

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2021**

Call to Order

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Invocation

Mayor Razze

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 Razze: Present
Clerk O'Donnell: Present

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

Approval of Minutes

Work Session and Closed Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2021

Motion: Blass

Second: James

Roll Call:

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

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

Council Reports

Council President Paul Blass

Council President Blass congratulated Councilwoman-Elect Courtney Milward and Councilman-Elect Vince Kelly on their election to Borough Council.

Sustainable Pitman

Council President Blass announced that the Borough's Sustainable Pitman group has achieved Bronze Certification from Sustainable New Jersey. They hope to achieve Silver Certification status next year.

Edward J. Campbell War Memorial

The local Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have donated two benches to the Edward J. Campbell War Memorial in Ballard Park. The dedication was held on Saturday, October 30, 2021.

Public Works

Highway Department: October 11, 2021 – November 5, 2021

- Twenty-nine loads of trash collected totaling 301.67 tons
- Sixteen loads of recyclables collected totaling 70.10 tons
- Brush collected totaled 236 yards
- Leaves collected totaled 315 yards
- Bulk trash collected totaled eleven truck loads; tonnage included in trash total
- Replaced and repaired street signs throughout the Borough as needed
- Five hours patching and repairing potholes and sink holes.
- Ran street sweeper for eight hours
- Spent sixteen hours mowing and weed whacking
- Repaired trash/recycle cans at various locations
- Dropped off a truck for yard debris to five residences and picked up the next day
- Performed forty curbside inspections per week of recycling containers
- Dropped off barricades for Food Truck Festival
- Performed outside maintenance and debris clean up in front of Borough Hall
- Ran Sweeper for resident at 6 Kenton Avenue from work done by South Jersey Gas

Solid Waste Collection for the Month of October 2021

- Twenty-four loads to Wheelabrator totaling 281.61 tons, at \$73.85 per ton, for a cost of \$ 21,641.75
- Five loads to Gloucester County Landfill totaling 53.52 tons, at \$77.17 per ton, for a cost of \$4,130.13

Total: 335.13 tons

Total Cost: \$ 25,771.88

Recycling Report for October 2021

- Collected nineteen loads of Single Stream Recycling totaling 70.60 tons, less \$700.00 penalty for plastic bags, total to Borough \$2,190.72
- Three loads of metal to Sims Metal totaling 2.12 tons, total to Borough \$429.00
- Mulch and brush hauled to various locations totaled 258 cubic yards; cost \$2,322.00

Water and Sewer Department: October 11, 2021 – November 5, 2021

- Performed thirty-six water and sewer mark out requests
- Plunged out three sewer stoppages
- Performed routine maintenance at wells (painting, cleaning)
- Collected water samples

- Read twenty-six meters for real estate settlements
- Replaced nine meter bodies
- Upgraded twenty-four meter heads
- Turned water off and on at various locations
- Opened water tower for AT&T
- Dropped off extra meter for 509 Mansfield Avenue
- Installed four fire hydrants
- Reviewed three Meter Data Logger Reports for billing issues

Councilwoman Amy Rudley

Environmental Commission

The Environmental Commission met during its regular date and time on Thursday of last week. The Commission will meet again on the first Thursday in December, at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall.

Senior Outreach Committee

The Senior Outreach Committee is holding an open house with the members of the VFW on November 17, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the VFW building. Come meet fellow 55+ residents of Pitman and enjoy playing games and snacks.

Memorabilia Committee

Thank you to Council President Blass for attending the Memorabilia Committee meeting on Wednesday evening in my place, so that I could spend a few days visiting with family.

Public Property

A tree infested with Spotted Lantern Flies will be removed shortly from Fourth Avenue. It is on public property and the tree is an invasive species of tree and is in poor health. Thank you to Councilman Weng for bringing this tree to my attention.

Should you need to reach me, please feel free to contact me at amy.rudley@pitman.org or via my cell at 609-214-6342.

Councilman Matt Weng

Police Department

Chief McAteer and Director Weng would like to thank the entire community for coming out to support the PPD K-9 Food Truck Fundraiser. It was a beautiful night and made successful by the outpouring of support from the community. We would like to especially thank the Parks and Recreation Department and Pitman Public Works for their hard work and dedication.

Chief McAteer has begun the certification program in Diversity and Inclusion at Cornell University. All classes are virtual.

With the holiday season approaching, Chief McAteer and Director Weng would like to remind everyone to drive safely and make good choices. The PPD will have added patrols on our roadways enforcing motor vehicle laws to keep Pitman safe.

Councilman Adam Mazzola
Finance Office

Councilman Mazzola provided an explanation of the Bond Ordinances that are on the agenda for second reading and final adoption at this meeting. He further explained measures taken by Council in their goal to not raise taxes in 2021.

Clean Communities Grant

Councilman Mazzola reviewed the recent clean ups performed in the Borough by non-profit groups. He urged other non-profits seeking funds to contact him about performing a cleanup event with their members.

Councilwoman Vanessa E. James

2021 Liaison: Parks and Recreation, Public Events, Library Board of Trustees, Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

Parks and Recreation

All basketball programs are on, as of now, and they will begin the first week in December. Director Fox recently met with a construction company and is working to get quotes so that all options can be weighed to repair the Shertel Park Tennis Courts.

Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

The Pitman Winter Village returns to Uptown Pitman for the holiday season. It will take place on Saturday, December 4, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Ballard Avenue and in Ballard Park.

The Chamber will also be selling house flags and ornaments this holiday season, both displaying the “Small Town With A Big Heart” logo.

The GPCC is currently looking into purchasing a cleaning station for Theatre Avenue.

The next meeting of the Chamber will be held on Tuesday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Hall.

McCowan Memorial Library

Thanks to all the local businesses who donated candy for the children’s Halloween Parade this year and thanks to Mayor and Council for their assistance in handing out candy.

During the month of September 2021, 3215 people visited McCowan Memorial Library and there were 110 internet users. There were fourteen live children’s programs with a combined

attendance of 158 people.

During the month of October 2021, 2810 people visited McCowan Memorial Library and there were 115 internet users. There were twenty-seven live children's programs with a combined attendance of 271 people.

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 John Fitzpatrick

Councilman Fitzpatrick announced that the new tax assessments for Borough homes and commercial properties will be mailed soon from the Gloucester County Tax Assessors Office. Residents who would like to have an informal meeting with the County Assessor's Office to discuss their assessment, should contact the Assessor's Office to make an appointment. Appointments will be scheduled until December 15, 2021. After that date, residents and business property owners may file a formal appeal.

Construction Office

During the month of October, the Construction Office issued forty Building Permits, two Demolition Permits, two Certificates of Occupancy and twenty-eight Certificates of Approval. Fees collected for permits totaled \$8,234.00.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance No. 11, 2021 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, Amending Ordinance No. 12, 2020 Establishing the Salaries and Wages for Employees of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, for the Year 2021 and Forward

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Motion to open to the public: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Time: 8:10 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public comment: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Time: 8:10 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

Ordinance No. 12, 2021 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, Appropriating the Sum of \$45,000.00 From the Fire Safety Trust Fund for the Acquisition of Various Equipment for the Fire Safety Department (Weng)

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Weng

Second: Mazzola

Motion to open to the public: Weng

Second: Mazzola

Time: 8:11 p.m.

Gregg Collinsworth, 431 West Avenue – Mr. Collinsworth asked what would be done with the old vehicle currently being used by the Fire Safety Office.

Mayor Razze stated that in discussion of the purchase of the new vehicle it was determined that the old vehicle will be transferred to the Fire Department for use by the Borough Fire Chief.

Motion to close public comment: Weng

Second: Mazzola

Time: 8:12 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

Ordinance No. 13, 2021 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Pieces of Equipment in and for the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$940,500.00 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$895,500.00 Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Motion to open to the public: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Time: 8:13 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public comment: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Time: 8:13 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Razzo: _____

Councilman Fitzpatrick: No

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Ordinance No. 14, 2021 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Various Equipment and Completion of Various Improvements to the Water and Sewer Utility System in the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$205,000.00 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$205,000.00 Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Motion to open to the public: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Time: 8:15 p.m.

Kevin Austin, 562 Florence Avenue - Mr. Austin said that speaking as a former member of Council, he is surprised that the Borough is doing more bonding.

David Hoh, 101 Colonial Avenue – Mr. Hoh asked if there is a better way to finance projects, such as adding funds to the budget. He also asked if all the purchases bonded for are necessary at this time. Mayor Razzo responded that all proposed purchases were evaluated by Council and Council determined what was necessary.

Motion to close public comment: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Time: 8:19 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Razzo: _____

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

New Business

Consent Agenda – All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by this Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Resolution No. 158, 2021 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Adopting Personnel Policies and Procedures

Resolution No. 160, 2021 – 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 – U Text, U Drive, U Pay Grant

Resolution No. 161, 2021 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Refund of Recording Fees – 202 West Avenue - \$50.00

Resolution No. 162, 2021 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes – 650 W. Holly Avenue - \$250.00

Resolution No. 163, 2021 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Submission of a Strategic Plan for the Pitman Municipal Alliance Grant for Year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Resolution No. 164, 2021 – 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 Pest Control Services: 349 Boulevard Avenue - \$65.00

Resolution No. 165, 2021 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Refund of Electrical Permit Fees Collected by the Borough of Pitman From Charles Lang: 513 Ardmore Avenue - \$65.00

Resolution No. 166, 2021 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing 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 Butter Ball Fundraiser for the Fire Hall Maintenance and Equipment Fund to be Held at Highland Chemical Engine Company on November 24, 2021

Resolution No. 167, 2021 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Public Sale of Tax Sale Certificates

Resolution No. 158, 2021 and Resolution No. 160, 2021 – Resolution No. 167, 2021
Motion: Blass
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

Payment of Bills

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Abstains to #50886 and #18250; approves all other items on list

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Abstains to #50874, #50893 and #18234; approves all other items

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razzo _____

Event Permits

Event: 2021 Santa Parade

Date: Saturday, November 27, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. (Rain date: Mon., November 29 at 7:00 p.m.)

Location: Broadway, Lambs Road to Ballard Park

Sponsor: Pitman Parade Committee/Borough of Pitman

Contact Person: Michael Razzo

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 Razzo: _____

Mayor Razzo mentioned that there will be a Quiet Zone in the parade route.

Event: Movie Night

Date and Time: November 13, 2021; 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Location: Sunset Auditorium

Contact Person: Brian Hamilton

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 Razzo: _____

Event: Pitman Bucks Sale

Date and Time: Saturday, November 27, 2021: 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Borough Hall

Sponsor: Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

Contact Person: Jenny Mazzola/Vanessa James

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Abstain

Councilman Mazzola: Abstain

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Raze: _____

Event: Holiday Sing-Along

Date and Time: Saturday, December 11, 2021: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Grove Auditorium

Sponsor: Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

Contact Person: Vanessa James

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Abstain

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Raze: _____

Raffle License Application

Event: Off-Premises Raffle

Date and Time: January 17, 2022; 8:30 p.m.

Location: Highland Chemical Engine Company

Sponsor: Highland Chemical Engine Company

Contact Person: Jeff Penuel

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 Raze: _____

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Blass

Second: James

Time: 8:27 p.m.

Patrick Rumaker, 41 Simpson Avenue – Mr. Rumaker stated that in addition to the photo of Mr. Kelly, there have been posts made by him more recently that represent out of date ideas

about the transgender community. Mr. Rumaker read a statement prepared by the PRIDE Alliance and concluded that he does not have confidence in Mr. Kelly as a Councilman.

Laurie Brewer, 132 N. Brentwood Avenue – Ms. Brewer stated that she is opposed to the racially insensitive photo of Mr. Kelly and his racially hurtful comments, stating that Pitman “needs to grow”. Ms. Brewer said that PARC recommends the creation and implementation of a standing committee to promote diversity and inclusion, and that all members of Council should receive training on promoting diversity and inclusion.

Mayor Razze responded that a sample ordinance was distributed by Councilwoman James in the Work Session on the creation of such a committee, and that Council members will receive training.

Loretta Winters, President, Gloucester County NAACP, 2019 Jonas Kane Road, Williamstown – Ms. Winters offered assistance to the Borough in helping with the issue at hand. She said that she was very impressed with Pitman last year as a participant in marches that were held promoting the Black Lives Matter movement and the George Floyd protest march. Ms. Winters said that the NAACP works for the civil rights of all people and said that the NAACP organization will assist with any training needed by the Borough. Ms. Winters concluded by saying that Mr. Kelly’s comments on Facebook are a major problem for the Borough and pointed out that there is already a problem in Pitman. She urged all present to work together in accepting inclusion and promoting diversity.

Mark Papadopoulos, 143 Glen Lake Avenue – Mr. Papadopoulos asked for an update on the conditions at Glen Lake with maintenance.

Councilwoman James said that a meeting is planned the following morning with Mr. McCleish, Mayor Razze, Parks and Recreation Director Andy Fox, Shade Tree Commissioner Josh Hitchner, and herself to formulate a plan to care for the lake and surrounding shore.

Mr. Papadopoulos said that the lake needs a lot of attention, as does the dam at the end.

Refused Name - Resident asked what the status is of correcting the water quality to the residents of Magnolia Avenue, saying that the water still runs dirty even with daily flushing of the hydrants. She said that she has sent out samples to a private testing company. Also, the resident stated that this current issue with Mr. Kelly’s Facebook posts is a Pitman issue that should be dealt with by Pitman people.

Barry Owen, 508 Pitman Avenue – In referring to the recent General Election, Mr. Owen said that he is aware of Pitman residents that now live out of state but continue to vote using an absentee ballot. He said that individuals should not be sent a ballot if they are not a resident.

Laurie Brewer, 132 N. Brentwood Avenue – Ms. Brewer said that in assuming Mr. Owen’s comments were directed at her and in reference to her children, she said that her children are in transient status; they are not a resident anywhere.

Beth Georgette, 513 Crafton Avenue – Ms. Georgette said that she welcomes help from the NAACP in educating residents.

Sandy Kelly, 139 W. Holly Avenue – Mr. Kelly, referring to Mayor Razzo’s letter to residents prior to the election where Mayor Razzo refers to Pitman’s past in positive terms, said that much of Pitman’s past has many instances of not being a welcoming community to many diverse groups of people.

Mayor Razzo said that in his letter he was referring to the uniqueness of Pitman, and that Pitman was a community of character. He said that he does not deny there were other issues present, but that there were also good people who cared about each other and helped each other. That was the message he was putting out to residents. Mayor Razzo also expressed concern about the expansion of Rowan University student housing into rental properties in Pitman, such as what has happened in Glassboro. He said that he does not want Pitman to lose families and being known as a family community.

Mr. Kelly asked if Mayor Razzo supports the LGBTQ community and if he plans to establish a Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Mayor Razzo responded yes to both questions.

Amanda Budd, 410 N. Oak Avenue – Ms. Budd asked why Pitman doesn’t have a curfew for juveniles, saying that their recent conduct late at night is dangerous for everyone, especially the elderly and the juveniles themselves.

Borough Solicitor Krachun said that curfews have been struck down by courts throughout the state and Councilman Weng mentioned that the Municipal Court Prosecutor strikes down the charges brought to the courts by police officers, and that at this time the Pitman Police Department is trying to address issues with “station house adjustments.”

Chief McAteer said that station house and curbside adjustments are being conducted routinely for juveniles and adults. He said that he wishes charges could be brought and spoke of the frustration this presents for the Police department. Mayor Razzo said that Facebook posts of unlawful behavior will not solve the problem; residents must call 911 when incidents are occurring.

Beth McIlvaine, 818 S. Broadway – Ms. McIlvaine asked if the formation of a Neighborhood Watch is permitted. Chief McAteer said that he is interested in listening to the residents that would like to discuss a Neighborhood Watch, but in the end the best thing that can be done is to call the Police at the time of the occurrence.

Judy Walker, 503 Hudson Avenue – Ms. Walker is in favor of Diversity and Inclusion training and urges Council to move quickly. To Mayor Razze she said that to refer to Pitman’s past is not a good message for some people to hear.

Steve Pakradooni, 108 Raymond Drive, Sewell – Mr. Pakradooni said that he was proud that the voters of Gloucester County elected a black man to serve as Gloucester County Sheriff.

Tom Robinson, 581 Lambs Road – Mr. Robinson said that he is not hearing anyone speak about tolerance at this meeting. He urged the inclusion of all people.

Eileen Salmon, 25 Cedar Avenue – Ms. Salmon complimented the Mayor’s letter. She said that twenty-five years ago she was a member of the Strategic Planning Committee for Pitman Schools. She said that Pitman is unique in many ways and cited Pitman’s festivities as part of the unique traditions mentioned in the letter.

Pete DeGeorge, 31 Grandview Avenue – Mr. DeGeorge stated that he identifies as a Christian conservative, and that is another side of community that needs to be heard. He said that the American people are tired, and that it is possible for people to come together.

Tyler McIlvaine, 818 S. Broadway – Mr. McIlvaine said people should stop looking backward and that Mr. Kelly should be judged on who he is now not on the past.

Russ Johnson, 103 Cyrus Avenue – Mr. Johnson referred to what he called a Facebook attack on Mayor Razze’s letter to Pitman residents. He stated that the letter was written because of campaign literature from the Democratic Party which he said was misleading about the Borough surplus used in the annual municipal budgets.

Councilman Mazzola said that he objected to the letter because the Borough CFO warned against using surplus, but also said that the Borough was financially healthy.

Mr. Johnson said that while he was a member of Council and Mayor, the CFO cautioned Council about using surplus and not raising taxes to replenish what was used. He stated once again that he objects to Mayor Razze being taken to task for his letter.

Sylvia Richardson, 138 N. Brentwood Avenue – Ms. Richardson said that what Vince Kelly has done in his past influences people who live in the town. She said that she was raised in Pitman, moved as an adult, and when she later wanted to move back, as a woman of color she was not allowed to live where she wanted to live and ended up back in her family home where she continues to reside. Ms. Richardson said that there are Black people who are reluctant to move to Pitman due to past practices. She concluded by saying that the election does affect Pitman when Mr. Kelly can run and win, and she feels he should not be on Council.

Scott McIlvaine, 818 S. Broadway – Mr. McIlvaine said he has worn black face in the past but it was just a dress-up. He said it is wrong if it is done as a racist act, but not as just a dress up.

David Grossman, 42 Arbutus Avenue – Mr. Grossman asked if a resident could file a civil suit against a child or their parents for damages to property done by the child?

Jeffrey Knauss, 222 Embury Avenue – Mr. Knauss said that he was offended by the part of the Mayor’s letter where he referred to maintaining the unique past of Pitman. Mr. Knauss asked why these particular candidates were chosen to run.

Mayor Razze responded that he was referring to the loss of neighborhoods; absentee property owners was the issue he was addressing. When he referred to character, he was referring to neighborhoods and family.

Kevin Austin, 562 Florence Avenue – Mr. Austin asked how Mayor Razze’s letter became about the past when it was written to address the issue of Council spending.

Dave Collinsworth, 511 West Avenue – Mr. Collinsworth said that he has known Vince Kelly for many years and that he is not a mean spirited person. He was just having fun with a Flava Flav costume on Halloween and that a person’s character is what should be considered in life.

Hap McCleish, 128 Glen Lake Avenue – Mr. McCleish said that the political letter sent by Mayor Razze is no different than other political letters that have been sent by other political parties. Referring to the suspension of the overnight parking ordinance, Mr. McCleish said that it should be lifted due to the results of the public question on the recent election ballot. The Borough should follow the ordinance that is in place.

Chief McAteer said that he made the decision to suspend the enforcement due to the pandemic and meeting the needs of the community at that time. He stated that the Police Department has performed several audits and has found that there are 600-700 cars parked on the street nightly. He said that from the Thanksgiving holiday through New Year, parking will continue to be permitted overnight on Borough streets. After the New Year, it will be addressed.

Jackie Tiger-Williams, 508 Boulevard Avenue – Ms. Tiger-Williams, a Washington Township school teacher, thanked Ms. Winters for her help in their schools with Diversity and Inclusion education. She said that Pitman has good people, but there is still work to be done. Since moving here, she said that she has seen Pitman grow and talking and listening is good. She concluded by saying that everyone can do better.

Mike Grillo, 155 West Avenue – Mr. Grillo said that he understands Mayor Razze’s intention in his letter but pointed out that it is hard to grow up in a small community as an “odddity and queer”, but that it should be noted that there are individuals from the community who have left with no intention of coming back due to some current attitudes.

