

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2016
8:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Invocation

Councilwoman Higbee

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 2016, which was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, sent to the "South Jersey Times" and filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 3, 2016.

Roll Call

Councilman Austin: Present

Councilman Blass: Present

Councilwoman Higbee: Present

Council President Pierpont: Present

Councilman Razzo: Present

Councilwoman Rudley: Present

Mayor Johnson: Present

Borough Solicitor Alice: Present

Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Loyalty Oath Administered to Pitman Committee and Board Members in Attendance

Loyalty Oath Administered to Chief Daniel J. McAteer, Pitman Police Department

Approval of Minutes

Formal Meeting & Closed Formal Meeting Minutes of December 28, 2015

Motion: Austin

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Abstain

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Reorganization, January 3, 2016

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

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Committee Reports

No Committee Reports

New Business

Resolution No. 26, 2015 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Transfer of Real Estate Overpayments

Motion: Higbee

Second: Pierpont

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

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Resolution No. 27, 2015 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appointing John Milward as a Part-Time Laborer for the Borough of Pitman Public Works Highway Division, Effective January 13, 2016

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

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Councilman Razze stated that as Council Liaison to the Recreation Department, he was sorry to see John Milward transferred to the Public Works Department. He stated that Mr. Milward was a diligent and hard-working employee for the short time that he worked for Recreation, and that he will be missed by his supervisors and co-workers. Councilman Razze said that he is confident that Mr. Milward will be an excellent employee for the Highway Division, and congratulated him on his transfer.

Payment of Bills

Motion: Higbee

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

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Event Permit Applications

Applicant: Pitman Little League

Event: Registration and Monthly Meeting Dates

Time: See application for various times

Location: Council Chambers; Borough Hall

Contact Person: Tony Tartaglia

Motion: Razze

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Abstain

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

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Bingo License Application

Applicant: First Presbyterian Church in Pitman

Event: Handbag Bingo

Date & Time: Friday, March 4, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church

Contact Person: Lauren Hoffman

Motion: Razze

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

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Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:32 p.m.

Barry Owen, 508 Pitman Avenue – Mr. Owen began by commending the members of VFW Post 6469 for installing a flag disposal box at their building, located at 143 Oakcrest Avenue. He also wished to correct the wording used to identify the First Presbyterian Church in Pitman as the applicant on the Bingo License Application approved by Council.

Marge Monahan, 203 East Avenue – Ms. Monahan stated that an increasing number of cars have been driving on the sidewalk on First Avenue to cross between Broadway and East Avenue. She asked for Police Department monitoring of that area, particularly on weekend evenings.

Motion to close the public portion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Time: 8:35 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Razze

Second: Austin

Time: 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator

