

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

March 11, 2024

8:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Time:8:00 PM

Council President Fitzpatrick led the Moment of Silence and Salute to the Flag,

Mayor Razze read aloud the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

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: Absent

Mayor Razze: Present

Borough Clerk McCafferty: Present

Councilperson James: Present

Councilman Mazzola: Absent

Councilman Uyehara: Present

Borough Solicitor Vigilante: Present

Mayor Razze noted the passing of Borough resident Len Eckman and asked that everyone keep his family in their prayers.

Approval of Minutes

Work Session, Council, and Closed Minutes from February 26, 2024.

Motion:James

Second: Kelly

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Uyehara: Yes

Proclamations

Mayor Razze read aloud the Proclamation from the Borough Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee recognizing March as Women's History Month.

Council Reports

Councilman Uyehara

Councilman Uyehara noted that there is still an opening on the Borough Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

Council President Fitzpatrick

Council President Fitzpatrick advised that the Borough Planning Board meets on March 18th and all are welcome to attend. The meeting will include a discussion on the Sony redevelopment.

Sustainable Pitman is looking for grants for the bike/pedestrian trail.

Councilperson James

Parks & Recreation:

The Borough's Annual Egg Scramble will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, starting at 8:30 a.m at Shertel Park. The sign-up is posted online and there are a few spots left.

Parks & Recreation spring programs are gearing up! Please check the Borough Website for a full list of activities.

https://www.pitman.org/departments/parks_recreation/programs/spring.php

Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce:

Mark your calendars for some exciting upcoming Chamber events:

- We want to remind everyone to come out to [Merryman's Pub](#) this Thursday from 4pm-10pm to help us honor and remember Lori Poisker. Tell your server that you are there to support the fundraiser for the Annual Lori Poisker Memorial scholarship.
- Thursday, March 14th - Irish Comedy Night at the Broadway Theatre with proceeds benefiting the Chamber
- Saturday, March 16th 2-7 pm - The Luckiest Day in Pitman - lots of Irish themed fun
- The second annual Uptown Women in Business Workshop is coming Monday, March 18th at 7pm at [Personal Touch Group Fitness!](#)
- Monday, March 25th 5:30-7 pm Pitman Business Mixer at Over The Top Party Planning, 115 West Jersey Avenue, Pitman.

McCowan Memorial Library:

For the month of January 4,316 people visited the library and there were 67 internet users. There were 36 children's programs with 198 people in attendance.

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. If you would like to meet in person, I hold unofficial office hours at Endgrain Coffee Bar on Sunday mornings from 9-9:30 a.m.

Councilman Kelly

For the Highway Department for the month of February:

Solid Waste collection:

18 loads (203.95 tons) to Wheelabrator

9 loads (87.28 tons) to Gloucester County Landfill

Total of 291.23 tons at a cost of \$25,098.19.

For the Highway Department:

11 loads (126.53 tons) of trash collected
7 loads (29.72 tons) of recyclables collected
repaired or replaced street signs throughout the Borough
20 hours cleaning the tops of storm drains
5 hours patching and repairing pot holes and sink holes
Ran the street sweeper for 8 hours
Did work at the Museum.
Leaf collection will begin April 15th

Water and Sewer Department for the period 02/26 to 03/11:

Completed 11 water & sewer mark out requests
Plunged 2 sewer stoppages
Finished the work on Well #4
Fixed 12 storm drain inlets and poured new concrete floors for better drainage
Water shut offs begin March 18th.
A reminder – do not flush wipes! Wipes advertised as flushable are not safe for the sewer.

Recycle report for February:

18 loads (66.47 tons) of single stream recycling collected
1 load of metal to Matteo for a profit of \$284.00
260 cubic yards of brush and mulch hauled to various locations at a cost of \$2,340.00
Bag fees of \$650.00

In her absence, Councilman Kelly also presented Councilwoman Milward’s report.

This Thursday, March 14th, Chief McAteer, Deputy Chief Zander, and Sgt. Carson will all be going to South Brunswick (NJ) to sit before the Accreditation Committee for a hearing to finalize Accreditation for the Pitman Police Department. This is by no means a “rubber stamp” meeting; however, the three of us are prepared to answer any question with regard to the PPD, its history, dynamics, command & structure, and anything about the accreditation process that we have participated in.

I’d like to recognize Dr. Eric Francis’ passing from a battle with leukemia. Dr. Francis is a Chaplain for the Clayton PD and for Gloucester County Law Enforcement. Dr. Francis became a familiar face at the County Chief’s Association and was always available to assist in any way needed. The thoughts and Prayers of the Pitman PD are with Dr. Francis, his family, the Clayton PD, and all who knew him.

The Pitman PD would like to recognize the birth of Jackson Richard Carter, born to Highland Fire Company Chief, Clinton Carter III and his wife, Christina (Malinoski) Carter. Jackson is the Grandson to one-time Pitman PD Officer and Retired Officer from Harrison Twp. PD, Richard (Rich) Malinoski. We congratulate the entire family on both sides and wish them all wonderful happiness and blessings. The PPD welcomes you to the world, Jackson.

New Business

Councilman Kelly presented Ordinance No. 04, 2024

Ordinance No. 04, 2024 – An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Ordinance 5, 2023 Creating A Water Utility Revitalization Funding Plan For The Borough Of Pitman Chapter 21-5 “Water Utility Revitalization Funding”

Introduction/First Reading

Motion: Kelly

Second: Fitzpatrick

Mayor Razze advised that second reading on this Ordinance will take place at the March 25th meeting.

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Uyebara: Yes

Councilman Kelly presented 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. 73, 2024 – Adopting an Emergency Temporary Budget

Resolution No. 74, 2024 – Appointing Local Registrar

Resolution No. 75, 2024 – Appointing Deputy Registrar

Motion: Kelly

Second: James

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Uyebara: Yes

Council President Fitzpatrick presented the bill list for consideration.

Payment of Bills March 11, 2024

Motion: Fitzpatrick

Second: James

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Uyebara: Yes

Event Permit Applications with Insurance

Council President Fitzpatrick presented the first application.

Event: Egg Scramble

Organization: Parks & Recreation Dept.
Date and Time: March 23, 2024, 8:00am-11:00am
Location: Shertel Park
Insurance Certificate provided: **YES**
Contact Person: Vanessa James

Motion: Fitzpatrick

Second: Kelly

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Abstain

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Uyehara: Yes

Councilwoman James presented the remaining Event Permit Applications.

Event: Monthly Meetings

Organization: Pitman Athletic Association
Date and Time: First Wednesday of every month at 8:30pm
Location: Borough Hall
Insurance Certificate provided: **YES**
Contact Person: Christian Dutil

Event: Football & Cheer Registration

Organization: Pitman Athletic Association
Date and Time: April 17th, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Location: Borough Hall
Insurance Certificate provided: **YES**
Contact Person: Christian Dutil

Event: Earth Day Celebration

Organization: Pitman Environmental Commission
Date and Time: April 20th, 10:00am-12:00pm
Location: Hollywood Dell/Chestnut Branch Park
Insurance Certificate provided: **YES**
Contact Person: Robert Holwitt

Event: Tree Planting

Organization: Pitman Environmental Commission
Date and Time: April 27th, 10:00am-12:00pm
Location: Alcyon Park
Insurance Certificate provided: **YES**
Contact Person: Robert Holwitt

Motion: James

Second: Kelly

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Uyehara: Yes

Event Permit Applications Without Insurance

Event: Buskerfest & Sidewalk Sale

Organization: Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

Date and Time: April 27, 2024, 12:00pm-2:00pm

Location: Along Broadway, Ballard Park, Theatre Ave

Insurance Certificate provided: **PENDING**

Contact Person: Benjamin Leis

Event: Spring Craft Show

Organization: Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

Date and Time: May 18, 2024

Location: Broadway, between Holly Ave and Laurel Ave

Insurance Certificate provided: **PENDING**

Contact Person: Kara Knauss

Motion (pending proof of insurance): James

Second: Kelly

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Uyebara: Yes

Councilwoman James presented the Application for Signage

Applications for Signage

Organization: McCowan Memorial Library & Pitman Jr/Sr High School

Description: National Poetry Month Lawn Sign

Dates: April 1st-30th, 2024

Contact Person: Irene Donnelly

Motion: James

Second: Kelly

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Uyebara: Yes

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: James

Second: Kelly

Ayes all.

Time: 8:15

Robert Gerst, 64B South Broadway addressed Council with his concerns with the Pitman Police Department. Mr. Gerst retracted the comments he made at the February 12th meeting with regard to Chief McAteer. Mr. Gerst reiterated his previous comments regarding the Police Department.

Pastor Shane Ross, 100 Brookfield Ave extended his thanks to the Pitman Police Department for their response and professionalism in handling a recent mental health emergency at the church.

Motion to close the public portion: James
Ayes all.
Time: 8:22 PM

Second: Kelly

Miscellaneous

There was no miscellaneous business for this meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: James
Ayes all
Time: 8:22 PM

Second: Kelly

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McCafferty
Borough Clerk