

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 13, 2018**

**Call to Order**

Time: 8:05 p.m.

**Salute to the Flag/Moment of Silence**

Council President 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 2018, which was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, sent to the "South Jersey Times" and filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 6, 2018.

**Roll Call**

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

Council President Blass: Present  
Councilman Razzo: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Present  
Borough Solicitor Scaffidi: Present

**Approval of Minutes**

Work Session, Formal Meeting & Closed Formal Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2018

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Abstain  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razzo: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Council Reports**

**Councilman Austin** read the following report:

During the month of July the McCowan Memorial Library had 7,303 visitors and 380 children attended story time.

**Council President Blass**

Council President Blass reported that two weeks ago a resident at the Pop-up Park brought to his attention a potentially unsafe sidewalk. He said that he mentioned it to Public Works Manager Fred Rodi to see if he could do something, and within a week it was taken care of in-house. Council President Blass said that there was another incident where a light post hat had fallen off, and this was also taken care of in-house. Council President Blass said that he wanted to thank the Public Works Department for being so efficient. Also, the East Holly Avenue project is about to begin, and Council President Blass asked that Mr. Rodi notify all residents in this area of the partial road closure during the paving.

**Councilman Pierpont** read the following report:

Included with your recent annual municipal tax statement is information regarding our recycling program. Please take a moment to review and get familiar with what can and cannot be placed in your recycling bucket. Recycling costs are going up throughout our area because of items placed in the stream which must be sorted out by hand. We should all recycle, but it's just as important to recycle correctly.

**Councilman Weng**

Councilman Weng reported that in the month of June the Planning and Zoning Board collected \$430.00 for Zoning Permit Applications, and \$70.00 for Lot Grading Permits, for a total of \$500.00 collected.

Also during the month of June, the Construction Office processed fifty-two permits and fifty-three Certificates of Continued Occupancy, one new building permit, forty-nine permits for renovations, and two permits for demolition. Fees collected totaled \$9,535.00.

Councilman Weng provided one minor update on the 166 East Avenue building; the owner has received a thirty day postponement to allow him to get all of the repairs made.

**Councilwoman Rudley**

Councilwoman Rudley reported that tomorrow night is the third Tuesday of the month, and the Board of Fire Engineers will be having their monthly meeting. Next Thursday, the Senior Outreach Committee will have their meeting at 6:00 p.m. and the Economic Development Committee will also have their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Borough Hall Conference Room.

The Pitman Police Department announced recently that Cpl. Chris Leach and Ptlm. Peter Stefanopoulos have been officially assigned as the new School Resource Officers for the Pitman School District. Their beginning date will be August 29. Cpl. Leach and Ptlm. Stefanopoulos have completed the SRO training course, and also completed the Train the Trainer course for certification as New Jersey State Crossing Guard Instructors.

The Pitman Police Department would like everyone to save November 3<sup>rd</sup> for the third annual K9 fundraiser food truck festival, Chow Down Uptown, taking place along Broadway from 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Unfinished Business**

**Ordinance No. 13, 2018 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter XIX Entitled “Property Maintenance” of the Code of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey**

*Second Reading – Public Hearing*

Motion: Weng Second: Rudley

Motion to open to the public: Weng Second: Rudley  
Time: 8:10 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public comment: Weng Second: Rudley  
Time: 8:10 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes Council President Blass: Yes

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

Councilman Razze: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**New Business**

**Resolution No. 135, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Affirming the Civil Rights Policy With Respect to All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public That Come Into Contact With Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers**

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

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

Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Resolution No. 136, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Extending the Due Date for Third Quarter 2018 Taxes**

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

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

Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Resolution No. 137, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement for Financial Contribution Towards the Cost to Provide School Resource Officer(s) to the Pitman School District Between the Borough of Pitman and the Pitman Board of Education**

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

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

Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Resolution No. 138, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Adopting the Form of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act Questionnaire Required to be Utilized by Claimants for the Filing of Notices of Tort Claim Against the Borough of Pitman in Accordance With the Provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act N.J.S.A. 59:8-6 and Designating Qual-Lynx as the Agent for the Borough of Pitman to Provide the Questionnaire to All of the Claimants and to Receive the Completed Questionnaire From the Claimants**

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

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

Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Resolution No. 139, 2018 – 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 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 Governor’s Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse-Gloucester County Municipal Alliance**

Motion: Austin  
Second: Blass  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_  
Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razzo: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Resolution No. 140, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Awarding Contract to Journey Contracting Company for the Grove Auditorium Roof Replacement Project**

Motion: Blass  
Second: Rudley  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_  
Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razzo: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Resolution No. 141, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Designating August 13-19, 2018 as Safe + Sound Week in the Borough of Pitman**

Motion: Blass  
Second: Weng  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_  
Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razzo: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Resolution No. 142, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Refund of Sewer Charges for 319 Lake Avenue, Block 187 Lot 14 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman**

Motion: Pierpont  
Second: Rudley  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_  
Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razzo: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Resolution No. 143, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Opposing New Jersey ABC Special Ruling for Regulations for Limited Breweries**

Motion: Rudley  
Second: Weng  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razzo: Absent

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Weng: Yes

**Resolution No. 144, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Awarding the Contract to Jerry and Son Excavating Inc. for the paving Repair Work on East Holly Avenue**

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

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

Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razzo: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Payment of Bills**

Motion: Austin

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes  
Council President Blass: Abstain to #35982, Votes to approve all other payments  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilman Razzo: Absent  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Councilman Weng: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Permit Applications**

**Event: Back to School Pop-up Park**

Applicant: Patrick McAleer  
Contact Person: MaryBeth Koniecki  
Date & Time: September 20, 2018; 6pm – 8pm  
Location: Ballard Park

Motion: Blass

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

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

Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razzo: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Event: History Fair**

Applicant: Amy Rudley  
Contact Person: Amy Rudley  
Date & Time: September 27, 2018; 6pm – 9pm  
Location: Grove Auditorium, building and/or grounds

Motion: Blass

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Abstain  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razzo: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Event: Scarecrow Contest**

Applicant: McGowan Memorial Library; Andrew Coldren

Contact Person: Donna Collier

Date & Time: October 1, 2018 – November 10, 2018

Location: Lamp posts on Broadway from Laurel to Holly & from Broadway to Simpson

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Absent

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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

**Event: 5K Road Race and 1 Mile Walk**

Applicant: Pitman Education Foundation

Contact Person: Kristen Russell

Date & Time: October 13, 2018; 8:30 a.m.

Location: Pitman High School and neighborhood streets surrounding PHS.

Motion: Blass

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Absent

Councilwoman Rudley: Abstain

Councilman Weng: Yes

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

*\*Approved pending the submission of a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured.*

**Event: Wedding Ceremony**

Applicant: Brianna Felice

Contact Person: Brianna Felice

Date & Time: October 21, 2018; 3:00 p.m.

Location: Grove Auditorium\*

Motion: Blass

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: No

Council President Blass: No

Councilman Pierpont: No

Councilman Razzo: Absent

Councilwoman Rudley: No

Councilman Weng: No

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

**Public Portion**

Motion to open to the public: Blass

Second: Austin

Time: 8:22 p.m.

**Jim Fortney, 502 Carew Avenue** – Mr. Fortney asked the due date of the third quarter tax payment, and was told by Councilman Austin that the payment is due on September 7. He then asked if the School Resource Officer Agreement provides for a 50/50 arrangement between the Borough and the School Board for the cost of the officers. Councilwoman Rudley replied that the BOE is paying \$50,000.00 toward the total cost of the officers for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Fortney stated that he attended the bid opening for the new roof on the Grove Auditorium, and asked if the award for the project was given to the lowest bidder. Administrator O'Donnell replied that Journey Construction, Inc. was the lowest bidder and was awarded the contract for the Grove Auditorium bid.

Mr. Fortney suggested that someone from the Borough, either Council or the Economic Development Committee, should write a letter to the Wawa corporation to make them aware of the Borough's dissatisfaction with them for closing the store and leaving us with a vacant building. Councilwoman Rudley stated that there is presently an interested party negotiating for the purchase of the building.

**Jason James, 91 Circle Avenue** – Mr. James thanked Council for approving Resolution No. 137, 2018. He stated that he is very thankful to have School Resource Officers back in the schools.

Motion to close the public portion: Blass    Second: Austin  
Time: 8:29 p.m.

**Adjournment**  
Motion: Blass    Second: Austin  
Time: 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell  
Borough Clerk/Administrator