Pitman buildings, back to life. I want to thank volunteers who put the event together; it was a huge success!

Miscellaneous

Councilman Razzo asked Councilwoman Higbee if the Clean Communities clean-ups have to be completed now, or can they wait until the fall? Councilwoman Higbee replied that funds encumbered from the 2015 grant must be spent by the end of June. As soon as 2016 grant money becomes available, we can start using that money for additional clean-ups going forward.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance No. 4, 2016 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Higbee

Second: Pierpont

Motion to open to the public: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:16 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public portion: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:16 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Ordinance No. 5, 2016 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Vacating Extension of Big Alley Situated From East Avenue to Twelfth Avenue in the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Motion to open to the public: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:17 p.m.

No public comment

Motion to close public portion: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:17 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

New Business

Resolution No. 79, 2016 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appointing Raymond Johnson as a Part-Time Laborer for the Borough of Pitman Public Works Highway Division

Motion: Pierpont
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

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

Resolution No. 80, 2016 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Award of Contract for the Lease of Advertising Space

Motion: Blass
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

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

Payment of Bills

Motion: Higbee
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Council President Pierpont: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Abstains to #32070, Approves all other payments
Mayor Johnson _____

Second: Blass

Event Permit Applications

Applicant: Pitman Cub Scout Pack 218
Event: Overnight Camping
Date & Time: June 18 (10am) – June 19 (1pm)
Location: Hollywood Dell
Contact Person: Rick Williams

Motion: Razzo
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

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

