

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 26, 2018**

**Call to Order**

Time: 8:03 p.m.

**Salute to the Flag/Moment of Silence**

Councilman 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 2018, which was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, sent to the "South Jersey Times" and filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 6, 2018.

**Roll Call**

Councilman Austin: Present

Councilman Pierpont: Present

Councilwoman Rudley: Present

Mayor Johnson: Present

Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Council President Blass: Present

Councilman Razzo: Present

Councilman Weng: Present

Borough Solicitor Cornelius: Present

**Approval of Minutes**

Work Session and Formal Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2018

Motion: Blass

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Reports**

**Councilman Austin**

No Report

**Council President Blass** read the following report:

The Memorabilia Committee met on March 13 and set the calendar for the year. The Memorabilia Museum will be open on the second Saturday and for 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays in the months from April through October. It will also be open for the Christmas House Tour in December.

I want to thank the members of the committee, in particular Debbie Higbee and Michelle LaPlante for helping out with the Grove Easter Egg Hunt by hosting a scavenger hunt in the museum. Thanks to Vanessa James and her volunteers for an enjoyable event last weekend.

**Councilman Razzo** read the following report:

The Environmental Commission and the Recreation Commission will meet on April 5, here in Borough Hall.

I attended the Joint Insurance Fund meeting earlier this evening. Just a reminder, the Municipal Managers and Supervisors Training is taking place now at various dates, times and locations. The Police Command Staff Training, is also taking place now. They are both part of our employment practices liability criteria and provide guidelines that we are required follow.

Also at the meeting, one of the JIF Solicitors brought to everyone's attention pending legislation before the Senate Labor Committee. It states that all employers in the State of New Jersey should make a settlement offer in the event of a workers compensation injury. This pending legislation would do away with the bonified offer plan, meaning that if an employee is injured, the employer should get them settlement money as quickly as possible, which would save the employer and the insurance provider legal costs over the long run. For obvious reasons, this is not supported by the JIF.

A reminder that Youth Week begins on May 6. Monday is movie night, Tuesday's event has not yet been determined, Wednesday is High Elevations night, Thursday is the elementary schools track and field event, and Friday night is the Middle School Spring Fling Dance.

**Councilman Pierpont** read the following report:

According to the calendar, spring has arrived, but you wouldn't know that by our recent weather.

I want to thank the personnel at Pubic Works for their hard work and efforts to keep our streets, sidewalks and crosswalks free of snow and ice during last week's storm. Both our Highway Department and Water & Sewer Department were responsible for plowing, salting, and removing the snow and ice. I received many favorable comments in my email, and saw many nice things said by residents on Facebook. I do want to apologize to the residents of Hudson Avenue who did not get their trash and recycling picked up on their scheduled day.

Listed are some preliminary costs associated with this storm:

Labor costs: \$6,134.00

Six tons of salt: \$334.43

Most employees worked overtime from a minimum of 8.5 hours, while some worked straight through the storm for up to sixteen hours.

Thank you to Public Works for a job well done, and may I say I hope we are done with snow until next year.

The trash and recycling figures for the period of March 12 - March 23 are as follows:

Ten loads of trash totaling 106 tons

Thirteen loads of recycling totaling 42 tons

Congratulations to the Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring two great events this month. The first was the March Business Networking event at Human Village, and the second was the Easter Egg Hunt and activities at the Grove Auditorium. Both events were very successful and fun.

The next Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at the Pitman Art Gallery.

The Green Team met on Thursday, March 22, and discussed actions to be performed that will earn them Silver Certification. Pitman achieved Bronze Certification this year, but we want Silver. It's not an easy process, and we need another 195 points to achieve Silver, but through the hard work of our committee and department

supervisors, we just may pull it off.

**Councilman Weng** read the following report:

On March 19, I attended the Combined Planning and Zoning Board meeting, where the Board reviewed and approved five applications from the Historic Commission. Also on March 19, the New Use Wavier Subcommittee of the Planning and Zoning Board met and discussed a proposed new use at 911 N. Woodbury-Glassboro Road. This is the former Hair Port. Fresh Start, now located on E. Holly Avenue, is seeking to move to that new location. The new use was approved by the subcommittee with a few conditions, which include an engineering review of the parking lot, the lighting, handicapped accessible bathrooms, repairs to the front steps, and approval from Gloucester County for the use of the driveway off Woodbury-Glassboro Road.

I received an update from the Housing Officer in regard to 166 East Avenue. We have been told that internal repairs to the basement have been made, but we have yet to see any documentation, and no inspections have been requested. There remains significant work needed to bring the building back to a habitable condition. The owner of the property was recently indicted on several charges stemming from this incident including allegedly risking wide spread injury with disaster, and allegedly endangering the welfare of a child. The Housing Officer continues to monitor this situation.

The thirty day period for those with an ownership interest for 125 Tenth Avenue to remediate the property expired on March 14<sup>th</sup>. There was no response or action taken prior to the deadline. Borough Administrator O'Donnell is in the process of soliciting proposals from demolition companies and we hope to move forward with that in the near future.

In the month of February, the Zoning Officer collected \$245.00 in fees, and the Construction Office processed forty-seven permits, one of which was for a new building, and two were demolitions for a total of \$9,486.00.

Finally, on Saturday, March 24, I participated in a dodgeball tournament to raise funds for the hopefully soon to be built pump track. The event was a huge success and was a lot of fun for everyone.

**Councilwoman Rudley** read the following report:

On March 13, I attended the Memorabilia Committee as an uninvited guest. They tolerated my appearance and they also agreed to participate in the History Day Fair planned for June 2. They have tons of great resources and I plan to lean on them heavily for the use of those resources for this fair, including using their wonderful pictures.

The Board of Fire Engineers did not meet last Tuesday.

The Economic Development Committee meets on the third Thursday of every month, and has some great things planned. In Work Session, we discussed their purchase of new planters Uptown. In addition, I've been in contact with Freeholder Heather Simmons with respect to gaining permission to paint some of the county owned light boxes that operate the red light fixtures and street lights. The idea will be presented at the next Freeholders Meeting, and hopefully, we will get permission and some volunteer artists to paint them. I will bring this to Council to get everyone's thoughts on what should go on them, but I recommend art.

Senior Outreach met for their regular meeting, and they are planning an Ocean Grove trip for senior citizens in

our community to see a community that is much like Pitman, and hopefully Ocean Grove will want to plan a trip to our town.

I have been part of a discussions with Councilman Austin, Mayor Johnson, School Board Superintendent McAleer, Police Chief McAteer, Sgt. Zander, the President of the School Board, Judy Walker, and the President of the local teachers union, Tony Capello. With respect to some of the school security issues, school safety ideas, and proposed changes, and in an attempt to be proactive here in Pitman, Resolution No. 56, 2018 was added to tonight’s agenda. This resolution will authorize \$50,000.00 into our budget to work together with the school district in an effort to put officers in our schools.

The Pitman Police Department will be holding its annual K-9 Fishing Tournament on May 5 at Alcyon Lake, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The tournament is open to students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Anyone wishing to participate in the tournament should see Cpl. Leach and/or Ptlm. Pierson. Registrations may be picked up at the Police Department or from the department web page. All donations will benefit the K-9 unit.

The Pitman Police Department would like to thank Dr. McAleer, Dr. Lombardo, and Shea Murray for inviting the Chief of Police and Sgt. Zander to attend the Pitman High School forum on school security on March 14 at Pitman High School. The students at the forum were very impressive, and this was a huge success.

**Unfinished Business**

**Ordinance No. 5, 2018 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Detailing and Controlling the Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages Within the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey**

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Pierpont Second: Weng

Motion to open to the public: Razze Second: Blass

Time: 8:20 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public comment: Razze Second: Blass

Time: 8:21p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes Councilman Razze: No

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

**New Business**

**Ordinance No. 6, 2018 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter III Entitled “Police Regulations” of the Code of the Borough of Pitman**

First Reading

Motion: Rudley Second: Weng

**Discussion**

Discussion among members of Council centered on items that had been discussed as being pertinent to the ordinance, but do not appear in the ordinance as presented. The particular items mentioned are, limiting the permits to Pitman based non-profit groups, the insurance requirements for the requesting group, and the three time limit to the number of times annually a Pitman based non-profit may submit for such an event.

Councilwoman Rudley stated that several of the requirements of the Borough, such as the non-profit status of the group and the type of insurance requirements, are also requirements found in the Social Affairs Permit Application that the applicant would have to provide to the State of New Jersey in order to have the application approved. Ms. Rudley said that limiting it to Pitman based non-profits is something that Council needs to agree on. Councilman Weng pointed out that the three time limit is on the state permit application as well as the requirement for a liquor liability rider to the insurance policy.

Councilwoman Rudley stressed that for each event, Pitman Borough Council must review and approve a separate special event permit at a public meeting. This approval would be subject to appropriate insurance requirements.

Solicitor Cornelius stated that Council would want to make sure that what they want to have enforced is specified in the ordinance. She advised that it is better to have it in there and not use it, than to go back and try to enforce it. Solicitor Cornelius said that most insurance policies are more broad then specific, and although they may touch on it in a general insurance policy, the Borough would want to put in the ordinance what specifics it wants addressed or covered under the policy.

Solicitor Cornelius and Councilwoman Rudley discussed the appropriate language to be used to amend the ordinance prior to Council voting on the amended ordinance.

**Motion** was made by Councilwoman Rudley to amend **Ordinance No. 6, 2018** to add specific language to the ordinance pertaining to insurance requirements and the requirement that the permit is available only to a non-profit based in the Borough of Pitman. Furthermore, the event permit application addendum would reflect the three Borough locations where the consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted as being Theatre Avenue, Sunset Auditorium and Alcyon Lake Park, as well as the requirement of the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, that the permit only be available to a no-profit entity or other approved entity that is based in or of the Borough of Pitman, with a limit of three permits issued per organization annually.

**Second:** Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: No

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: No

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution No. 53, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Supporting Submission of an Application to the Office of Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs for Technical Assistance to Develop a Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**

Motion: Rudley

Second: Pierpont

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution No. 54, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Accepting the Proposal Submitted by Federici & Akin, P.A., Wendy Kunz, AIA, to Act as the Borough of Pitman, Gloucester County, New Jersey Representative for the Pitman Grove Auditorium Roof Replacement Project**

Motion: Blass

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution No. 55, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appointing Lucille Petrillo as a Member of the Borough of Pitman Senior Outreach Committee**

Motion: Rudley

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution 56, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving the Addition of Reserve Funds in the Amount of \$50,000 to the 2018 Municipal Budget for the Establishment of a School Resource Officer(s) Presence in the Pitman School District, and Contingent Upon Funds Equal to this Amount Being Added to the 2018-2019 School Board Budget of the Borough of Pitman**

Motion: Rudley

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment of Bills**

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Abstain to # 35309, votes to approve all other items on list.

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Permit/Signage**

**Event: Kids Fishing Tournament**

Applicant: Pitman Police Department  
Contact Person: Cpl. Chris Leach  
Date & Time: May 5, 2018; 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
Location: Alcyon Lake/Betty Park  
Motion: Razze  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Blass  
Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Yes  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Event: Chowdown Uptown**

Applicant: Pitman Police Department  
Contact Person: Chief McAteer, Cpl. Leach, Ptl. Pierson  
Date & Time: November 3, 2018; 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Location: Broadway, Pitman Ave. Ballard Park and Ballard Ave.  
Motion: Razze  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Blass  
Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Yes  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Signage Application**

Applicant: PUMC – BSA Troop 55  
Contact Person: Shirley Nolan  
Date & Time: March 26, 2018 – April 8, 2018  
Location: Ballard, Betty & Alcyon Parks, Corner Holly & Lambs and Holly & Delsea, Cedar Ave. triangle  
Motion: Razze  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Blass  
Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Yes  
Councilman Weng: Yes

*Application approved contingent upon submitting a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured.*

**Public Portion**

Motion to open to the public: Razze  
Time: 8:40 p.m.

Second: Rudley

**Patti Kelley, 125 Pitman Avenue** – Ms. Kelley reflected on the historic changes that are taking place within the Borough and asked if there are time frames or limits on the amount of time the permitted consumption of alcohol on public property could occur? Councilwoman Rudley stated that the times requested by the applicants would

