

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2022**

Call to Order

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Invocation

Council President Fitzpatrick

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 6, 2022, posted on the Borough Hall front door, and advertised on the Borough of Pitman website continuously since January 6, 2022.

Roll Call

Council President Fitzpatrick: Present
Councilman Kelly: Present
Councilwoman Milward: Present
Mayor Razze: Present
Borough Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Councilperson James: Present
Councilman Mazzola: Absent
Councilman Weng: Absent
Borough Solicitor Vigilante: Present

Approval of Minutes

Work Session, Closed Work Session, and Council Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2022

Motion: Milward

Second: Kelly

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Kelly: Yes
Councilwoman Milward: Yes
Mayor Razze _____

Councilperson James: Abstain
Councilman Mazzola: Absent
Councilman Weng: Absent

Council Reports

Councilwoman Milward

Miss Pitman Pageant

Congratulations to all the girls who participated in the 66th Annual Miss Pitman Pageant! Each contestant worked so hard and should be proud of their accomplishments! Congratulations Sophie Winters, our 2022 Miss Pitman!

Pitman Police Department

On July 20, 2022 and July 21, 2022, Sergeant Streater, Corporal Parker, Corporal Pierson, Patrol Officer Baker, Patrol Officer Khoury, and Class II Officer McEvoy will attend Resiliency Training at the Gloucester Country Police Academy.

June 2022 Pitman Police Department statistics:

Total Calls: 1520

Total Motor Vehicle Stops: 152

Total Motor Vehicle Summonses: 38

Total Motor Vehicle Warnings: 18
Total Arrests: 5
Total Motor Vehicle Crashes: 7
Total Incident calls for the year 2022, January through June: 9,796

The Pitman Police Department would like to congratulate the Borough for another great 4th of July combination of events without any major issues. The run, parade, and fireworks were wonderful.

The Pitman Fishing League is approaching its half-way point and it's going really well. The Pitman Police Department would like to thank Director Andy Fox and Chief Daniel McAteer for their help.

Pitman Fire Department

Pitman Fire Company No. 1 responded to twenty-one incidents, for nine hours and three minutes of service. A total of 124 volunteer members responded providing a total of 1,122 hours and 20 minutes of "personnel hours" and accrued eight hours of training throughout four drill nights. In June, the Company conducted annual hose testing where 7,855 feet of hose was assessed, and thirteen ground ladders were inspected and tested. One of the Fire Police vehicles had repairs made to the radiator and the vehicle was placed back in service. The Company also prepared for the 4th of July events.

The Pitman Fire Department is always looking for help. If there is any interest in volunteering please stop by one of the fire stations for more information

The Pitman Fire Department is always looking for members to participate in the Junior Program. The age to participate in the Junior Program is 14 to 17 years old. For more information, please reach out to district28explorers@gmail.com or through Pitman Fire Department Junior Firefighters on Facebook.

Senior Outreach Committee

The Senior Outreach Committee hosted the Maurice River Boat Cruise today, where attendees had the opportunity to see eagle sightings, osprey, otters, historic sites and more! Our next Senior Outreach event will be held on July 18, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at VFW Post 6469, located at 142 Oakcrest Avenue. Games, prizes, and a light lunch will be served. We invite all Pitman Seniors to attend! Senior Outreach will continue to meet on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room in Borough Hall. If you are interested in staying up to date with our 2022 Senior Outreach events, please contact Lucille Petrillo by phone (856) 357-2286, or email lucelu16@yahoo.com, or follow on Facebook [Pitman Senior Outreach](#). I want to remind our residents that the Senior Bus schedule for July can be found on the Borough of Pitman website www.pitman.org.

As always, you can reach me anytime at courtney.milward@pitman.org or (856) 716 - 4249.

Council President Fitzpatrick

Combined Planning and Zoning Board

At their last meeting on June 27, 2022, Council passed a resolution to designate the former Sony property as a Condemnation Redevelopment area. There is a meeting this week with a potential buyer of the property.

Sustainable Pitman

Sustainable Pitman is having their Pop-up Park on July 28 in Ballard Park. They will have electric vehicles on display and items from other projects the committee is working on.

Clean Communities Grant

If any nonprofit organization is interested in applying for a Clean Communities Grant, print the application from the Borough's website and send or email it to Council President Fitzpatrick. You may also drop it off at Borough Hall.

Councilperson Vanessa E. James

Parks and Recreation

The summer Parks and Recreation programs are in full swing. A huge thanks to Director Fox, our Parks and Recreation Department personnel and all the volunteers who make it possible to have so many fun events available over the summer.

Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber was thrilled to award over \$10,000 in funds to our 2022 Business Grant recipients! The program was very well-received by the community and recipients have expressed the many ways the grants have changed their businesses this year.

The following grants were awarded:

Covid Startup Grant (4): Boho House Hair Salon, Wonder Time, Gem Life Collective, The Artisan Marshmallow Co.

Façade Grant (2): Sweet Crumbs, Endgrain Coffee

Sign/Awning Grant (3): Alchemical Sisters, The Gentle Giant Cafe, Personal Touch Group Fitness

Social Media Grant (2): Words Matter Bookstore, Comic Cure

McCowan Memorial Library

During the month of June 2022, **4,019** people visited the McCowan Memorial Library and there were 114 internet users. There were twenty-four children's programs with 384 people in attendance.

Committee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

The next meeting of the DEI will be this Thursday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall Conference Room. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

Thank You

Thanks to Mayor Razzo, the Parade Committee and all the volunteers who assisted with Pitman's Independence Day Celebrations. The parade and fireworks were both wonderful and I and my family enjoyed them very much.

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 Kelly

I would like to thank the Police Department, Public Works and all the volunteers that made our 4th of July a great success.

Public Works Department

Lake Avenue Repairs

Last Thursday, June 7, I had the opportunity and honor to go to work with the Public Works Department. They were assessing Lake Avenue which had a large amount of water collected in a sunken area. When I arrived on site Fred Rodi, Matt Paden, Steven Bernat, and Cody Noe were already working on this job. They had to go into

the main sewer to see if the pipe was compromised by the damage in the road. I was amazed at all the safety precautions that they took before entering the pipe. As a result, the job involved removing large amounts of thick asphalt with the assistance of Matt Byrne, the addition of new fill dirt, and repaving the affected surfaces which will be completed this week. I am amazed at how our Public Works employees from both divisions work together as a team.

Flooding at Pitman Avenue and Commerce Avenue

Public Works Manager Fred Rodi reached out to the county and asked them to vacuum out the inlets on E. Holly Avenue by Commerce Avenue. Mr. Rodi spoke several times to the county to make them aware of the problem. Public Works personnel will continue to monitor the inlets prior to any forecast for rain to be sure the inlets are clear.

McKinley Avenue

Public Works Water Division employees will be replacing water service on the 400 through 600 blocks of McKinley Avenue. This will take between three and four weeks to complete and residents will experience service interruption while the repairs take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Water and Sewer Bills

Water and Sewer bills for the 2022 second quarter will be mailed this week.

Recycling Statistics

Plastic bag violation fees for the last three months totaled \$1,600.00. Please, no plastic bags are to be placed in with the items collected for recycling.

Twenty-one loads of single stream totaling 80.43 tons at a cost of \$521.19

Plastic bag violation fees for June totaled \$700.00

Three loads of scrap metal weighing 3.50 tons were sold to Mateo Iron and Metal, receiving \$494.60

Mulch and brush totaling 365 cubic yards was hauled to various locations at a cost of \$3,285.00

E-waste recyclables totaled 0.73 tons

Solid Waste Statistics

Twenty-three loads of solid waste totaling 276.01 tons went to Wheelabrator at a cost of \$22,127.70

Nine loads went to Gloucester County Landfill totaling 101.36 tons at a cost of \$8,158.47

Total weight of solid waste: 370.3 tons

Total cost of solid waste disposal: \$30,286.17

Mayor Razzo thanked all of the volunteers and Borough employees who helped in front and behind the scenes with the 4th of July festivities. It was a great day.

New Business

Ordinance No. 6, 2022 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman Amending Chapter 19 of the Code of the Borough of Pitman to Add Section 19-6.14, “Registration of Vacant and Abandoned Property for Which a Summons and Complaint in an Action to Foreclose on a Mortgage Has Been Filed”

First Reading

Motion: Fitzpatrick

Second: Milward

Roll Call

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Absent

Councilwoman Milward: Yes
Mayor Razzo _____

Councilman Weng: Absent

Ordinance No. 7, 2022 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman Amending Chapter 7 Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” of the Code of the Borough of Pitman

First Reading

Motion to remove from Agenda until the July 25, 2022 Council Meeting: Milward

Second: Fitzpatrick

Council approves by voice vote to remove Ordinance No. 7, 2022 from the Agenda.

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. 133, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Certifying to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that the Members of the Governing Body of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester Have Received and Reviewed the Annual Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021

Resolution No. 134, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement for Financial Contribution Towards the Cost to Provide School Resource Officer(s) to the Pitman School District Between the Borough of Pitman and the Pitman Board of Education

Resolution No. 135, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-48

Resolution No. 136, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving the Submission of a Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Contract With the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant - Fiscal Year 2022

Resolution No. 137, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Awarding Contract for Vegetative Waste Disposal to County Conservation Company of Sewell, New Jersey

Resolution No. 138, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Borough of Pitman to Enter Into a Contract With “Workflow Integrated Systems, Inc.” to Supply Temporary Labor Employees for the Period July 11, 2022 Through December 31, 2022

Resolution No. 139, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Release of the Maintenance Guarantee Provided by Horizon Services, LLC for a Project Affecting a Parcel Known as 421 Wayne Avenue, Block 162 Lot 9 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman

Resolution No. 140, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Release of the Maintenance Guarantee Provided by Sanders

Home Services for a Project Affecting a Parcel Known as 20 Villa Avenue, Block 31 Lot 15 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman

Resolution No. 141, 2022 – 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 – 349 Boulevard Avenue

Resolution No. 142, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Awarding One (1) New Backyard Chicken Pilot Program License to the Property Located at 513 Wildwood Avenue, Block 160 Lot 4 in the Borough of Pitman – License No. 003

Resolution No. 133, 2022 through Resolution No. 142, 2022

Motion: Fitzpatrick

Second: Kelly

Roll Call

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Absent

Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Councilman Weng: Absent

Mayor Razzo _____

Payment of Bills

Motion: Fitzpatrick

Second: James

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Absent

Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Councilman Weng: Absent

Mayor Razzo _____

Raffle License Applications

Organization: Knights of Columbus #6247, Our Lady Queen of Peace Council

Date and Time: December 1, 2022; 8:00 p.m.

Location: 161 Pitman Avenue

Types of Raffles: Off Premises: 50/50

Motion: Milward

Second: James

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Absent

Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Councilman Weng: Absent

Mayor Razzo _____

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: James

Second: Kelly

Time: 8:23 p.m.

Tom Robinson, 581 Lambs Road – Mr. Robinson asked Council if they were aware of the situation at Alcyon Park with the pavers around the snack bar and also conditions in the deck area, stating that the conditions pose a safety hazard. He said that the park is starting to show its’ age and wondered if grant opportunities have been explored by the Borough for the work that needs to be done.

