

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 22, 2019**

Call to Order

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Moment of Silence

Council President Blass

Open Public Meetings Act Statement - Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by adopting a schedule of regular meetings for 2019, which was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, sent to the "South Jersey Times" and filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 5, 2019.

Roll Call

Councilman Austin: Present

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilwoman Rudley: Present

Mayor Johnson: Present

Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Council President Blass: Present

Councilman Razzo: Present

Councilman Weng: Present

Borough Solicitor Scaffidi: Present

Award Presentation

Miss Pitman Pageant Contestants

Miss Pitman 2019 – Dove DeGeorge

1st Runner-up – Nicole D'Arecca

2nd Runner-up –Chloe Naphy

Miss Congeniality – Angela Bevilacqua

Fourth of July Parade Participant Awards

Bikes & Scooters (Ages 7 and younger)

1st Place – Fulton Pote

2nd Place – Brock Marchesano

3rd Place – Catherine Schoen

Bikes & Scooters (Ages 8 and older)

1st Place-Jason Petaccio

Best Performing Non-paid Adult Group

Okinawa Kempo Karate Academy

Best Performing Non-paid Youth Group

West Deptford Little Theater

Best Appearing Antique Car

Hurffville Fire Company's 1947 Mack Pumper

Webb Award (for best adult entry float)

Pitman VFW Post 6469

Parade Committee Award (for best depiction of the parade theme)

Pitman Garden Club

Best Commercial Float Award
Float Haven Spa
Best Animal Entry
The Canterng Cowgirls
Best Appearing Fire Company
Pitman Fire Company #1
Best Pitman Fire Department Marching Unit
Highland Chemical Engine Company
Best Color Guard
Pitman Fire Company #1
Gold Medal Award (for best overall entry)
Pitman Garden Club

Approval of Minutes

Work Session and Formal Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2019

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Council Reports

Councilman Austin

Councilman Austin congratulated all of the winners who participated in the 4th of July activities.

Councilman Blass

Councilman Blass provided the following activities performed by the Public Works Department:

Highway Department:

Twenty loads of trash collected
Twenty loads of recyclables collected
Thirty-nine yards of brush collected
Nine truckloads of bulk trash collected, tonnage included in trash total
Eighteen hours patching and repairing pot holes and sink holes
Delivered six loads of mulch to residents
Spent seventy-six hours mowing
Parked a truck at a total of nine residences to collect yard debris

Water and Sewer Department:

Completed fifty-two water and sewer mark out requests
Plunged eight sewer stoppages
Jetted one sewer main
Replaced ten meter bodies
Upgraded thirty-four residential meter heads by appointment
Continued meter replacement program
Checked out water leaks at seven properties.
Repaired sewer grate on West Avenue
Installed insta-valve on hydrant lateral at 70 E. Holly Avenue

Councilman Razze read the following report:

Thank you to Mayor and Council for having all of the 4th of July awards presented here tonight at our Council meeting. This year our parade theme was the *100th Anniversary of the American Legion*. In honor of this amazing milestone, the Pitman Parade Committee decided to honor the two oldest members of our local Post 49; Doyle Owens and Clarence Kane. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to honor them and we are thankful for their service and for the service of all of our American Legion and VFW members.

A special thanks to Katherine Ritzler and Nicholas Razze for handling the bike and carriage registration and judging before the parade. I would also like to thank our volunteers who helped us carry banners in the parade; Riley Bowen-Ashwin, Brody Yordy, Benny Whilden, Joey Zubert, Cole Grooket, Carly Razze and Lucas Razze. Thanks to Mayor Russ Johnson, Councilman Jim Pierpont, and former Councilwoman Patti Kelley for coming out early to judge our floats prior to the parade. Thank you to our judges who anonymously sit along the parade route and judge the groups as they march, and to Borough Fire Chief Carl Ennis who assisted with judging the fire apparatus prior to the parade.

I thank our donors, the Women's Club of Pitman and Newfield Bank, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, the Pitman United Methodist Church, and St. James Lutheran Church for the use of their facilities. Thank you to the Borough employees of the Police, Public Works, and Recreation Departments, as well as the employees of the Finance Office who field telephone calls and help to sell the fireworks tickets. A special thanks to Nancy Yurick for coordinating the contracts and payment to the bands as well as the prize award checks.

Our volunteers who help with the line-up of the parade participants in the morning, Mayor Johnson, Council President Blass, Councilman Kevin Austin, Barry Owen, Jim Fortney, Frank Hagerty, Steve Roth, Patty Pierce, Bobby Hahn and Ethan Conner, are all appreciated.

Finally, a very special thank you to my right hand in all of this, Dawn Ritzler, who runs any and all errands needed to cover the finer details of what goes into coordinating the parade, and to my family for putting up with me throughout the planning process which begins in January of each year.

At the end of this week, the Tri-County Joint Insurance Fund will conduct its Annual Planning Retreat. I will be attending along with Administrator O'Donnell and Nancy Yurick.

Councilman Weng

No Report

Councilwoman Rudley

Councilwoman Rudley reported that on July 23, the Pitman Police Department will be conducting Active Shooter Training. The police officers will practice various tactics in relation to active shooter incidents.

On August 8 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., the Pitman Police Department Traffic Safety Unit will be conducting a Bike Rodeo at the Pop-up Park taking place in Ballard Park.

The Senior Outreach Committee will also attend the Pop-up Park on August 8, and will host a Blueberry Festival for our senior citizen residents. All seniors are invited.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance No. 18, 2019 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Pieces of Equipment in and for the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$772,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$731,000 Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection With the Foregoing

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Austin Second: Blass

Motion to open to the public: Razze Second: Blass

Time: 8:18 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public hearing: Razze Second: Blass

Time: 8:18 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: No	Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent	Councilman Razze: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes	Councilman Weng: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____	

Ordinance No. 19, 2019 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$90,000 for the Acquisition of Various Equipment for the Water and Sewer Utility

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Austin Second: Blass

Motion to open to the public: Razze Second: Blass

Time: 8:19 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public hearing: Razze Second: Blass

Time: 8:20 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: No	Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent	Councilman Razze: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes	Councilman Weng: Yes
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Ordinance No. 20, 2019 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter XXXV Entitled “Zoning” of the Code of the Borough of Pitman

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Weng
Second: Rudley

Motion to open to the public: Razze
Time: 8:20 p.m.
Second: Blass

No public comment.

Motion to close public hearing: Razze
Time: 8:20 p.m.
Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes	Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent	Councilman Razze: Abstain
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes	Councilman Weng: Yes
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Ordinance No. 21, 2019 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, Repealing Ordinance No. 8, 2019, and Amending Chapter V “Animal Control” of the Code of the Borough of Pitman to Add Section 18, “Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release”

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Rudley
Second: Weng

Motion to open to the public: Razze
Time: 8:21 p.m.
Second: Blass

No public comment.

Motion to close public hearing: Razze
Time: 8:21 p.m.
Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes	Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent	Councilman Razze: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes	Councilman Weng: Yes
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Following the vote, Councilman Razze commented on the need to educate the residents of the purpose of the ordinance and its necessity.

Resolution No. 107, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts Less Than \$10.00

Motion: Austin
Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes	Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent	Councilman Razze: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes	Councilman Weng: Yes
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Resolution No. 108, 2019 – 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

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Councilman Weng – We did talk a few meetings ago regarding going out to bid to see if we could get a private company to take this over for us.

Admin. O'Donnell – I called and left messages with three different local companies, and received only one reply. That company said that when we need them to come out, we can call them and they will go out and look over the property, then call us back with a price if they were available at the time.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 109, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Refund of Construction Permit Fees Collected by the Borough of Pitman From Sunrun Solar Developer

Motion: Weng

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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***Resolution No. 110, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing a Closed Meeting**

The nature of the subject to be discussed shall be:

Personnel: Alcyon Lake Park Assistant Superintendent

Motion was made by Councilman Razzo in the Work Session to remove this Resolution from this Agenda as it what determined that a Closed Meeting is no longer necessary. Members of Council approved by voice vote to remove.

Resolution No. 111, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Purchase of Two (2) Used Public Works Vehicles From the Township of Woodbridge New Jersey

Motion: Blass

Second: Weng

Councilman Austin – I am assuming that the 2008 and 2009 were inspected and their maintenance is okay?

Councilman Blass – Woodbridge has an extensive Maintenance Department.

Councilman Austin – We just bonded money for two new trucks.

Councilman Blass – These will be nice back-ups.

Councilman Austin – Are we going to sell/junk the old vehicles?

Councilman Blass – Yes, I think so.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
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Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Payment of Bills

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
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Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes, Abstain to #37681 & #15809

Event Permit

Event: Block Party

Sponsor: South Fernwood Avenue Residents

Contact Person: Andrew Bittner

Date & Time: Saturday, July 27, 2019 – 2pm-6pm

Location: Entire length of S. Fernwood Avenue between E. Holly and Pitman Avenues

Motion: Razzo

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
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Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Event: Halloween Parade

Sponsor: Friends of the McCowan Memorial Library

Contact Person: Andrew Coldren

Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2019 – 4pm

Location: Ballard Park

Motion: Razzo

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
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Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Permit approved contingent upon providing the Borough of Pitman with a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough as Additional Insured.

Event: Block Party

Sponsor: Residents of Kenton Ave.

Contact Person: Jeff Leach

Date & Time: Saturday, August 10, 2019, Noon - Dusk

Location: Kenton Ave. between Broadway and Oakland Ave.

Motion: Razze

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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Permit approved contingent upon providing the Borough of Pitman with a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough as Additional Insured.

Event: Military Commissioning Ceremony of Samuel Buckley as 2nd Lieutenant, USMC

Sponsor: USMC OSO New Brunswick

Contact Person: Samuel Buckley

Date & Time: Friday, August 9, 2019; 11:00 a.m.

Location: Edward J. Campbell War Memorial in Ballard Park

Motion: Razze

Second: Blass

Councilman Razze – Does he need insurance? What reason would he not need insurance?

Mayor Johnson – An active member of the military, using our War Memorial, should be given a waiver.

Councilwoman Rudley – If it relates to a governmental entity, doing the purposes of its existence, commissioning a member of our military, then they should be exempt.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Raffle License Applications

Event: 50/50 Raffle

Sponsor: Knights of Columbus #6247 - OLQP Council

Contact Person: Mike Martorano

Date & Time: December 5, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: 161 Pitman Avenue

Motion: Razze

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Razze
Time: 8:30 p.m.

Second: Blass

No public comment.

Motion to close the public portion: Razze
Time: 8:30 p.m.

Second: Blass

Adjournment

Motion: Razze
Time: 8:32 p.m.

Second: Blass

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator