

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2022**

Call to Order

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Moment of Silence

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 7, 2022, posted on the Borough Hall front door, and advertised on the Borough of Pitman website continuously since January 7, 2022.

Roll Call

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Work Session and Council Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2022

Motion: James

Second: Milward

Roll Call:

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

Councilperson James: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Councilwoman Milward

Pitman Police Department

The Pitman Police Department Workplace continues to meet twice a month and has received very good feedback. Communication and officer involvement has greatly increased. Yearly scheduling for PPD Annual Re-certification Training has begun. Deputy Chief Zander is scheduling two officers for the two-day training each month.

Sergeant Carson, the Accreditation Manager, reports that he continues to make steady advancement in the Accreditation Process. It is hoped that the PPD will reach accreditation status by the end of 2022, or very early in 2023.

SRO Sergeant Leach and SRO Patrol Officer Khoury have begun teaching the LEAD program to each 5th grade class in the school district. This is always a great time for the School Resource Officers and the students to get to know each other and bond.

Chief McAteer and the PPD will be working with the Pitman Manor throughout 2022 to increase training,

preparation, and knowledge in Active Shooter, Senior Safety, and other programs as needed or requested by the Pitman Manor.

Chief McAteer and the PPD are once again gearing up to be active in the community and continue and improve its working relationships with the Chamber of Commerce, Pitman Fire Companies, the Pitman School District, Churches, Pitman Manor, and many others. The PPD plans to be involved in all the Fourth Friday, Pop-Up Parks, Community Day, Food Truck Event, and all community events in 2022.

Pitman Fire Department

Pitman Fire Company Number 1 has remained busy through the start of January. Since the first of the year, the company has responded to thirty incidents and has met for three training nights totaling approximately six hours of training. The Department will conduct their annual compliance training this Tuesday, January 25, starting at 19:00 hours at Station 28-1.

The company also took down the Christmas lights along Broadway and returned them to storage.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of Pitman Fire Company #1, they invite you to attend a Tuesday night meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m. The meetings are located at Pitman Fire Company #1.

Highland Chemical Engine Company would like to thank Mayor Razze and the members of Council who attended their Annual Kickoff Dinner on Monday, January 17. To date, this has been a very busy month for not only the Borough of Pitman but for the fire service in general. The leather Fire Helmet Raffle was a success, and Highland would like to again thank Mayor Razze for selecting our winner, Jeff Leach.

Their members have been training every Tuesday evening, preparing for any and all emergencies.

To date:

- Twenty-five calls for service
- Three reported residential/commercial fires in town
- Three actual working structures on mutual aid responses (out of town)
- One motor vehicle crash with entrapment

The Highland Chemical Engine Company is always looking for new volunteers to not only assist with fighting fires, but also as social members, who are non-firefighters that work to support their mission through non-firefighting activities. To join Highland, you can contact them by phone 856-589-0832, social media, and or just come to the station on any Tuesday evening after 7:00 p.m.

Highland Chemical Engine Company and Pitman Fire Company #1 are always looking for Members to participate in the Junior Program. The age to participate is 14 to 17 years old. They meet the first and third Monday of each month. The first Monday, Juniors meet at Pitman Fire Company #1. The third Monday, Juniors meet at Highland. For more information, please reach out to district28explorers@gmail.com or through Pitman Fire Department Junior Firefighters on Facebook.

Office of Emergency Management

I met with the staff of the Office of Emergency Management over the weekend. OEM is finishing up the details for Pitman's Emergency Operation Plan. Plans will be submitted to the State of New Jersey for approval.

Senior Outreach Committee

The Senior Outreach Committee held their first meeting of the new year on Thursday, January 20. We discussed goals for 2022 and how to reach out to our senior citizen residents in Pitman. I would like to congratulate our newly elected Senior Outreach Committee, Lucille Petrillo, Chairwoman, Don Forman, Vice Chairman, and Susan Cancglin, Secretary. Members of Senior Outreach Committee would like to thank Words Matter Bookstore for sponsoring the Senior Outreach brochure as well as Administrator O'Donnell for swearing in their newly elected Senior Outreach Committee members. 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 feel free to send me an email.

You can reach me anytime at courtney.milward@pitman.org

Councilman Weng

Pitman Memorabilia Committee

The Memorabilia Committee did not meet this week due to the increasing COVID counts earlier in the month. Meetings will start back up in February.

Pitman Environmental Commission

The Environmental Commission did meet, and we welcomed our new member Mark Batchelor. Plans are well on their way for Earth Day 2022, and we will be solidifying those plans in the coming months.

Councilman Weng issued the following personal statement on the recent death of Dominick Capaldi, owner of Mama Marie's Italian Deli, located on Broadway at Theatre Avenue.

I am using the balance of my time to speak about Dominick Capaldi who was a Pitman institute. What I will remember most about Dom, not just the best breakfast and hoagie in South Jersey, but his kindness and his generosity. His love for his customers and friends, his generosity had no bounds. I was almost impossible for us to order a hoagie tray for a party without getting home and realizing that we also had a cookie tray or an appetizer tray just added.

I couldn't take Max to breakfast at Mama Maries without Dom telling him to go to the case and pick out chocolate milk. I know that Jason and Vanessa couldn't take Fiona there without (him) giving Fiona a piece of cake.

That was Dom, and that is what Dom brought to Pitman; more than just how good his business was, but how good of a person he was, and that is something that cannot be replaced.

Councilman Mazzola

Finance & Administration

Welcome to Lynn Hoffman, the new Office Assistant in the Construction Office.

There are two advertising spaces still available after the first round of bidding on the *Welcome to Pitman* sign on the corner of E. Holly Avenue and Delsea Drive. Interested businesses may pick up a bid packet at Borough Hall Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bids must be submitted to the Borough Clerk by 10:00 a.m. on February 8, 2022.

Pitman Youth Council

The first meeting of the Pitman Youth Council is this Thursday, January 27, from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Pitman Board of Education

There will be an open house on January 26 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Pitman High School. This is open to all Pitman Middle School students and their parents/guardians. There will be teachers and students present to guide attendees through the PHS programs and highlight some of the features that make Pitman High School special.

Congratulations to Mia Miller on being selected to the New Jersey All State Chorus as an Alto-1, Mrs. Mickle and Mr. Newcomb on completing their Master's Degree programs, and Mrs. Pinque on her upcoming retirement at the end of the year!

The School Board will be using one million dollars from their Capital Reserve to replace the roof of the Pitman Middle School and part of the roof at Elwood Kindle Elementary School.

Council President Fitzpatrick

Combined Planning and Zoning Board

The Combined Planning and Zoning Board met on January 18 at 7:00 p.m. where a Use Variance was granted for 113 W. Jersey Avenue. The Board is updating the procedures for the New Use Waiver Application. When complete, it will go to Borough Council for review. The next Planning Board meeting will be held on February 22, at 7:00 p.m.

Construction Office

The Construction Office issued thirty-four permits, twenty-eight Certificates of Continued Occupancy, collected \$8,754.00 in permit fees, and \$900.00 in miscellaneous fees during the month of November.

Zoning Office

The Zoning Officer inspected eight properties for permits and seven properties for possible violations.

Sustainable Pitman and Chicken Advisory Board

Sustainable Pitman is meeting via Zoom on January 26 at 7:00 p.m. and the Chicken Advisory Board is meeting January 31 at 6:30 p.m. also via Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

Councilperson James

Parks & Recreation

The Parks & Recreation Department is excited to announce a new program for Pitman residents aged 18 years and older - Pitman Pickleball! The program starts this Wednesday night from 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the Pitman United Methodist Church gym. Beginners are welcome and equipment is available to borrow. To sign up please contact the Recreation Director, Andy Fox, at recreation@pitman.org or by phone at 856-589-4665.

Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

The next meeting of the Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce will take place on Monday, February 7, 2022, starting at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Hall Council Chambers. In addition, please mark your calendars for two exciting February events Uptown. Our local business owners are organizing *Galentine's Day* on Thursday, February 10th starting at 5:00 p.m. Several local businesses are offering deals, specials, and activities for you to share with your best gal pals. Also, back again this year is the *Sweetest Night in Pitman* on Saturday, February 12 from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Our Uptown Pitman business community will host various local chocolate and dessert makers. Stroll through your favorite shops and choose from a variety of sweet treats before or after enjoying dinner at one of your favorite Pitman restaurants. A perfect opportunity for an evening out with your soulmate or your best friends!

Finally, on behalf of the Chamber, myself, and my family, I would like to extend our condolences to the Capaldi family on the loss of Dominick Capaldi, co-owner of Mama Marie's who passed away yesterday. Dom was kind, generous, and made everyone who entered his store feel like family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and especially by the Pitman business community.

McCowan Memorial Library

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on Tuesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Pitman Day of Service

Thanks so much to the Mayor, members of Council, and to all the Pitman residents who participated in Pitman's Day of Service last week in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Over sixty volunteers participated in a variety of activities including cleaning up trash Uptown, organizing donations at Fig Leaf Thrift, assisting with meal preparation and distribution of over eighty free hot meals with the Lighthouse Community Center and finally assisting with a Drive Through Food Drive to benefit the Pitman Food Pantry. It was wonderful to come together as a community, and we truly appreciate everyone who took time out of their day to participate.

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

Economic Development Committee

The EDC met on January 20 and in this meeting they elected new officers; Barry Owen Chairperson, Jason Blackmore, Vice Chairperson and Marcie Geyer, Secretary. At this meeting, preliminary discussion took place pertaining to the proposed EV charging station to be located in the Borough parking lot at Broadway and W. Holly Avenue.

Public Works

Public Works bulk trash week will be the week of February 7. Just a reminder that all Pitman residents may drop off large items, electronics, and yard debris at the Public Works facility during regular business hours and at the posted areas.

New Business

Resolution No. 33, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Transfer of 2021 to 2022 Real Estate Taxes Credit

Resolution No. 34, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving Form of Performance Guarantee Submitted for Approval for a Project by AP Holly Court, LLC Affecting a Parcel Known as W. Holly Avenue, Block 220 Lot 1, on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman, Gloucester County, New Jersey

Resolution No. 35, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Release of Escrow Funds Provided by Samuel T. Flamma, Sr. for a Project Affecting a Parcel Known as 600 Pitman Avenue, Block 152 Lot 7, on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman, Gloucester County, New Jersey

Resolution No. 36, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing a Credit to the Sewer Charges for 120 Tenth Avenue, Block 15 Lot 27, on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman, Gloucester County, New Jersey

Resolution No. 37, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Cancellation/Refund of a Handicapped Parking Placard Application Fee to Deborah Stump

Resolution No. 38, 2022 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, authorizing the execution of a shared service agreement with the County of Gloucester to provide family entertainment at Sunset Auditorium.

Resolution No. 39, 2022 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, authorizing consent agreement of that certain agreement for disposal facility by the Borough of Pitman and Omni Recycling LLC dated as of today 2022.

Roll Call:

Motion: Weng

Second: Milward

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick Yes

Councilperson James Yes

Councilman Kelly Yes

Councilman Mazzola Yes

Councilwoman Milward Yes

Councilman Weng Yes

Mayor Razze _____

Payment of Bills (Mazzola)

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick Yes

Councilperson James Yes

Councilman Kelly Yes

Councilman Mazzola Yes

Councilwoman Milward Yes, Abstain 82216

Councilman Weng Yes

Mayor Razze _____

Event Permit Applications (Milward)

Event: Spring Craft Show (Revised Date, previously approved for May 14, 2022)

Date & Time: Saturday, May 21, 2022; 5:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Broadway, Pitman, Ballard & Theatre Aves., Ballard Park

Sponsor: Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

Contact Person: Kara Knauss

Motion: Milward

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick Yes

Councilperson James Yes

Councilman Kelly Yes

Councilman Mazzola Yes

Councilwoman Milward Yes

Councilman Weng Yes

Mayor Razze _____

Event: Pitman Garden Club Meeting

Date & Time: First Tuesday of each month 2022; 7:00 p.m.

Location: Borough Hall Conference Room

Sponsor: Pitman Garden Club

Contact Person: James Fortney

Motion: Milward

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick Yes

Councilman Kelly Yes

Councilwoman Milward Yes

Mayor Razze _____

Councilperson James Yes

Councilman Mazzola Yes

Councilman Weng Yes

Event: Wedding Vow Renewal

Date & Time: June 25, 2022; 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Grove Auditorium

Contact Person: Vanessa James

Motion: Milward

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick Yes

Councilperson James Abstain

Councilman Kelly Yes

Councilman Mazzola Yes

Councilwoman Milward Yes

Councilman Weng Yes

Mayor Razze _____

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: James

Second: Kelly

Time: 8:20 pm

Dave Hoe – 101 Colonial Ave

I've been following the parking wars on face book about the inconvenience to some people and how other people do not want people parking in front of their house.

The one thing that keeps coming up is that we do not want to be like Glassboro. The question is how many rentals are in Pitman? I was told 200 hundred which makes that about 7% of the residence. How did we get this number?

Mayor – I got that number from the housing code official. This was the number of college rentals only.

Dave Hoe – How does he know this is only college?

Motion to close the public portion: James

Second: Kelly

Time: 8:23 pm

Miscellaneous

Adjournment

Motion: 8:23 pm

Second: Kelly

Time: 8:23 pm

NOTICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d)

The items listed on this tentative agenda of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman constitutes the agenda to the extent known at the time of posting. Since this agenda is tentative, items may be added and/or deleted prior to the commencement of the meeting. Formal action may or may not be taken regarding each item listed on the final agenda.

