

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2021**

Call to Order

Time: 8:04 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Invocation

Council President Blass

Open Public Meetings Act Statement - Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of the time and date of this meeting was published in the South Jersey Times on January 7, 2021, posted on the Borough Hall front door, and advertised on the Borough of Pitman website continuously since January 7, 2021.

Roll Call

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Work Session and Formal Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2021

Motion: James

Second: Mazzola

Roll Call:

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

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

Council Reports

Councilwoman James

2021 Liaison: Parks & Recreation, Public Events, Library Board, Chamber of Commerce, Task Force on Diversity & Inclusion

Parks & Recreation

Youth Week is coming up next week! The first event is our Youth Council Meeting next Sunday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Hall. The Parks & Recreation Department has events scheduled all week long for kids of all ages. Please make sure to check out the full list of events on the Borough website on the Parks & Recreation page, Youth Week 2021 tab. https://www.pitman.org/departments/parks___recreation/youth_week_2021.php

Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce had their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 20. The Board is excited to be able to host events this summer including Fourth Fridays and weekly Pop-Up Parks.

Task Force on Diversity & Inclusion

The Task Force on Diversity & Inclusion held its monthly meeting on April 22 at 7:00 p.m. They are in the process of finalizing their report and plan to present the final report to Council on Monday, June 28.

As always, I am available to answer any questions or concerns via email at vanessa.james@pitman.org or by phone at 336-407-8604.

Councilman Weng

The following is my report for the Council meeting being held this evening, Monday, April 26, 2021. Please let me know if you need any clarification or have any questions.

- The Pitman Police Department will be conducting First-Responder First Aid and CPR training in May to meet and continue certification requirements for all officers. Chief McAteer would like to thank PPD Officer Tom McEvoy for assistance in setting up this specialized training with the County and for his part in the training.
- Chief McAteer and Pitman School Superintendent, Dr. Patrick McAleer have been meeting from time to time over the past few months about the continued guidelines and allowances set forth by the State of New Jersey during the ongoing pandemic about the Pitman Schools, coordinating schedules and coverage of Crossing Guards, and the School Resource Officers. Chief McAteer would like to thank Dr. McAleer for his continued cooperation and partnership in the many areas that they work together.

Listed below are the results from the 2021 Distracted Driver Patrol Grant which was held between April 2 and April 17, 2021:

- There were seventy-five motor vehicle stops
- There were seventy-four traffic summons' issued
- There was one DWI arrest
- There was one vehicle impounded

The following statistics reflect the month of March 2021:

Calls for service in March:	1,342
Investigation Reports:	40
Arrests:	9
Motor Vehicle Stops:	161

Councilman Blass

Economic Development Committee

The Economic Development Committee met via Zoom on April 15. Nick Aspras, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board spoke to the EDC about their role in dealing with businesses. The committee then discussed fine-tuning the roles of its subcommittees.

Sustainable Pitman

Sustainable Pitman met via Zoom on April 22. The group submitted a grant application to help implement a composting program. The proposal includes involving local businesses. More to come when the grant is awarded.

Public Works

Since our last meeting, the Highway Department

- Collected twelve loads of trash
- Collected seven loads of recyclables
- Collected four truckloads of bulk trash
- Collected 236.5 yards of brush
- Collected 66 yards of leaves
- Spent five hours grinding leaves and brush for mulch
- Spent seven hours patching and repairing potholes and sink holes
- Delivered twenty yards of mulch to residents
- Spent twenty-eight hours mowing and weed whacking
- Dropped off a truck for yard debris to three residents and picked up the next day

The Water and Sewer Department

- Performed twenty-nine water and sewer mark-out requests
- Plunged out five sewer stoppages
- Performed routine well work, (painting, cleaning, etc.)
- Took water samples
- Read seventeen meters for settlement
- Re-read four meters for billing questions
- Replaced eight-meter bodies
- Upgraded nine-meter heads
- Opened water tower for AT&T
- Ran two data logger reports from the leak report, ahead of billing

Mr. Rodi continued spot inspections of recycling containers. He again noted that most people try to follow the proper procedures. When a tote is full of “contaminants” it is wheeled back to the home and an explanation is provided. Remember the mantra from Public Works is, “When in doubt, throw it out.” Last week, I toured the Public Works yard and saw firsthand a “contaminated” load of brush. According to the State Department of Environmental Protection, grass clippings cannot be mixed with brush. The concern is that the grass might have residual pesticides in it. If, at all possible, please mulch your grass as you cut the lawn. If you must bag the clippings, please throw them in the regular black trash can.

Councilman Mazzola

Board of Education

It was just announced that the Pitman High School Prom is ON and will be held on May 13 for Juniors and Seniors! Please feel free to reach out to me or refer to the communications that went out for more details.

A couple of reminders to Mayor & Council:

Financial Disclosure Statements are due by April 30. Administrator O'Donnell had sent information last week via email. Completion of this statement is mandatory and is subject to a fine if it is not submitted.

JIF Elected Officials Training is due by May 1 to receive a \$250 credit on the Borough's premium.

Councilman Fitzpatrick

Combined Planning and Zoning Board

The Combined Planning and Zoning Board met on April 19, 2021. There were two Historic District applications,

which were approved, and three variance applications. Two were approved and one was delayed until next month.

The Zoning Officer reviewed twenty-four permits during the month. He also investigated seven possible Zoning and Historic District violations. The Planning and Zoning Board members discussed the new cannabis regulations, and their recommendations will be discussed at the Work Session on April 26. The Chicken Pilot Program draft ordinance will be discussed at the next Planning Board meeting. There was also a discussion about the ordinance changes for electric vehicle charging stations.

The next Planning and Zoning Board meeting is on May 17 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will most likely be in person, all are welcome to attend.

Councilwoman Rudley

Environmental Commission

The Environmental Commission held a successful Earth Day event on April 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Ballard Park. Enormous thanks to the volunteers who worked hard to set up, break down, and work the event, as well as to our fabulous environmentally conscious residents who joined us that day.

Special thanks go to Julia, our youngest and most enthusiastic volunteer of the day.

The Environmental Commission will meet for its regularly scheduled meeting on May 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Senior Outreach Committee

Senior Outreach met via telephone for its regularly scheduled meeting on April 15. We discussed the pop-up park planned for June 24 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and our plans moving forward to in-person meetings.

Memorabilia Committee

The Memorabilia Committee will meet for its regularly scheduled meeting on May 4 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the Grove Auditorium due to COVID restrictions. We will be discussing the 150th Anniversary of the First Pitman Camp Meeting, please join us if you'd like to be involved.

Glassboro-Camden Line

Councilman Weng, Councilman Fitzpatrick, and I have teamed up regarding the GCL to ensure that we remain well informed, involved, and prepared on behalf of our residents. We will be working together to ensure that we maximize any positive impact and minimize any negative impact to Pitman.

Town-Wide Yard Sale

Anyone interested in participating in the Town-Wide yard sale on June 5, please feel free to email me. We currently have fifty-eight homes signed up for the event and I am hopeful that our business district will join in the fun by offering some sidewalk sales and specials of their own.

Please feel free to e-mail or call me anytime with any issues. My cell remains 609-214-6342 and my e-mail is amy.rudley@pitman.org

New Business

No new business

Payment of Bills

Motion: Mazzola Second: James
Roll Call:
Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilwoman James: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Abstains to #40442; votes to approve all others
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes
Mayor Razze _____

Event Permit Applications

***Event: Saxophone Quartet Concert** (Instagram Livestream)

Date: Saturday, May 15, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Sunset Auditorium

Sponsor: Larry Diehlman

Motion: James 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 _____

**Approved contingent upon providing a signed Facilities Use Form for the Sunset Auditorium*

Event: Jazz Band Concert

Date: Monday, May 24, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Ballard Park

Sponsor: Pitman High School Jazz Band; Jon Botbyl

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 Razze _____

Event: Town-Wide Yard Sale

Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Shertel Park, along Laurel Avenue

Sponsor: Borough of Pitman; Amy Rudley, Coordinator

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 Razze _____

Event: Comedy & Variety Shows

Date: Various dates, June through August; see Event Permit Application

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Location: Sunset Auditorium

Sponsor: Pitman Revitalization Corp.; Benjamin Leis

Motion: James

Second: Mazzola

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Abstain

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razzo: _____

Event: Workshop/Conference with Speaker

Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Sunset Auditorium

Sponsor: First Baptist Church of Pitman/Pitman Council of Churches

Motion: Rudley

Second: Mazzola

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Abstain

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razzo _____

**Approved contingent upon providing a signed Facilities Use Form for the Sunset Auditorium and providing a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured.*

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Mazzola

Second: James

Time: 8:29 p.m.

Nick Aspras, 415 Poinsett Avenue – Mr. Aspras announced that Pitman resident Madeline Brewer has a new movie coming out in theaters today.

Motion to close the public portion: Mazzola

Second: Fitzpatrick

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Blass

Second: James

Time: 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O’Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator

