

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 22, 2026
8:00 P.M.**

Mayor Razze called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

Council President Mazzola 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, posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, and advertised on the Borough of Pitman website.

Council Roll Call

Council President Mazzola: present
Councilwoman Guarni: present
Councilman Morozin: present
Mayor Razze: present
Clerk McCafferty: present

Councilman Blackmore: absent
Councilwoman McCleery: present
Councilwoman Musto: present
Borough Solicitor Wright: present

Approval of Minutes

Work Session, Regular, and Closed Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2026.

Motion: Morozin

Second: McCleery

Roll Call:

Council President Mazzola: Yes
Councilwoman McCleery: Yes
Councilwoman Musto: Yes

Councilwoman Guarni: Yes
Councilman Morozin: Yes

Mayor Razze made a presentation on behalf of the Pitman Parade Committee naming Ron Murschell as the Grand Marshal of the 2026 Independence Day Parade. He highlighted Mr. Murschell's many years living in Pitman with his wife of 70 years, his service as a U.S. Army Paratrooper, educational accomplishments, and years working for Procter & Gamble. Mr. Murschell is a senior member of American Legion Post #49, having served in all Legion offices, and is the current Gloucester County Legion Chaplain. He has been the Chair of the Post Boys State Committee for the past 10 years, a coach and officiant for various Pitman sports, and was instrumental in supporting Pitman's inaugural Veterans Day Parade.

Mr. Murschell accepted his plaque and expressed how much he has enjoyed living in Pitman. He shared how happy he is to be a member of the American Legion and to be able to contribute to the various programs he has been a part of.

Mayor Razze called a brief recess for photos.

Council Reports

Councilwoman Musto

Planning & Zoning Board:

The Planning & Zoning Board met on June 15th. I am part of a sub-committee of the Planning & Zoning Board and Historic Preservation Commission where we are reviewing the guidelines, so we met in the hour prior to the meeting. We hope to have those guidelines updated and released within this year.

Our Sony sub-committee is continuing to discuss our Redevelopment Plan and meet with potential developers.

Touch-a-Truck:

I was able to attend the Touch-a-Truck event on June 18th put on by Public Works. They did an amazing job! It was very well attended, and it was nice to see the children and families out enjoying themselves, and Mayor Razze, Council President Mazzola, Councilman Blackmore, and Bonnie Cockrell in the dunk tank!

Garden Club:

The Garden Club normally meets every first Tuesday of the month, but there is no meeting in July as they are putting a lot of work into the float for the 4th of July Parade next week. The next meeting will be held on August 4th.

Council President Mazzola

Since our last meeting, I have had the honor of participating in two events. On June 13th, I was a guest judge at the "Fur the Love of Pride" pet costume contest at the Pride in Pitman event at the First Baptist Church. There were so many amazing pups, and even one cat, that choosing just one would have been impossible. So multiple awards were given with the Best in Show being given to Eli McFly! Pitman's own Chief McAteer and Sandy the Crossing Guard were on hand as judges along with Noreaster Nick and Dominique from Pet Wants. It was an amazing day ending with a really fun contest! Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to create safe spaces in Pitman!

Then this past Thursday, I was in the dunk tank at the Public Works Touch a Truck event, the operative word there being DUNK. Kids and adults lined up and brought the heat, including my own niece who hit the target in one throw! It was great watching the kids experience trash trucks, fire engines, emergency vehicles, and more up close. Our Public Works and Pitman Police Department staff who were on hand did an amazing job of welcoming residents into the yard and providing tons of food and activities for young and slightly less young to enjoy. A huge thank you to Bonnie and everyone involved in planning and executing this fun annual event.

Council President Mazzola read the Police Council report on behalf of Councilman Blackmore.

Police Department:

Training:

- June 1st – June 12th - PO Musick attended an 80-hour Defensive Tactics Instructor Training Course at The Atlantic County Police Academy. This was physically demanding training as well as academic training that now enables PO Musick to provide Annual Defensive Tactics Training to the other Pitman Police Department Officers, as required by The New Jersey Police Training Commission.
- June 17th - PO Davis and PO Campbell assisted Pitman Parks and Recreation with the first night of their Annual Youth Fishing League at Betty Park. The Pitman Police Department supports this program and will be assisting with all 4 weekly events.

Councilman Morozin**DEI Committee:**

There will be a free training session led by Dr. Shelley Zion on June 24th at 7:00pm here at Borough Hall. This is the final session of a four-part training series. You are not required to have attended any of the previous training sessions to enjoy what is on offer here. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Economic Development Committee:

The EDC was proud to once again host guests from another South Jersey town last week. Members of the Gibbstown EDC joined our June 18th meeting to get a glimpse into how Pitman conducts business, citing the success of our thriving Uptown District. The EDC would also like to remind everyone that the 3rd Annual Car Show will take place during the 4th Friday festivities on August 28th from 4:00pm – 8:00pm. There will be 75 cars, free Hot Wheels for the kids, and plenty to see and do around Ballard Park.

I also want to give a special shoutout to Mayor Razze as the EDC swore in some new members, and he came to do it right from the dunk tank—barely dried off!

Public Properties 6/8/26 – 6/19/26:

Replaced the damaged lattice of the Grove Auditorium and cleaned the landscaping beds.

Trimmed all the alleys and lots around the Grove.

Walked the Grove with Councilwoman Guarni and Public Works Director Rodi to review conditions and resident's complaints.

If you have any questions or feedback on anything shared here, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at chris.morozin@pitman.org or via cell phone, call or text, at 609-850-1845.

Councilwoman McCleery**Parks & Recreation:**

I would like to thank Laurie O'Donnell and Melissa Bianchini for organizing our Summer Playground which got off to a great start today. The kids were very excited to see one another!

I also wanted to thank Andy Fox, Jeff Cummings, and our Police Officers for helping kick off our Youth Fishing League on June 17th. Our Youth Fishing League will run each Wednesday through July 8th at Alcyon Lake in Betty Park.

Micro-Mini Soccer Registration is now open for ages 5-7 years old. The program begins on September 16th and lasts through the end of October.

Registration is open for our Youth Dribble Academy which will be available on a first come first serve basis for children 3rd Grade - 7th Grade. There will be a beginner and experienced level group. This program will take place in the mornings on Tues/Thurs July 7th, July 9th, July 14th, and July 16th at the Shertel Park basketball courts.

Environmental Commission:

We will continue to have our tree campaign information tables at Fourth Friday events Uptown. Please stop by and see us!

Water quality test samples from Alcyon Lake were collected on June 17th and we are waiting for the test results which should come back in the next week or so.

I also wanted to give a shoutout to Bonnie, Public Works, and all the volunteers for a fun Touch-a-Truck event! I know my kids had a lot of fun!

Councilwoman Guarni

Board of Education:

The Board of Education met on June 17th at 6:00pm in the Media Center at Pitman Jr./Sr. High School. Superintendent, Dr. Preston gave an update on the referendum projects currently happening at Pitman Elementary School. The HVAC project, as well as the bathroom work has started and, at present, is on time for completion. The new track will have a stencil panther when the correct stencil is delivered within the next few weeks. The stencil recently delivered is for grass surfaces but will be put to good use on the fields. A public hearing was held for potential naming of the new track in memory of longtime teacher and track coach, Bob Eck. A decision will be made in August. The next Board of Education action meeting will be scheduled for August 5th in the Pitman Jr./Sr. High School Media Center.

Miss Pitman:

This year's pageant is scheduled for July 1st at 7:30pm in the auditorium of Pitman Jr./Sr. High School. Tickets are \$15.00 and are on sale at Borough Hall and will be available on the evening of June 30th from 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the lobby of the auditorium. Please join us for this time-honored 4th of July Pitman tradition.

Senior Outreach:

The Planning Board met on June 11th at 6:00pm at Borough Hall. Programming and trips were discussed for the remainder of this year. Please note, Senior Outreach will not meet in July but will resume their meetings and luncheon in August. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 13th at 6:00pm at Borough Hall. Our next luncheon is scheduled for August 17th at 11:00am at Pitman United Methodist Church. Our program for August will include oyster shucking and a deep-sea diver.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in Senior Outreach activities, please reach out to our Chair, Eileen Salmon, at 856-236-0483.

Public Works Water/Sewer Department 6/8/26 – 6/19/26:

Did 61 water & sewer mark out requests
Did well work, (painting, cleaning, etc.)
Water samples
Read 8 meters for settlement
Lent out 2 meters for pool fillings
Upgraded 2 meters
Completed 1 courtesy plunge
Continued work on McKinley Ave. Water Main Upgrade
Repaired Water Leak on Morris Ave. and Bethel Mill Rd.
Started water shut offs - If you haven't made a payment please call for arrangements!

Public Works Highway Department 6/8/26 – 6/19/26:

11 Loads of trash collected (142.03 Tons)
10 Loads of recyclables collected (32.41 Tons)
206 Yards of brush collected
Dropped off a truck for yard debris to 11 residences & picked up the next day
Dropped off 1 recycling can
Dropped donations off to Appel Farm & Healthy Families and Communities
Put out plastic barricades and swept streets for Pitman Graduation

Dropped off a Dump Truck for the Hobo Band Chicken Weekend
Picked up a copier from the United Methodist Church
Repaired driveway apron on Highland Terrace
Painted curbing along Broadway and around schools

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thank you to Pitman Police, Fire, Gloucester County office of Emergency Management, Sheriff's Office, Deptford First & Finest and Washington Twp. Police, and Pitman Water Ice for participating in our 2nd Annual Touch-a- Truck.

During the Touch-a-Truck we gave out lots of giveaways to the children in the form of Glow Sticks, toy trucks, flashlights, for the adults we had pens and pet waste dispensers. We gave out close to 600 hot dogs, popcorn, pretzels, soda, water, juice boxes, and chips, and about 60 gallons of water ice! We had a bounce house for our toddler friends and face painting! A very special thank you to our Mayor Michael Razze, Council President Adam Mazzola, and Councilman Jason Blackmore for being our victims—I mean volunteers for the dunk tank! We appreciate all of Council and Residents for braving the heat and coming out in support of our event. We can't wait until next year and will work hard to make it even bigger! I'd also like to add a very special thank you to Bonnie Cockrell, our Public Works Secretary, for all her hard work in planning and coordinating this event! She also spent the last hour of the event in the dunk tank proving just how hard she works! She did a great job bringing this all together for our residents! A big thank you also to all our Public Works employees who worked very hard on setup and cleanup and worked during this very successful community event! They grilled hot dogs, popped endless bags of popcorn, and served hundreds of residents who had a very good time! Cars were parked all the way down to Woodbury-Glassboro Rd. and along the side streets. It was really a very fun community event, so thank you all for being there and supporting this! Bonnie is looking forward to planning an even bigger one next year!

Mayor Razze

If you think it's cold in here right now, try walking in here when you're still wet from the dunk tank! It really was a great event, and to Councilwoman Guarni's point, Bonnie put a lot of time and effort into this event. This is not the kind of event that gets thrown together overnight. She's been working for months to get this squared away, working with the Public Works crew. It really was a great event, and it was huge! I was shocked at the number of people! It also took me awhile to realize that the kids were allowed to beep the horn on one truck—I kept wondering, "Why do they keep beeping?" I think everybody there had a great time and it was a beautiful night to do it!

The Parade Committee will be out at Fourth Friday this week. We will have an information table set up just in case anyone has any questions about what's going on. We also have a fundraiser going on right now—we are selling lawn signs in two different styles that can be picked up at Salmon Signs for \$20.00 cash. One is shaped like the Liberty Bell and the other features the water tower and the 250th. Thank you very much to our partners on that, Salmon Signs and Milestone Messages. We also have another online fundraiser that's been ongoing—we have money set aside that we've collected over the years from generous donors from around the community that help supplement the budget that the Council gives the Parade Committee each year, but with this being such a significant event for the 250th, we wanted to go over and above and do a little bit more. The week's events include:

July 1st – Miss Pitman Pageant
July 2nd – Fireworks Display
July 3rd – Community Block Party at Summit Ave. Field
July 4th – Freedom 4-Mile Race & Parade

Prior to all of that, we have a mural designed by Creative Pitman and we'll be getting word out about that. There will be a signup for anyone who would like to participate in the mural painting which is to commemorate the 250th and what freedom means to you. The mural will be unveiled at the Block Party on July 3rd. A lot of fun events are planned, so we'll have that information table and maybe some of our signs there! Also, our House Decorating Contest—we had somewhere around 15 or 16 homes submit pictures to participate in the People's Choice Award which has been posted to the Borough Facebook page. We have about 29 homes in total that entered the competition. There are awards that are being selected by the Parade Committee, in fact our members have been out this week looking at homes, and that will conclude on June 27th. Then, our People's Choice Award for those who submitted pictures will also close on June 27th. That can be found on Facebook and the winning home will be the picture with the most number of likes. As of this afternoon, we had over 1,000 likes on that post, which is great, but we need to keep that voting going!

On that note, the "Best of Gloucester County" voting opened the end of last week, so I encourage people to visit www.bestofgloucestercountynj.com. I'm sure our Economic Development Committee will be posting links as they have in the past, but I encourage everyone to jump on there early and start voting for your favorite Borough businesses and events!

Old Business

Council President Mazzola presented Ordinance No. 9, 2026 for consideration.

Ordinance No. 9, 2026 – Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2026 Capital Improvements by and in the Borough Of Pitman, in the County Of Gloucester, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$1,409,500 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,339,025 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof
Second Reading/Public Hearing.

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Musto

Motion to open to the public: Mazzola
Time: 8:30 pm
Ayes all.

Second: Musto

No public comment.

Motion to close the public portion: Mazzola
Time: 8:30 pm
Ayes all.

Second: Musto

Roll Call:

Council President Mazzola: Yes
Councilwoman McCleery: Yes
Councilwoman Musto: Yes

Councilwoman Guarni: Yes
Councilman Morozin: Yes

Council President Mazzola presented Ordinance No. 10, 2026 for consideration.

Ordinance No. 10, 2026 – Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2026 Water and Sewer Utility Improvements by and in the Borough of Pitman, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$1,045,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$992,750 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof
Second Reading/Public Hearing.

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Musto

Motion to open to the public: Mazzola
Time: 8:31 pm
Ayes all.

Second: Musto

No public comment.

Motion to close the public portion: Mazzola
Time: 8:32 pm
Ayes all.

Second: Musto

Roll Call:

Council President Mazzola: Yes
Councilwoman McCleery: Yes
Councilwoman Musto: Yes

Councilwoman Guarni: Yes
Councilman Morozin: Yes

New Business

Councilwoman McCleery presented Ordinance No. 11, 2026 for consideration.

Ordinance No. 11, 2026 – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, Amending Borough Code Chapter 16 “Parks and Recreation Areas” Section 6 “Special Event Permits” and Authorizing the Establishment of Fees for the Use of Borough-Owned Parks and Facilities
Introduction/First Reading. Second Reading/Public Hearing will be held on July 13, 2026.

Motion: McCleery

Second: Morozin

Roll Call:

Council President Mazzola: Yes
Councilwoman McCleery: Yes
Councilwoman Musto: Yes

Councilwoman Guarni: Yes
Councilman Morozin: Yes

Councilwoman McCleery 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. 120, 2026 – Approving Payment No. 1 to the Contract With Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC for East Holly Water Main Replacement

Resolution No. 121, 2026 – Authorizing the Borough of Pitman to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing System and Approving the Execution of the Cooperative Pricing Agreement

Resolution No. 122, 2026 – Appointing Julian Capanna as Building SubCode Official and Building Inspector for the Borough of Pitman

Resolution No. 123, 2026 – Appointing Phil Azzarri as a Substitute Building Inspector for the Borough of Pitman

Resolution No. 124, 2026 – Confirming the Report of the Tax Collector in the Matter of Property Maintenance for 6 Adams Ave.

Motion: McCleery

Second: Morozin

Roll Call:

Council President Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Guarni: Yes

Councilwoman McCleery: Yes

Councilman Morozin: Yes

Councilwoman Musto: Yes

Council President Mazzola presented the bill list for consideration.

Payment of Bills June 22, 2026

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Musto

Roll Call:

Council President Mazzola: Abstain #26-01147, #26-01163, #26-01224, Yes to remainder

Councilman Blackmore: Yes

Councilwoman Guarni: Yes

Councilwoman McCleery: Yes

Councilman Morozin: Yes

Councilwoman Musto: Yes

Councilwoman McCleery presented the Event Permits Without Insurance.

Event Permit Applications Without Insurance

Event: Bike Race

Organization: Endgrain Coffee

Date and Time: Sun., October 25, 2026 from 12:00pm – Dusk

Location: Alcyon Park

Insurance Certificate provided: **PENDING**

Contact Person: Joe Fultano

Motion: McCleery

Second: Morozin

Roll Call:

Council President Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Guarni: Yes

Councilwoman McCleery: Yes

Councilman Morozin: Yes

Councilwoman Musto: Yes

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Musto

Second: Mazzola

Time: 8:36 pm

Ayes all.

No public comment.

Motion to close the public portion: McCleery

Second: Guarni

Time: 8:36 pm

Ayes all.

Miscellaneous

Mayor Razze hoped everyone had a nice Father's Day and wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Adjournment

Motion: Guarni

Second: McCleery

Time: 8:36 pm

Ayes all.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra McCafferty, Borough Clerk