

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**

Call to Order

Time: 8:02 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 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: Present
Councilman Razzo: Present
Councilman Weng: Present
Borough Solicitor Krachun: Present

Approval of Minutes

Work Session and Formal Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2019

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

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

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

Council Reports

Councilman Austin read the following report:

The McCowan Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program has concluded for the year. In all, the library put on forty-seven summer reading events that were attended by 953 children. The attendance represents an increase over last year's forty-one events with 755 children in attendance.

The library will be sponsoring the Scarecrow Contest again this year. Anyone who may be interested should please stop in at the library to register.

The McCowan Memorial Library Board of Trustees will meet tomorrow, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are open to the public, and all are invited to attend.

My condolences go to the family of former Pitman Police Chief Irelan who recently passed away.

Councilman Blass

Public Works

Highway Department collection statistics:

- Thirteen loads of trash totaling 145.65 tons
- Twelve loads of recyclables collected totaling 44.37 tons
- Twenty-eight yards of brush collected
- Five hours patching and repairing potholes and sink holes
- Street sweeper ran for eight hours
- Spent many hours trying to clean the extensive vandalism on the First Avenue sidewalk

Water and Sewer Department

- Performed twenty-four water and sewer make-out requests
- Plunged two sewer stoppages
- Read eleven meters for real estate settlement
- Upgraded five meter heads from appointments that were made
- Continued meter replacement programs

Solid Waste Collection

- Twenty-five loads to Wheelabrator totaling 299.27 tons. At \$85.27 per ton, cost: \$25,123.40
 - Two loads to Gloucester County Landfill totaling 21.93 tons. At \$85.71 per ton, cost: \$1,941.24
- Total: 320.20 tons
Total cost: \$27,064.64

Theatre Avenue Update

All sanitary sewer lines have been installed, and all laterals have been tied in. The installation of new storm sewer drains has been completed as well.

Councilman Razze read the following report:

I also would also like to express my condolences to the family of Chief Irelan.

The Recreation Department has completed the back nine holes of the disk golf course, and we have a lot of folks using it.

The members of the Environmental Commission spoke with the Parks and Recreation Department personnel about potential tree planting at McBurney Field, along Lincoln Avenue, to provide some additional shade in that area.

Also, just prior to this meeting, I attended the monthly Tri-County Joint Insurance Fund meeting. The schedule of Elected Officials Liabilities Seminars is out, and they made a point to tell us that those who have relied on taking the course online in the past will not have that option this year because there will be a new seminar pertaining to sexual harassment in the workplace. This training must be done in person.

Cyber renewal for next year is going up approximately 25% for all participants of the TRICO JIF. Woodbury was recently hacked by way of an email. I'm happy to report that month to month we are showing that we are not clicking on phishing emails. However, we have some other vulnerabilities that I will talk to the Borough Administrator about soon. We do want to get in full compliance with cyber protocol. With this next renewal, all those who are in full compliance will have a \$10,000.00 deductible.

Also, the MSI training deadline to request onsite training in the Borough in 2020 is at the end of this month. Public Works Manager Fred Rodi may have put in his request already.

The use of transitional time when an employee is injured on the job, is the ability of the municipality to find work for them, so that they are not staying at home. We are currently operating at 41% of the transitional days of duty that is available to us.

We have fallen behind on reporting claims to workers compensation. This is not always our fault, if the claim is not reported to us immediately.

Councilman Pierpont read the following report:

The Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all those who attended, volunteered, and supported the Fall Craft Show this weekend. The weather and turnout were phenomenal.

I want to thank the Police Department for not only working for the Chamber events but for the work they put into it beforehand. The number of signs that they are required to be put up for no parking beforehand is a task in itself. I just want to remind everyone that they don't put those signs up to harass or to interfere with, or to inconvenience the residents. If you watch a New Jersey Transit bus maneuver Crafton Avenue during these events it's something else. Thank you Chief, and please tell the Police Department that I appreciate what they do.

Councilman Weng

No report

Councilwoman Rudley read the following report:

Pitman Police Chief McAteer and Superintendent of Pitman Schools McAleer met on September 17 to discuss the focus of the Pitman Police Department and the School Resource Officers with regard to the start of school and moving forward. Both provided input on the common goals of the students, staff, and the administrations' safety and security. The Pitman School Resource Officers, Cpl. Leach and Ptlm. Stefanopoulos, have begun teaching once again in the Pitman Schools and this year's lessons have been coordinated with Board of Education Curriculum Coordinator, Rebecca Moody. Wherever possible, the lesson corresponds to issues that are being taught as per curriculum in both schools. Both officers will be teaching safety related lessons to over one hundred classes throughout the school year in all five schools.

The Project Medicine drop box has received final approval from the State of New Jersey and will be moving forward in the next two weeks. Chief McAteer would also like to thank Mrs. Judy O'Donnell for her assistance, input and approval in this project.

The Senior Outreach Fair was held on September 19, here in Borough Hall. It was great success. A special thank you to the Pitman Police Department, McCowan Memorial Library and Councilman Kevin Austin for their attendance, as well as to Steve Weideman, our Senior Shuttle Bus driver.

Councilman Razze announced that registration for participation in the Pitman Santa Parade will take place until November 15 at midnight online, and until 4:00 p.m. in person at Borough Hall.

New Business

Resolution No. 151, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appointing Gustavo Negrete as Full-Time Driver/Laborer for the Borough of Pitman, Department of Public Works, Highway Division

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 152, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appointing Anthony Cipparone as Full-Time Driver/Laborer for the Borough of Pitman, Department of Public Works, Highway Division

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 153, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appointing Stephen Bernat, Jr. as Full-Time Driver/Laborer for the Borough of Pitman, Department of Public Works, Highway Division

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 154, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appointing Thomas Foley, Jr. as Full-Time Driver/Laborer for the Borough of Pitman, Department of Public Works, Water and Sewer Division

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 155, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appointing Ralph J. Contrevo as Full-Time Driver/Laborer for the Borough of Pitman, Department of Public Works, Water and Sewer Division

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 156, 2019 – 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 Property Maintenance – 81 Circle Avenue

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

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

Resolution No. 157, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending Resolution No. 99, 2019 of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester

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

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

Resolution No. 158, 2019 – 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 the Performance of Pest Control Services for 81 Circle Avenue, Block 21 Lot 1 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey

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

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

Resolution No. 159, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Submission of a Strategic Plan for the Pitman Municipal Alliance Grant for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 and Acknowledging the Terms and Conditions for the Administrative Compliance and Audit Requirements of Said Grant

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

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

Resolution No. 160, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Acknowledging and Authorizing the Highland Chemical Engine Company to Proceed With the Application of a Social Affairs Permit and Authorizing the Chief of Police and Borough Clerk to Sign the Approval of Said Social Affairs Permit Application Relating to the Thanksgiving Eve Butterball to be Held in Pitman on November 27, 2019

Motion: Rudley
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Abstain
Councilman Pierpont: Abstain
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

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

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Resolution No. 161, 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 100% Disabled Veteran as Set Forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 and is Exempt From Paying Property Taxes

Motion: Austin

Second: Razze

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Resolution No. 162, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Awarding Contract for a 2020 Model Year International Front Wheel Drive 4 X 4 Dump Truck for the Pitman Public Works Department, Highway Division, to Hunter's Truck S&S, Logan Township, New Jersey Pursuant to New Jersey State Contract #081716-NVS

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: No

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Resolution No. 163, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Purchase of a Caterpillar Model 304E2 Mini Hydraulic Excavator for the Pitman Public Works Department, Water and Sewer Division, From Foley, Inc. Pursuant to Sourcewell Co-Op Contract #100018

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: No

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Resolution No. 164, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Purchase of Two Labrie 33 Cu. Yd. Automizer R/H Straight Frame Automated Packer Body, Mounted on a Peterbilt 520 Chassis for the Pitman Public Works Department, Highway Division From Gran Turk Equipment Company Pursuant to Sourcewell Co-Op Contract #100017

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Resolution No. 165, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Awarding Contract to Discount Trailer Warehouse (DTW) for the

**Purchase of a 2019 CAM Superline Tilt Deck Trailer for the Borough of Pitman Public Works
Department, Water and Sewer Division**

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Resolution No. 166, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appointing William Cavender as Part-Time Laborer for the Recreation Department, Alcyon Lake Park

Motion: Razze

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Resolution No. 167, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Awarding Contract to Certa Pro Painters for Painting the Block Walls and Personnel Doors in the Engine Room of Pitman Fire Company No. 1 in the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Abstain

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Resolution No. 168, 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 will be:

Pending Arbitration: Borough of Pitman and PBA

Collective Bargaining Negotiations: Borough of Pitman - PBA

Action may be taken upon returning to an open meeting.

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Payment of Bills

Motion: Austin

Second: Razze

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Event Permits

Event: Plant trees/Clean-up

Sponsor: Pitman Environmental Commission

Location: Betty Park

Date: October 5 at 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Motion: Razze

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Abstain

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:35 p.m.

Daniel McAteer, 462 West Avenue - Chief McAteer said that as a resident he 'knows Council is a difficult job balancing a lot of issues, but at the risk at sounding like I'm sucking up to my boss, I would like to comment on Director Rudley's information about handling sewer leaks and such things like that for our senior citizens. I really think that was thinking out of the box and I thought it was a great idea as a resident. I care about the town and the direction it goes and the people who live here. There is a large population of senior citizens. I don't want to misquote Councilwoman Rudley, but just making the senior citizens feel more at ease, comfortable and safe is a good thing to do.'

Chief McAteer announced that retired Pitman Police Chief Roger E. Ireland passed away last Friday. He had been living at the Cardinal Village in Washington Township. Chief Ireland served as Chief of Police from Sept 1, 1969 to July 1, 1972. He was hired as full-time Patrolman on February 1, 1957. Chief McAteer stated that he will be providing this information to Kelley Funeral Home tomorrow.

Motion to close the public portion: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:39 p.m.

Closed Meeting

Motion to enter into a closed meeting: Rudley

Second: Weng

Time: 8:39 p.m.

Motion to return to an open meeting: Rudley

Second: Weng

Time: 9:20 p.m.

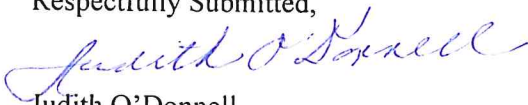
Adjournment

Motion: Weng

Second: Rudley

Time: 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judith O'Donnell

Borough Clerk/Administrator