

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 8, 2019**

**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 2019, which was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, sent to the "South Jersey Times" and filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 5, 2019.

**Roll Call**

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

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

**Proclamation Presentation**

National Donate Life Month

**Approval of Minutes**

Budget Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2019

Work Session, Formal Meeting, and Closed Formal Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2019

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

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

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

**Council Reports**

**Councilman Austin**

Councilman Austin reported that the McCowan Memorial Library is preparing for their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. More information is to come.

**Council President Blass**

Council President Blass announced that the Borough's application for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program was approved and the Borough will receive \$270,000.00 towards the repaving of Glen Lake, Seneca, and portions of Adams Avenues.

Councilman Blass commended our first responders, the Pitman Police, our Fire Companies and the Gloucester County EMTs for their participation in the "Every 15 Minutes" program at the Pitman High School. He was able

to witness this drill, which was designed to get students to think before they drive. They were able to see the responders in action. Students then attended an assembly where speakers discussed the importance of good choices. For example, Russ Johnson IV addressed his fellow students and revealed his concerns for their safety. This program generated a great discussion in Dr. Blass's Genocide/Prejudice class and seemed well received by the students.

Statistics for Public Works from March 25, 2019 – April 5, 2019:

Streets & Roads (Highway)

- Sixteen loads of trash collected totaling 144.19 tons
- Twelve loads of recyclables collected totaling 39.59 tons
- Brush collected totaled 179 yards
- Forty yards of leaves collected
- Twelve loads of bulk trash collected

Water and Sewer

- Completed twenty-seven water and sewer mark out requests
- Plunged out four sewer stoppages
- Upgraded sixty-one meter heads from appointments that were made

Recycling Report for March

- Twenty-four loads of single stream recycling at a cost of \$6,488.50 (84.31 tons)
- Three loads of scrap metal to Sims Metal, collecting \$413.85 in revenue to the Borough (2.58 tons)
- Mulch and brush hauled out to various areas (30 cubic yards)
- Mulch delivered to residents (12 cubic yards)

Councilman Razzo read the following report:

I have presented each Councilmember with a copy of the Youth Week schedule, which will be held from May 4 through May 10. Various fun activities are planned.

Saturday is the Fishing Tournament

Sunday is the Borough Youth Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Monday night is movie night at the Broadway Theatre. *Small Foot* is the featured movie

Thursday is the track and field meet for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Friday is Career Day for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the morning, and then the Borough will co-host the Middle School dance, which begins at 7:00 p.m.

The Recreation Commission met this past Thursday. In addition to other things discussed, we are still seeking volunteers for Comcast Day to be held on May 4. In order to receive the full donation of \$750.00, we need to have fifty volunteers participating.

A clean-up day took place at the pump track, and I will be addressing some of the issues Councilman Austin brought to my attention that are occurring at the track.

The first front nine holes of the Alcyon Woods Disk Golf course will be officially opened shortly. They are *unofficially* open, and some folks have been over there playing. Director Fox did join us at the Environmental Commission meeting this past Thursday night to hear of some concerns that the Commission had throughout the development process, and also to come to an understanding and agreement with how the construction of the back nine holes will be handled, when it will be officially opened, and going forward, how the park will respond to the use of Alcyon Woods.

Councilman Razze reminded everyone that the Mr. Pitman Contest will take place this Friday evening at the Pitman High School Auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Johnson added that on the Youth Week Career Day, students will shadow Borough employees and attend the monthly Department Supervisor meeting in Borough Hall.

Councilman Weng

Councilman Weng reported that in the month of February, the Construction Office collected \$300.00 in Planning and Zoning fees, \$70.00 for lot grading permits, and \$25.00 for Pod and trailer fees. Total fees collected for the month is \$570.00.

Councilwoman Rudley

The Senior Outreach Committee members are planning the day trips for this year. The first one is a visit to Smithville on April 24. Those interested should reserve a spot on the bus by calling 582-4766.

A community yard sale is scheduled for June 1. Please register with Councilwoman Amy Rudley by emailing your name and address to [Amy.rudley@pitman.org](mailto:Amy.rudley@pitman.org) by May 1. A list of participants will be compiled and distributed. The yard sale application fee is waived for registered participants of this event.

The Pitman Police Department will conduct a “Distracted Driver Crackdown” initiative. This issue is a priority in Pitman with the increased incidences of cell phone use while driving.

Pitman’s Community Appreciation Day will take place at Alcyon Lake Park on June 4, from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. All are encouraged to come out for an evening of fun activities.

Additions to Reports

Councilman Razze offered condolences on behalf of Mayor and Council to former Councilman Jeff Sanders, and the entire Sanders family, on the death of his mother this past week.

Unfinished Business

**Ordinance No. 11, 2019 – 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: Austin Second: Blass

Motion to open to the public: Razze Second: Blass

Time: 8:19 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public hearing: Razze Second: Blass

Time: 8:28 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent Councilman Razze: Yes

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

Councilman Weng: Yes

**Ordinance No. 12, 2019 – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing an Agreement for Tax Abatement With Pitman Properties, LLC, Jim Brandenburger, for a Property Commonly Known as 54 S. Fernwood Avenue, and Identified on the Municipal Tax Map as Block 80 Lot 20.02**

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Motion to open to the public: Razze

Second: Blass

Time: 8:21 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public hearing: Razze

Second: Blass

Time: 8:21 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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

**Ordinance No. 13, 2019 – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter XXXV Entitled “Zoning” of the Code of the Borough of Pitman**

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Weng

Second: Rudley

Motion to open to the public: Razze

Second: Blass

Time: 8:21 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public hearing: Razze

Second: Blass

Time: 8:21 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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

**Ordinance No. 14, 2019 – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Establishment of an Easement Within Land Located Within the Borough of Pitman and Execution of All Necessary Documents**

Second Reading – Public Hearing

**Motion to table:** Razze

Second: Blass

All voting members of Council agree to table Ordinance No. 14, 2019, as being unneeded.

**New Business**

**Resolution No. 52, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Designating New Signer on the Pitman Tax Accounts Known as “Premium Account” and “Tax Title Lien Account”**

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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

**Resolution No. 53, 2019 – 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:

**Personnel: Extension of Personal Leave**

Action may be taken upon returning to an open meeting.

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

**Motion** by Councilman Weng to add discussion of staffing levels in the Borough Construction Office to the Closed Session resolution.

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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

**Payment of Bills**

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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

**Event Permit & Signage Applications**

**Event: Community Appreciation Day**

Sponsor: Pitman Police Department

Contact Person: Andrew Carson

Date & Time: June 4, 2019; 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: Absent

Councilman Razze: Yes

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

Councilman Weng: Yes

**Event & Signage: Fishing Tournament**

Sponsor: Pitman Police Department  
Contact Person: Marshall Pierson  
Date & Time: May 4, 2019; 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
Location: Alcyon Lake - Betty Park  
Motion: Razze  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Absent  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Blass

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

**Event: Fun Run/Walk**

Sponsor: Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce  
Contact Person: Bronwyn Lyman  
Date & Time: October 19, 2019; 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Location: Alcyon Park  
Motion: Razze  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Absent  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Blass

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

**Event: Earth Day Celebration**

Sponsor: Pitman Environmental Commission  
Contact Person: Robert Holwitt  
Date & Time: May 18, 2019; 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Ballard Park  
Motion: Razze  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Absent  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Blass

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

**Event: Easter Sunrise Service**

Sponsor: First Baptist Church of Pitman  
Contact Person: Randy Van Osten  
Date & Time: April 21, 2019; 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.  
Location: Betty Park  
Motion: Razze  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Second: Blass

Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Yes

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

Councilman Weng: Yes

**Public Portion**

Motion to open to the public: Razze  
Time: 8:30 p.m.

Second: Blass

No Public comment.

Motion to close the public portion: Razze  
Time: 8:30 p.m.

Second: Blass

**Closed Meeting**

Motion to enter into a closed meeting: Blass  
Time: 8:30 p.m.

Second: Razze

Motion to return to an open meeting: Blass  
Time: 8:52 p.m.

Second: Razze

No action was taken by Council upon returning to an open meeting as a result of discussion in the Closed Meeting.

**Adjournment**

Motion: Razze  
Time: 8:52 p.m.

Second: Blass

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell  
Borough Clerk/Administrator