

BOROUGH OF PITMAN  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
OCTOBER 12, 2021

**Call to Order**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

**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

**Discussion**

Motion to Open Discussion: Blass  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Second: Rudley

**Capital Purchases: Eighth Avenue and Magnolia Avenue**

Council President Blass stated that following communication with CFO Considine, he is proposing that the Eighth Avenue Drainage Improvement Project and the Magnolia Avenue Water Main Project be added to the list of 2021 capital projects to be bonded for. Council President Blass said that CFO Considine suggested that three separate bond ordinances would be needed.

Water/Sewer - \$205,000.00 in total

#1 General Capital - \$940,500.00 in total

#2 General Capital - \$45,000.00 in total to be paid for from the Fire Safety Trust Fund

Members of Council agreed to authorize CFO Considine to move forward with obtaining the funding for the proposed 2021 Capital Projects.

**Youth Advisory Council**

Council President Blass presented the proposed By-Laws of the Borough of Pitman Youth Advisory Council for review by Borough Council members. Mayor Razze suggested that membership could be open to eighth grade students as well as high school students, with Councilman Weng agreeing to open it to Pitman Middle School students. Members of Council agreed to include eighth grade students as being eligible to participate.

Mayor Razze suggested that the program be organized and run as a sponsored program under the Borough's Recreation Department, and he hoped that it could be in place for this 2021-2022 school year. Council President Blass volunteered to help with getting the program established.

**433 Woodbury Road Contract**

Borough Solicitor Krachun reviewed the contract to be entered into by the Borough and 433 Woodbury LLC who desire to connect to the Borough’s water and sewer system for their property which is located in Mantua but does not have access to the Township of Mantua’s service lines. The connections include one sewer line and two water lines, one for potable water and the other for a fire suppression system.

Solicitor Krachun said that the contract addresses all requirements required by the Borough and that he is satisfied that all requirements benefit the Borough of Pitman.

**Consent Agenda Review**

Borough Solicitor Krachun explained the change to the format of the Formal Council Meeting Agenda. Going forward, items that can be voted as a group will be done so in the form of a Consent Agenda.

**Miscellaneous**

**Event Permit**

Council President Blass said that he has become aware of the proposed closing of the last block of Linden Avenue for a Pep Rally to take place in front of Pitman High School this Friday, October 15, 2021. He stated that he is not aware of an Event Permit being submitted for the closure and asked if Council would consider approving the closure from Glenmere to Edgemoor pending submission of the appropriate paperwork including a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough as Additional Insured for the event.

Motion: James

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Abandoned Property Tax Sale**

Councilman Fitzpatrick proposed bundling several properties to be auctioned as one unit in a municipal tax sale. The three properties are located on Northwest Avenue, Boulevard Avenue, and Second Avenue. Borough Solicitor Krachun agreed that to sell as a bundle is possible and that the worst scenario would be if the buyer was to become delinquent on the taxes causing the properties to be sold again by the Borough in tax sale. He will prepare a resolution to auction the properties for the October 25, 2021, meeting.

Motion to close discussion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Time: 7:36 p.m.

**Public Portion**

Motion to open to the public: James

Second: Fitzpatrick

Time: 7:36 p.m.

**Walt Madison, 152 West Avenue** – Mr. Madison expressed his appreciation for the recent paving of Simpson Avenue.

**Michael Gallo, 155 West Avenue** – (inaudible)

Motion to close public portion: Rudley  
Time: 7:38 p.m.

Second: Mazzola

**Adjournment**

Motion: Blass  
Time: 7:38 p.m.

Second: Rudley

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell  
Borough Clerk/Administrator