

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2018**

Call to Order

Time: 8:00 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: Absent
Borough Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Council President Blass: Present
Councilman Razze: Present
Councilman Weng: Present
Borough Solicitor Cornelius: Present

Administration of Loyalty Oath

Promoting Detective Erik Beschen to Sergeant
Promoting Corporal Andrew Carson to Sergeant
Promoting Officer Marshall Pierson to Corporal
Promoting Officer E. J. Parker to Corporal
Promoting Officer Nick Barbetta to Detective
Appointing Sergeant Jon Streater to Traffic Safety Sergeant

Approval of Minutes

Work Session, Formal Meeting and Closed Formal Meeting Minutes of May 29, 2018

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

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

Council Reports

Councilman Austin reported that the McCowan Memorial Library welcomed 6,406 visitors and 428 children to Story Time sessions in May.

Councilman Razze

Councilman Razze congratulated all of the Police Officers who were recognized tonight through their

promotions.

Councilman Razze reported that one of the fountains has been installed at Glen Lake. The installation began the week before Memorial Day, but we encountered some electrical problems. We finally have one of the fountains up and running. We are not going to install the back fountain because if the lake drops its water level we don't want the rear fountains sucking up mud into the motor.

The Recreation Commission met last Thursday night and discussed the state of our summer recreation programs and the conclusion of our spring activities at the park. Our t-ball program will have to be extended for one week due to the weather cancellations. The pump track is now complete and has been a big hit already for the kids that have been out to take advantage of it. Our irrigation project on Lambs Road is now complete for the soccer fields, and our next project will be to seed and sod the area. Youth Week was a success overall, with one exception. According to Recreation Director Andy Fox, the dance at the Middle School was not well attended.

Registration for the Fourth of July Freedom Run is now open online, and Recreation Director Fox is looking for volunteers.

At the meeting, Commission members also discussed one application for the renaming of a recreation facility under our new policy, and the Commission voted not to recommend any changes in our ordinance regarding the hours of use of Borough facilities.

Community Appreciation Day at Alcyon Park was a success. This annual event is sponsored by the Police Department. Councilman Razze thanked the park employees for their help in preparing and cleaning the park before and after the event.

Following the Recreation Commission meeting on Thursday night, the Environmental Commission met and discussed how they might incorporate a Borough Earth Day celebration into another event within the Borough. As you may already be aware, the Commission had to cancel their celebration during the Spring Craft Show due to the bad weather. Several suggestions were proposed, but nothing has been decided at this point. The Commission members also discussed the final plans for the Nature Walk event which was held this past Saturday at Alcyon Park and Alcyon Woods. It was a success, with approximately forty families attending. Among other items discussed was the need for County Soil Conservation involvement in the development at the Rowan Athletic Complex and new Inspira Hospital site. Many of you may have noticed Alycon Lake turning orange each time we have a heavy rain event. Tracing the orange soil runoff back to its source, it was found to be coming from the new complex out on Route 322. There is also significant erosion along the creek behind Memorial School, Lambs Road and the Dell soccer fields. We are hopeful that the county can assist us in stopping these two issues which could have major consequences. The Commission also discussed whether to restrict or leave the Alycon Woods area zoned as 'park conservation'. It is the best and strictest way to preserve that area.

Miss Pitman contestants gathered at Mannino's Italiano Cucina this weekend for a luncheon with their mothers and fathers.

Fourth of July Parade registration will remain open until this Friday, June 15, until 4:00 p.m. for applications turned in at Borough Hall, and midnight for online applications. No applications will be accepted after Friday.

Council President Blass

Council President Blass thanked the Environmental Commission members for organizing and guiding the Nature

Walk at Alcyon Woods.

The Pitman Memorabilia Museum will be open during 4th Friday from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. We will have docents from Ms. Hoh's third grade class at Walls School.

Councilman Pierpont read the following report:

The Green Team is busy compiling documented actions for our 2018 package to Sustainable Jersey. The Borough achieved Bronze Certification last year, in only our third year since formation, but we want more. Silver Certification requires an additional 190 points, and will take a lot of work, but the committee is working hard to reach this goal by 2020. The next Green Team meeting is on June 28, at 7:00 p.m. here in Borough Hall.

The next Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Trash and recycling collection numbers for the period from May 29 - June 8 are as follows:

Fifteen loads of trash for a total of 179 tons
Eleven loads of recycling totaling 50 tons
Thirty-nine yards of brush and six yards of leaves were collected
Eleven loads of bulk trash were also picked up during this period

Councilman Weng

During the month of April the Construction Office processed thirty-six Certificates of Continued Occupancy and forty-six permits including one new building, three additions, forty-one alterations, and one demolition. The Construction Office took in \$10,243.00 in permit fees as well as \$800.00 in violation and penalty fees for a total of \$11,043.00. Additionally, in the month of April, the Combined Planning and Zoning Board collected \$200.00 in Planning and Zoning Board fees, \$350.00 for permits, and \$35.00 for lot grade permits, for a total of \$585.00.

Councilwoman Rudley

Police Department

K-9 Activity: Ranger participated in a K-9 demonstration held during the Community Appreciation Day festivities. In addition, over the next few days, there are demonstrations planned at each of the three Pitman Elementary Schools.

The PPD would like to thank everyone who came out for Community Appreciation Day this year. Once again, the event was a huge success. We would like to thank both Fire Departments for their participation and assistance, Pitman Parks and Recreation, Pitman Public Works, Mayor & Council, Borough Administrator, Mrs. Judy O'Donnell and her staff, and PPD Police Administrator, Mrs. Susan Wilson for donating their time and efforts to this great event. And, of course, we thank the residents of Pitman and all those who attended.

The Board of Fire Engineers will meet on Tuesday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room in Borough Hall.

The Senior Outreach Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on June 21 for their regularly scheduled meeting in the Borough Hall Conference Room. The first Senior Outreach bus trip took place last Tuesday to Ocean Grove, New Jersey. It was a great success. We hope to make these trips an annual event.

The Economic Development Committee will meet on June 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room in Borough

Hall for their regular meeting.

The History Day event that was planned for June 2 was canceled due to rain. We are planning to reschedule.

New Business

Resolution No. 106, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Release of Escrow Funds Provided by Stephen Gregory for a Project Affecting 102 First Avenue, Block 12 Lot 21 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Austin
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson: Absent

Second: Rudley
Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Resolution No. 107, 2018 – 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: Austin
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson: Absent

Second: Weng
Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Abstain
Councilman Weng: Yes

Resolution No. 108, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Execution of a First License Amendment to the Lease Agreement With New Jersey Transit Corporation

Motion: Rudley
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson: Absent

Second: Weng
Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Abstain
Councilman Weng: Yes

Resolution No. 109, 2018 – 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 – 430 Elm Avenue

Motion: Austin
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson: Absent

Second: Pierpont
Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Resolution No. 110, 2018 – 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 – 101 Woodlyne Avenue

Motion: Austin

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Resolution No. 111, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Land Sale of Certain Block and Lots Within the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Rudley

Second: Pierpont

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Resolution No. 112, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Professional Services by a Redevelopment Counsel for the Year 2018

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Payment of Bills

Motion: Austin

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Abstains to #35728; approves all other payments

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Event Permits

Event: Fourth of July Parade & Fireworks

Applicant: Pitman Parade Committee

Contact Person: Michael Razzo

Date & Time: July 4, 2018; Parade - 9:55am & Fireworks – Dusk

Rain date: July 5, 2018; Parade – 6:30pm & Fireworks - Dusk

Location: See Permit Application

Motion: Austin

Second: Pierpont

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Abstain

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Event: 37th Annual Pitman Freedom Four Mile Run

Applicant: Pitman Recreation Department

Contact Person: Andy Fox

Date & Time: July 4, 2018; 8:45am – Rain or Shine

Location: See Permit Application

Motion: Razzo

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Event: Movie to Conclude Pitman Elementary School's Summer Reading Program

Applicant: Pitman School's One School/One Book, One Town/One Book Program

Contact Person: Laurie Boyle & Christie Leakan

Date & Time: July 31, 2018; 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Location: Sunset Auditorium (Rain Location: Council Chambers)

Motion: Razzo

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Approval contingent upon providing the Borough with a Certificate of Liability Insurance Naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured.

Event: Wrestling Clinic

Applicant: Pitman Jr. Wrestling

Contact Person: Dave Smith & Jennifer Coles

Date & Time: August 14, 15, 16, 2018; 4:00pm – 9:00pm

Location: Sunset Auditorium

Motion: Razzo

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Approval contingent upon providing the Borough with a Certificate of Liability Insurance Naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured and a complete Facilities Use Form.

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Razze
Time: 8:45 p.m.

Second: Austin

Catherine Ventura DeSimone, 8 Webb Avenue – Ms. DeSimone asked if residents who rent their homes are responsible for maintaining their lawn, or is it the landlords responsibility?

Councilman Weng – Councilman Weng replied that it depends on the lease agreement for the renter. It could make the renter responsible, or the owner. Ultimately, if there is a code enforcement issue you could call the Code Office if you feel they aren't keeping their property up to code.

John Hughes, West Avenue – Mr. Hughes said that he has had a parking complaint with his neighbor since March. The neighbor has had more than the twenty calls permitted by the Frontline system.

Councilwoman Rudley said that there could be a specific circumstance which allows them to park there, maybe a handicap placard or maybe they have reached out to the Police Department and made special arrangements with them for parking.

Mr. Hughes also stated that on trash day they always block his trash cans in. He said that he has reached out to Ed Powell, the Code Enforcement Officer, but has not gotten a response.

Councilwoman Rudley replied that it would be the Police Department that he should contact for enforcement, not Ed Powell.

Chief McAteer told Mr. Hughes that he has taken down his information and that he will make sure an officer checks on this tonight, and that he will be in touch tomorrow.

Sarah Weng, 202 W. Holly Avenue – Ms. Weng stated that she and her family attended the Nature Walk in Alcyon Woods and found it to be amazing. She thanked Eric Mollenhauer, who was their guide.

Motion to close the public portion: Pierpont
Time: 8:57 p.m.

Second: Weng

Adjournment

Motion: Razze
Time: 8:58 p.m.

Second: Pierpont

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator

