

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 11, 2019**

**Call to Order**

Time: 8:00 p.m.

**Salute to the Flag/Invocation**

Councilman Razzo

**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: Present  
Councilwoman Rudley: Present  
Mayor Johnson: Absent  
Clerk O'Donnell Present

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

**Approval of Minutes**

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

Motion: Weng

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes  
Council President Blass: Absent  
Councilman Pierpont: Abstain  
Councilman Razzo: Abstains from Work Session Minutes; Approves Formal and Closed Meeting Minutes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Councilman Weng: Yes  
Mayor Johnson: Absent

**Council Reports**

Councilwoman Rudley read the following report:

In the last few weeks the Police Department has participated in the following trainings:

- Sgt. Andrew Carson attended Criminal Investigation training from February 25 - March 1
- Sgt Andrew Carson and Det. Nicholas Barbetta attended CLEAR training
- Det. Nicholas Barbetta attended Gangs and Narcotics Conference from March 2 - March 6
- Ptlm. Samuel Hoffman attended SWAT training from March 11 - March 13

On March 6, 2019, the Pitman Police Department responded to the Pitman High School for two separate threat concerns. The first required the occupants to shelter in place, and the second required the school to lock down completely. These situations were resolved, although the second threat remains under investigation.

The Police Department would like to thank Dr. McAleer, Dr. Lombardo, the entire school faculty, and the student body for their cooperation during these events.

Councilman Weng

Councilman Weng reported that in the month of February, the Construction Office issued twenty-four building permits, which included one for an addition, and twenty-two for alterations. Twenty-six Certificates of Continued Occupancy, one demolition permit, and several sub code permits were also issued. Fees collected totaled \$5,278.00 for the month.

Last week Councilman Weng attended the Pitman Environmental Commission meeting. He said that there was spirited discussion on the current status of Alcyon Woods as well as the Disk Golf Course which was set up there. The Commission members will be continuing their traditional plans for an Earth Day celebration.

Councilman Pierpont

No Report

Councilman Austin

Councilman Austin reported that members of Council have been working hard on the 2019 municipal budget, and it is hoped that there will not be a municipal tax increase this year.

Councilman Razzo read the following report:

Due to the spirited debate and discussion about the Disk Golf Course, a meeting was held at 7:00 a.m. this morning at Alcyon Park. With me was Recreation Director Fox, Environmental Commission Chairman Bob Holwitt, Commission members Dare Euler and Josh Hitchner, and Commission Secretary Patrice Sheehan.

We walked through the course in Alcyon Woods, took a look at some of the things that were of concern, got some answers that were being looked for, and also an agreement going forward that should some trees or foliage have to be cleared or cut, the Commission would be sent a notice.

There hasn't been anything cleared or cut in the woods since last December. There was a meeting that took place out at the park in January, and there has been three or four walk-throughs that Chairman Holwitt, members of the Commission, and Josh Hitchner, who is our Shade Tree Commissioner, have taken part in.

Also, last Wednesday, I attended the Board of Education meeting, where they discussed their Budget. As of that meeting, they were looking at increasing the tax rate by approximately 3.8 cents if they use their banked CAP. If not, the increase could be 5.2 cents. The Board still has a lot of work to do, as they are tasked with closing a gap of \$491,000.00 in their budget. There will be a meeting this Wednesday night, and I encourage everyone to attend. They will be honoring the district's Teacher of the Year, and there will be further discussion on their budget.

Unfinished Business

**Ordinance No. 6, 2019 – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Establishing the Miss Pitman Pageant Committee of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey**

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

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

Second: Weng

No public comment.

Motion to close public hearing: Rudley  
Time: 8:12 p.m.

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Absent

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

**New Business**

**Ordinance No. 8, 2019 – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Establishing A Community Cat Ordinance for the Borough of Pitman**

First Reading

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Absent

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

**Ordinance No. 9, 2019 – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter II Entitled “Administration” to Create a New Section 2-67.6 Entitled “Conflict of Interest” of the Code of the Borough of Pitman**

First Reading

Motion: Austin

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Absent

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

**Ordinance No. 10, 2019 – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Execution of First Amendment to Non-Exclusive Tower Attachment Lease Agreement Between the Borough of Pitman and T-Mobile Northeast, LLC (302 Wesley Avenue)**

First Reading

Motion: Austin

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Absent

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

**Resolution No. 42, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Refund/Cancellation of Real Estate Taxes and Other Miscellaneous Refunds**

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

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

**Resolution No. 43, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Cancellation and/or Refund of Taxes Due to the Property Owner Meeting the Requirements of a Non-Profit Organization as Set Forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6 and is Exempt From Paying Property Taxes**

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

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

**Resolution No. 44, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Supporting Land Use Decisions With the Intent of Making the Borough of Pitman a Sustainable Community**

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

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

**Resolution 45, 2019 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing an Application for Green Acres Funding From the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in the Amount of 1.6 Million Dollars for the Preservation of Land and the Expansion of Alcyon Lake Park**

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

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

**Payment of Bills**

Motion: Austin  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Abstains to #37034, votes to approve all other items  
Council President Blass: Absent  
Councilman Razzo: Yes

Second: Rudley  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

**Event Permit & Signage Application**

**Event: 5K Race & 1 Mile Walk**

Sponsor: SPARC-Kids Caring Foundation

Contact Person: Lisa McConnell

Date & Time: May 11, 2019 – 8:00 a.m.

Location:

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Absent

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Abstain

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

*Approval was contingent upon providing the Borough with a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough as Additional Insured.*

**Event Permit**

**Event: Pop-up Produce Stand by Visalli Farms**

Sponsor: Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

Contact Person: Vanessa James

Date & Time: Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00, from June 6 through September 26, 2019

Location: Ballard Park

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Absent

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

**Public Portion**

Motion to open to the public: Weng

Second: Austin

Time: 8:27 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close the public portion: Weng

Second: Rudley

Time: 8:28 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion: Weng

Second: Rudley

Time: 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell  
Borough Clerk/Administrator

