

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 29, 2018**

Call to Order

Time: 8:00 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 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

Council President Blass: Present

Councilman Pierpont: Present

Councilman Razzo: Present

Councilwoman Rudley: Present

Councilman Weng: Present

Mayor Johnson: Present

Borough Solicitor Scaffidi: Present

Borough Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Administration of Loyalty Oath

Sgt. Thomas Zander Promotion to Captain

Approval of Minutes

Work Session, Formal Meeting and Closed Formal Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2018

Motion: Blass

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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Council Reports

Councilman Austin

The McCowan Memorial Library Board of Trustees met last week. They will not meet during the summer months. Their next meeting is scheduled to be held in September.

Councilman Blass

Councilman Blass reported that there has not been much activity related to Public Property over the last two weeks, so there will not be a report at this meeting.

Councilman Razzo

Councilman Razzo reported that applications to participate in the Fourth of July Parade will be accepted up until June 15 at midnight on the website, and 4:00 p.m. at Borough Hall.

The Miss Pitman Pageant will take place on July 3. Tickets will be on sale at Borough Hall on July 2, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and at the door on the night of the program.

Councilman Razze thanked the individuals and businesses that helped make the pump track at Shertel Park a reality. It was finally finished this past weekend with help from local riders. The fundraising effort, which was organized by Steve Blackman, owner of the Caffeinated Cyclist, was an effort that was realized totally through donations from businesses and bicycling enthusiasts.

Councilman Pierpont read the following report:

First and foremost, I want to thank the Pitman Garden Club, the Public Works Department, Borough Administration, and Council President Paul Blass for the wonderful Memorial Day ceremony at the Grove Auditorium and Ballard Park. The programs, flags, flowers and facilities looked great. The Pitman High School Band, and new for this year, the Pitman High School Chorus, did a phenomenal job. As a member of both the Pitman VFW Post 6469, and the American Legion Post, and as a resident, I appreciate the time and talent that goes in to such a remembrance. Thank you.

Public Works recently completed an online auction of old, used equipment that was no longer functioning or being used by our employees. The auction netted approximately \$20,000, and cleared up space in the yard.

On-street leaf collection is over until the fall. Please place all yard debris in containers at the curb for pick up.

Please watch what you toss into the recycling containers. A detailed list of what may and may not be recycled was included in our recent newsletter, and is available on our website. Tossing non-recyclables into the cans contaminates the stream, and ultimately costs the Borough money.

Councilman Weng

Councilman Weng reported that on May 21, he attended the Combined Planning and Zoning Board meeting, where they received the resolution that was approved by Council at our last meeting. The resolution is in regard to the Sony property, which potentially declares it an area in need of redevelopment. The Board discussed this issue, and they concurred with Council, approving their own resolution authorizing the Borough Planner, Tim Kernan, to begin the preliminary study of the Sony property to determine whether or not it meets the statutory criteria for an area being redeveloped. Mr. Kernan estimated that he should be able to have the investigation report complete by the end of the summer. Hopefully, the required public hearing will take place at the Planning and Zoning Board meeting in September. There are publication requirements, and this can sometimes delay things, but hopefully the public hearing will be complete, and the Planning and Zoning Board will be able to refer the issue back to Council for final action in the fall.

Councilwoman Rudley

Councilwoman Rudley presented the following statistical report for the activities of Ptl. Parker and K9 Ranger. These statistics are from the first quarter of 2018; January - March.

- Calls for service: 27 (Ranger remains the most requested K9 in Gloucester County)
- Patrol initiated incidents: 3
- Narcotic “sniffs”: 8

The Pitman Police Department would like to remind everyone that Community Appreciation Day will be held on Wednesday evening, June 6, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event will be in Alcyon Lake Park and we hope the

Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
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Councilman Razze: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Resolution No. 103, 2018 – 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 at said meeting shall be:

PW Employee Evaluation - Merit Pay Raise Request

Action may be taken upon returning to an open meeting.

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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Resolution No. 104, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Preparation of Bid Specifications and Advertisement for the Receipt of Sealed Bids for the Purchase of Neptune E Coder R900 I Registers for the Borough's Water and Sewer Department

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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Payment of Bills

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Abstain #35598; Approves remaining items

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Abstain #15290; Approves remaining items

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Event Permits

Event: Community Appreciation Day

Applicant: Pitman Police Department

Contact Person: Marshall Pierson/Andrew Carson

Date & Time: June 6, 2018; 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Alcyon Lake Park

Motion: Razze

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
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Councilman Weng: Yes

Signage Permit

Event: Relay for Life

Applicant: Relay for Life of Gloucester County

Contact Person: Jennifer Bailey

Time Frame for Signs: May 27, 2018 – June 3, 2018

Location: Ballard and Alcyon Parks, Holly & Delsea and Holly & Lambs

Motion: Razze

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:48 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close the public portion: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:49 p.m.

Closed Meeting

Motion to enter into a closed meeting: Rudley

Second: Weng

Time: 8:49 p.m.

Motion to return to an open meeting: Pierpont

Second: Rudley

Time: 9:06 p.m.

As a result of discussion in the Closed Meeting, the following action was taken by Council upon returning to an open meeting.

Resolution No. 105, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving a 4% Merit Based Salary Increase for Public Works Secretary Joanne Seher in Lieu of the Annual Percentage Rate Increase for all Non-Contractual Borough of Pitman Employees for 2018

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: No

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: No

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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Adjournment

Motion: Pierpont

Time: 9:08 p.m.

Second: Weng

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator