

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
CYBER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 26, 2020**

Call to Order

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Moment of Silence

Mayor Razze

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 2020, which was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, sent to the "South Jersey Times" and filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 4, 2020.

Roll Call

Council President Blass: Present
Councilwoman James: Present
Councilwoman Rudley: Present
Mayor Razze: Present
Borough Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Present
Councilman Mazzola: Present
Councilman Weng: Present
Borough Solicitor Krachun: Present

Special Presentation

Patrice Sheehan, secretary to the Pitman Environmental Commission and a former member, was recognized for her years of public service and dedication to the Borough of Pitman as a resident of over thirty years. Ms. Sheehan is directly responsible for the planting of countless trees and is a tireless advocate for open space and increasing Pitman's tree canopy. Statements of appreciation were read by Mayor Razze and Bob Holwitt of the Environmental Commission.

Discussion

Support of BOE and PHS Class of 2020

Recent action taken by the Pitman Board of Education, in conjunction with the Gloucester County High School Superintendents, pertaining to public graduation ceremonies, was introduced by Mayor Razze after being contacted by Pitman Superintendent Dr. Patrick McAleer. Both entities, through either correspondence or resolution, ask Governor Phil Murphy and the State Legislature to amend Executive Order 107, issued March 21, 2020, which prohibits gatherings for parties and celebrations, to allow school districts to conduct voluntary socially-distant-in-person graduation ceremonies for high school seniors. Mayor Razze asked for action to be taken by Borough Council endorsing the actions of the Pitman Board of Education and the Gloucester County High School Superintendents, and to have this endorsement memorialized by resolution with copies sent to Governor Murphy, Senate President Steven M. Sweeney, and Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin. The following resolution was added to the agenda for action by Council.

Resolution No. 83, 2020 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Supporting the Gloucester County High School Superintendents Letter and the Pitman Board of Education Resolution Requesting In-Person Graduation for Pitman High School

Class of 2020 Students

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

Water Bill Dispute

Council President Blass stated that the Borough has received an email from Alison Hoell Marchesano, owner of 419 Wildwood Avenue, Block 165 Lot 6, disputing the amount of her first quarter 2020 water and sewer bill. The Data Logging Report shows a continuous flow of water through the second meter from as early as January 24, 2020 through April 11, 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions put in place, the employees of the Water and Sewer Division of Public Works were not going into homes of residents, so therefore were unable to physically check the meter and do some basic testing for the cause of the high water bill. As a result, Ms. Marchesano contacted Patriot Leak Detection, LLC to come to the house and inspect for leaks at a cost of \$225.00. The report issued by Patriot indicated that there were no leaks occurring at the time of the inspection. Mr. and Mrs. Marchesano, who were present at the meeting via Zoom, stated that there was never a leak or continuously running water at the home. Discussion followed between Mr. and Mrs. Marchesano and members of Council. Mr. and Mrs. Marchesano are asking for relief on the amount charged on the bill for water, as well as reimbursement for the \$225.00 paid to Patriot Leak Detectors, LLC. It was agreed by Council that most likely the leak detection company would not have been called if the Water Division employees had been permitted to enter the home. As a result, Resolution No. 84, 2020 was added to the agenda for action by Council to credit the water charges on the bill for \$225.00, the amount the Marchesano’s paid to have the leak detection company come out.

Resolution No. 84, 2020 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Refund/Credit of Professional Charges for Leak Detection Services Performed at 419 Wildwood Avenue, Block 165 Lot 6 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman, Gloucester County

Motion: Blass

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

Approval of Minutes

Formal Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2020 (As amended at the request of Councilman Mazzola)

Motion: Weng

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

New Business

Ordinance No. 7, 2020 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Improvements to Alcyon Lake Park In and For the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$500,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds of Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$500,000 Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection With the Foregoing

First Reading – Public Hearing June 22, 2020

Motion: James

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razzo: _____

Resolution No. 77, 2020 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87; 2020 Department of Transportation State Road Aid Program – Tuohy Ave.

Motion: Blass

Second: James

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razzo: _____

Resolution No. 78, 2020 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes

Motion: James

Second: Mazzola

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razzo: _____

Resolution No. 79, 2020 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving Form of Maintenance Guarantee Submitted for Approval by Sanders Home Services Affecting the Parcel Known as 20 Villa Avenue, Block 31 Lot 15 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester

Motion: Rudley

Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razzo: _____

Resolution No. 80, 2020 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Waiving Permit Application Fees Related to the Wiring and Installation of a 120 Volt Hot Water Heater at the Roy Harmon Baseball Field Snack Stand

Motion: Rudley

Second: James

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes
Councilwoman James: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Razzo: _____

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Resolution No. 81, 2020 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement With the County of Gloucester to Provide Family Entertainment at the Sunset Auditorium

Motion: Rudley

Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes
Councilwoman James: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Razzo: _____

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Resolution No. 82, 2020 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Designating May 27, 2020 as Arbor Day in the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Rudley

Second: James

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes
Councilwoman James: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Razzo: _____

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Payment of Bills

Motion: James

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes
Councilwoman James: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Razzo: _____

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Event Permit

Event: **Ribbons on Broadway and Linden Avenue***

Dates: June 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020

Contact Person: Adam Mazzola

Location: Street poles along Broadway from Laurel to Holly Avenues & along Linden Avenue

Motion: Rudley

Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes
Councilwoman James: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Razzo: _____

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Abstain
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Approval is contingent upon conformance with the restrictions set in place by Governor Murphy as they pertain to the COVID-19 Pandemic guidelines at the time of the event, and approval of the Supervisor of Operations of the Pitman Police Department.*

Event: **Fall Craft Show***

Dates: September 19, 2020 – Rain date September 20, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact Person: Lisa Morgey, Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

Location: Broadway from Laurel to Holly, Ballard Avenue and Park & along first block of Pitman Avenue

Roll Call:

Motion: Rudley

Second: James

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

**Approval is contingent upon conformance with the restrictions set in place by Governor Murphy as they pertain to the COVID-19 Pandemic guidelines at the time of the event, the submission of a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured, and approval of the Supervisor of Operations of the Pitman Police Department.*

Event: **Tree Treasure Hunt***

Dates: May 27, 2020 – June 2, 2020

Contact Person: Patrice Sheehan/Pitman Environmental Commission

Location: Betty Park

Following discussion among members of Council, this Event Permit Application was removed from the agenda and will be added to the June 8, 2020 agenda.

Event: **PHS All Sports Banquet***

Dates: TBD

Time: TBD

Contact Person: Greg Leach

Location: Alcyon Park

Motion: Rudley

Second: Mazzola

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

**Approval is contingent upon conformance with the restrictions set in place by Governor Murphy as they pertain to the COVID-19 Pandemic guidelines at the time of the event, the submission of a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured, and approval of the Supervisor of Operations of the Pitman Police Department as to the date and time yet to be determined.*

Signage Application – Event Canceled, application removed from agenda.

Event: **Pitman Garden Tour***

Dates: June 13, 2020 – Rain date: June 14, 2020

Contact Person: Guy Groff/Pitman Garden Club

Location: Borough gardens maintained by the Garden Club; First Ave., Ballard Park, Library

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Fitzpatrick

Second: James

Time: 8:12 p.m.

Patrice Sheehan, 448 Lake Avenue – Ms. Sheehan said that she appreciated the kind words that were spoken on her behalf earlier in the meeting. She said that Pitman has many fantastic volunteers and that it was her pleasure to have worked with them and for the community.

(Note: Ms. Sheehan will be moving out-of-state over the summer)

Motion to close the public portion: Blass
Time: 8:17 p.m.

Second: Rudley

Miscellaneous

The Borough Clerk reminded members of Council that the NJDOT Grant application period closes on July 1, 2020. Potential road improvements or bicycle pathway projects should be suggested to the Clerk prior to the June 8, 2020 meeting of Mayor and Council. The Borough is permitted to submit two applications.

Adjournment

Motion: James
Time: 8:21 p.m.

Second: Mazzola

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator