

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2023
8:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Time: 8:00 PM

Salute to the Flag/Invocation

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 and Courier Post, posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, and advertised on the Borough of Pitman website.

Roll Call

Council President Fitzpatrick: Present
Councilman Kelly: Present
Councilwoman Milward: Present
Mayor Razze: Present
Borough Clerk McCafferty: Present

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

Approval of Minutes

Work Minutes, Closed Minutes and Council Minutes from June 26, 2023

Motion: Kelly

Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes
Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Council Reports

Councilwoman Milward

The 2023 Miss Pitman Pageant was held on July 3 rd at the Pitman High School Auditorium! Congratulations to our 2023 Miss Pitman, Grace Eller, as well as, our First runner up and Miss Congeniality, Beatriz Horner I wish you both a year full of fun and success!

Congratulations to Detective Sergeant Nick Barbetta and Lieutenant Jon Streater on their promotions that took effect on July 5th. Well done to both gentlemen and keep up the great work. Congratulations to Corporal Ken Decker Jr. on recently completing the prestigious week-long Firearm's Instructor training at the Gloucester County Police Academy from June 12th through June 16th. Corporal Decker will also complete the Glock Armorers School on July 11. Congratulations to Patrol Officer and SRO Peter Stefanopoulos who has been chosen by the Pitman Board of Education to be the District's School Safety Specialist. He will undergo training this summer to begin his new role on the first day of school in September. This is another vital role that himself and SRO Khoury undertake to help maintain the safety and security of the students, staff, administration, and physical property of our schools.

The following statistics are from the April 2nd – 21st Distracted Driving Grant:

270 MV Stops

132 summonses

Chief McAteer and the entire PPD ask and remind everyone to drive safely and without distractions!

The following statistics are from the June 2023 Motor Vehicle Commission Mobile Checkpoint conducted by the NJ MV Commission and overseen by Lieutenant. Jon Streater:

Motor Vehicle Inspections: 39

Motor Vehicle Summonses: 30

Motor Vehicle Written Warnings: 13

Chief McAteer and the entire PPD ask and remind everyone to drive safely and make sure that your vehicle is in proper and legal order!

Patrol Officer Richard Musick is undergoing his “waiver” training at the Gloucester County Police Academy. Once completed PO Musick will have all his credentials to fulfill his Full-Time status. Chief McAteer attended several “Incident Action meetings” or “Debriefings” with regard to the recent tragic drowning, including one that he and Deputy Chief Zander held for the entire PPD. The most recent that both the Chief and DC attended, was held on Thursday evening (July 6th) at Pitman Fire Company No. 1. Chief McAteer sends his thanks to No. 1 Fire Chief Andy Gresko, Highland Fire Company Chief Skeeter Mitten, and Borough Fire Chief Carl Ennis for the assistance and willingness to always move forward with our learning, preparedness and with the relationship that they have built over the past years. All three Fire Chiefs and both Fire Companies should be recognized and applauded for the excellent work that they do for the entire Borough.

Pitman Senior Outreach has been working hard to connect with our Seniors in town! We want to remind residents that our events are open to ALL Pitman Seniors who are looking for fellowship and to have a great time! Our next Senior Outreach Event will be held on July 17th from 11-2pm at VFW Post 6469, located at 142 Oakcrest Ave! Games, Prizes, Music, and a light lunch will be served. We invite all Pitman Seniors to attend! Senior Outreach will continue to meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6pm in the Conference room in Borough Hall. If you are interested in staying up to date with our 2023 Senior Outreach events, please contact Lucille Petrillo by phone (856) 357-2286, or email lucelu16@yahoo.com. or follow-on Facebook PitmanSeniorOutreach. 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.

Councilman Weng

The Pitman Environmental Committee hosted the Bio Blitz on June 10 and the event was a great success. This event fosters environmental awareness and helps to identify native species. There were 60 attendees, 19 observers who performed 837 observations and identified 423 species. There was a very important sighting of a unique species at Alcyon Lake. Thank you to Mr. Fox and Mr. McAteer for their help with the event.

The 4th of July Parade, the best 4th of July Parade in Gloucester County was another success. This community event is what first drew me to Pitman, and remains an example of the outstanding community that Pitman has remained.

Councilman Mazzola

Congratulations to the Parade Committee on a wonderful fireworks display in Alcyon Park on Saturday July 1st! If anyone has not experienced the premium seating inside the park, it is well worth the price of admission!

In the off chance my wife, Jenny, is watching at home, I would like to wish her a happy 25th wedding anniversary!

Council President Fitzpatrick

Council will meet soon with our redevelopment attorney to discuss the former Sony Property.

Sustainable Pitman will present at the pop up park on July 27, they will have Electric Vehicles and other energy saving ideas at the pop up park.

The planning board met on June 19 and approved 2 use variances and a bulk variance. The zoning officer reviewed 18 permits and inspected 3 properties for possible violations. The next planning board meeting is July 17th at 7 pm, all are welcome to attend.

The Chicken Advisory board has approximately 7 homes in Pitman with chickens, the pilot program was extended one year to June of 2024.

Councilman Kelly

Solid waste collection for the month of June:

- 25 loads (287.82 tons) of trash to Wheelabrator at a cost of \$24,073.24
- 4 loads (45.94 tons) to the Gloucester County Landfill at a cost of \$3,888.36.
- Total of 332 tons at a total cost of \$22,935.38

Water and sewer report:

10 Water/Sewer mark out requests, plunged 3 sewer stoppages, read 5 meters for settlements and turned off/on water at various locations. The Lakeside water main project is complete. The water service on Cedar Avenue has been replaced, and meters were read for 2nd quarter billing.

Highway Department for the period July 1 – July 7:

- 9 loads (94.07 tons) of trash collected
- 5 loads (17.80 tons) of recyclables collected
- 50 yards of brush collected

20 hours spent cleaning the tops of storm drains, 15 hours patching pot holes and sink holes. Ran the street sweeper for 30 hours and did 30 curbside inspections of recycling containers.

The Department participated in and cleaned up after the parade, and put up and took down barricades for the parade and the run.

There were no additions to any reports.

Mayor Razze noted that to date for the year, the Borough has paid \$4,250.00 in bag fees.

Mayor Razze extended his thanks to the following for the fireworks display: the Pitman Park Department, Pitman Police Department, the Pitman Fire Company, Highland Chemical Engine Company, the Pitman Fire Police and the Borough Fire Official, the staff in the front office of Borough Hall and the staff at Crave, Brio Beauty Studio and Skin Care Clinic and the Pitman Jewelry Store. These locations sold tickets for viewing the display. The Borough raised \$1,200.00, which will be used for future displays. Also thanks to Paul Bially for help in collecting tickets at the gate.

Thanks to these individuals for helping to line up the parade: Kevin Austin, Paul Blass, Lisa and Rob Burnell, Len Clark, Jim Fortney, Frank Haggerty and Barry Owen.

Thanks to Dawn and Catherine Ritsler for the bike registration and Steve Roth.

Thanks to the banner carriers Carly and Lucas Razzo, Riley Bowen Ashwyn and Brody Yurity.

Also, to the Pitman Police Department, the Public Works Department, the Pitman United Methodist Church for parking and the Pitman Episcopal Church of the Good Shepperd for the use of their front lawn for the start of the parade.

Thank you to my wife Tammy for all her assistance.

A Pop Up concert will take place at the Sunset Auditorium this Thursday – the Pitman Hobo Band will be performing and the parade awards will be given out.

New Business

Councilman Mazzola

Ordinance No. 04, 2023 - An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 10, 2022 Establishing The Salaries And Wages For Employees Of The Borough Of Pitman, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey, For The Year 2023 And Forward

First Reading – Second Reading/Public Hearing: July 24, 2023

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Councilman Kelly

Ordinance No. 05, 2023 - An Ordinance Establishing A Water Utility Revitalization Funding Plan For The Borough Of Pitman And Adding Chapter 21-5 “Water Utility Revitalization Funding” To The Borough Code

First Reading – Second Reading/Public Hearing: July 24, 2023

Motion: Kelly

Second: Fitzpatrick

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Councilwoman Milward

Ordinance No. 06, 2023 - An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The Borough Of Pitman, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 7, Parking, Of The Code Book Of The Borough Of Pitman

First Reading – Second Reading/Public Hearing: July 24, 2023

Motion: Milward

Second: Weng

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes
Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Council President Fitzpatrick read the Consent 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. 95, 2023 - Resolution Providing For The Insertion Of A Special Item Of Revenue In The Budget Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:4-87 - ANJEC 2023 Open Space Stewardship Project

Resolution No. 96, 2023 - Resolution Providing For The Insertion Of A Special Item Of Revenue In The Budget Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:4-87 - NJ DEP Stormwater Assistance Grant Program

Resolution No. 97, 2023 - Resolution Providing For The Insertion Of A Special Item Of Revenue In The Budget Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:4-87 - 2023 Department Of Transportation State Road Aid Program – Boundry Road

Resolution No. 98, 2023 - Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The Borough Of Pitman, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey Authorizing The Purchase Of Electricity Supply Services For Public Use On An Online Auction Website

Resolution No. 99, 2023 - Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The Borough Of Pitman, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey Approving Payment No. 1 To The Contract With Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC For FY2020 CDBG ADA Improvements At Pitman Grove Auditorium

Resolution No. 100, 2023 - Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The Borough Of Pitman, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey Approving Change Order No. 1 To The Contract With Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC For FY2020 CDBG ADA Improvements At Pitman Grove Auditorium

Resolution No. 101, 2023 - Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The Borough Of Pitman, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey Approving Change Order No. 1 (Final) To The Contract With Landberg Construction, LLC For The FY2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program For The Reconstruction Of Centre Avenue

Resolution No. 102, 2023 - Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The Borough Of Pitman, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey Authorizing An Application To The NJDOT For Mansfield Avenue Reconstruction

Resolution No. 103, 2023 - Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The Borough Of Pitman, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey Hiring Carol Camacho As Deputy Clerk

Resolution No. 104, 2023 - Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The Borough Of Pitman, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey Rejecting All Bids For The 2021 CDBG ADA Improvements At Various Street Crosswalk Locations

Motion: Fitzpatrick

Second: Kelly

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes
Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Payment of Bills (Mazzola)

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Abstain from P.O. #8396000, 7000 and 8000, Yes to the rest.
Councilwoman Milward: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Milward

Second: Weng

Time: 8:20 PM

Sandy Razze, 143 West Jersey Avenue commended Mayor and Council for holding their own at the last Council meeting. In her 50 years of living in Pitman, Ms. Razze was surprised at the amount of hate groups that was displayed at that meeting.

There being no further public comment
Motion to close the public portion: Weng
Time: 8: 21 PM

Second: Milward

Miscellaneous

Mayor Razze noted that he attended the recent Gloucester County Mayors Association meeting, and it was “Bring your Public Works Supervisor and Staff“. Mr. Rode and Bonnie Cockrell attended the meeting with the Mayor. It was very impressive to see how many individuals thanked Fred Rode for the assistance he has offered neighboring municipalities. The Borough is lucky to have individuals like Mr. Rode representing the Borough.

Adjournment

Motion: Weng
Time: 8:25 PM

Second: Mazzola

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McCafferty
Borough Clerk