

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 9, 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: Present  
Borough Clerk O'Donnell: Present

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

**Presentation**

American Legion Pitman Dog of the Year Award

**Approval of Minutes**

Work Session & Formal Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2018

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

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

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

**Council Reports**

**Councilman Austin**

No Report

**Council President Blass**

Council President Blass reported that the roof replacement on the Grove Auditorium is ongoing, and is projected to be completed on schedule.

**Councilman Razzo** read the following report:

The Recreation Commission met last week. Some of the topics discussed were the micro-mini soccer program, and our middle school open gym policy. For those who were at the last meeting, there was some discussion about some issues we were having with our open gym night, but those issues have been resolved and we are back in

session at the middle school.

We also discussed our Pitman Middle School programs, which are field hockey, the fifth through eighth grade golf program, which is a new program, and our high school program. Registrations are still being taken for these programs.

Commission members also discussed the pump track ribbon cutting ceremony that took place on September 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Johnson and many members of Council were in attendance, and again, thank you to Steve Blackman for all the work he did in raising the funds to create this track.

All of the Pitman High School programs are up and running. The American Legion baseball team is hosting up at Alcyon Park, along with our local soccer teams.

Upcoming registration for winter basketball will be on October 15, 16, and 18 at Borough Hall, as well as registration for the travel, in house, and first and second grade basketball programs. Our middle school boys and girls teams will have their tryouts shortly after October 18th.

The Commission also was visited by Ron Stanwood who talked about possibly buying a new sign to replace the existing one at Brown Field. The field is named after William B. Brown, who once owned the ground that is now Brown Field. The renaming of the tennis courts at Shertel Park was also discussed.

#### Councilman Pierpont

Councilman Pierpont had no report, but thanked everyone for the condolences expressed this evening, and over the past week, to him and his family on the death of his mother, Tina Pierpont.

#### Councilman Weng

Councilman Weng reported that he attended the Environmental Commission meeting this month. The Commission discussed Earth Day marketing materials, and also discussed a potential joint effort with Clean Communities. The Commission also discussed the potential impact of the Motus Project at Rowan, as well as the erosion at Alcyon Lake and their efforts to halt that.

The Woman's Club of Pitman performed the first community clean-up this past weekend.

#### Councilwoman Rudley

Councilwoman Rudley reported that the Senior Outreach Committee is looking forward to planning a winter trip. If anyone has an interest or suggestions, please reach out to any of the Senior Outreach members.

The Economic Development Committee has added the year around planters to the uptown area, with plans to add timed lights. Thank you to Guy Groff of the Garden Club as well as the EDC members and volunteers that helped with the planting. Thank you to Public Works for taking them uptown, and Councilwoman Rudley thanked Dan Rudley, her husband, and Ponch Morgey for moving them to their current locations.

With respect to the Fire Department, Fire Safety Week begins today with a demonstration at Memorial School. The other schools will also have their demonstrations this week. Fire Safety Week ends next Tuesday, with Fire Prevention Night taking place at Highland Chemical Engine Company at 6:15 p.m.

#### Police Department

Chief McAteer, along with Captain Zander, met with members of the school district, including Dr. Pat McAleer,

to discuss traffic patterns, minor parking issues, and crossing guards.

Chief McAteer also met with Dr. McAleer to discuss future police surveillance cameras in our schools.

**New Business**

**Ordinance No. 14, 2018 – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing an Agreement for Tax Exemption With Danie and Jennifer Tyler for a Property Commonly Known as 22 Bellevue Avenue and Identified on the Municipal Tax Map as Block 30 Lot 11.01**

First Reading

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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

**Resolution No. 180, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Contract With the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Reconstruction of a Section of Adams Avenue, Seneca Avenue, and Glen Lake Avenue**

Motion: Pierpont

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution No. 181, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Contract With the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Reconstruction of Tuohy Avenue**

Motion: Pierpont

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution No. 182, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Tennis Courts at Shertel Park to be Renamed the Debbie and Tom Slenkamp Tennis Courts at Shertel Park**

Motion: Razzo

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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

*Councilman Razze reviewed for members of the public the criteria that is followed by Commissions and Council for naming Borough facilities after individuals.*

**Resolution No. 183, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Making Appointments to Specific Positions in the Borough of Pitman’s Registrar Office and Confirming Such Appointments for the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey**

Motion: Weng  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Resolution No. 184, 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 subject to be discussed shall be:*

**Collective Bargaining Negotiations-PBA Local 122**

*Action may be taken upon returning to an open meeting.*

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

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

**Payment of Bills**

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

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

**Event Permit Applications**

**Event: Amendment to the Pitman Festival That Must Not be Named – Tori’s Critters**

Applicant: Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

Contact Person: Vanessa James

Date & Time: October 20, 2018; 8am – 6pm

Location: Ballard Park; Exhibit by Tori’s Critters

Motion: Razze  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Event Permit**

**Motion** was made by Councilwoman Rudley to accept the Event Permit Application Amendment for Special Events submitted by Highland Chemical Engine Company to permit the consumption of alcohol on public property for the Chow Down Uptown event, contingent upon acceptance of the appropriate ordinance approved insurance.

Second: No second provided.

**Public Portion**

Motion to open to the public: Razze

Second: Blass

Time: 830 p.m.

**Dave Owens, 503 Elm Avenue** – Mr. Owens stated that he was present at the September 24, 2018 meeting and complained about the uncut grass at 511 Elm Avenue. He continued by saying that as of today, the grass remains uncut.

Motion to close the public portion: Razze

Second: Blass

Time: 8:30 p.m.

**Closed Meeting**

Motion to enter into a Closed Meeting: Blass

Second: Austin

Time: 8:31 p.m.

Motion to Return to an Open Meeting: Blass

Second: Razze

Time: 9:11 p.m.

No action was taken as a result of discussion in the closed meeting upon returning to an open meeting.

**Adjournment**

Motion: Blass

Second: Razze

Time: 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell  
Borough Clerk/Administrator

