

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2014
8:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Time: 8:12 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Invocation

Council President Razze

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 2014, which was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, sent to the "South Jersey Times" and filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 5, 2014.

Roll Call

Councilman Austin: Present
Councilwoman Higbee: Present
Councilman Pierpont: Present
Mayor Johnson: Present
Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Councilman Blass: Present
Councilwoman Kelley: Absent
Council President Razze: Present
Borough Solicitor Duffield: Present

Approval of Minutes

Budget Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2014, Work Session and Formal Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2014.

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Absent
Council President Razze: Yes

Committee Reports

Councilman Austin

Councilman Austin reported that the Police Department has been very active lately; Sunday they had an arrest that involved possession of illegal drugs.

Cpl. Streater completed an active shooter response tactical EMS course. Det. Sgt. Moore, Sgt. Owens, Cpl. Streater, and Ptlm. Barbetta participated in a Progressive System Drug Identification course. They received certification at the end of the course.

The use of parking permits by Pitman residents to park in Borough owned parking lots is being enforced by the Police Department. Permits must be renewed annually starting in January.

The Beef and Beer fundraiser to benefit the K-9 fund is scheduled for March 21 at Masso's in Glassboro. Fund raising for the K-9 unit continues to be a success. Apparel is still available for purchase. Also, Venice Italian Restaurant is donating 15% of all their sales to the K-9 fund on

February 24 and 25. "Coffee with a Cop" will also take place at Venice Restaurant on Thursday, February 27, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

There has been little activity for the Fire Department outside of a few mutual aid calls received from neighboring towns.

Councilman Austin said that he attended a recent Environmental Commission meeting where it was announced that this year's celebration of Earth Day in the Borough will take place on May 7. The citizen group, Friends of Alcyon Lake, is now working in conjunction with the Environmental Commission.

Councilman Austin reported that Harry Walker has resigned his position as Recycling Coordinator for the Borough of Pitman. He asked that anyone interested in being appointed to this position to contact him.

Councilman Blass

Councilman Blass reported that on January 24 he attended his first Board of Trustees meeting for the McCowan Memorial Library. The Board approved Carol Lutner as the new Office Manager. On February 22, the new "seed library" will be officially unveiled. The next meeting of the Friends of the Library is scheduled for March 3.

The Memorabilia Committee received the donation of a bingo kit that had belonged to Pitman Fire Patrol, from Chic but Cheap, a thrift store on Broadway.

Council President Razze

Council President Razze reported that the Recreation Committee met last week. They are currently half way through the season with the Middle School basketball programs. Steve Crispin will be stepping down from coaching the third and fourth grade basketball program; Bob Fiscaro will be taking over this program.

The Recreation Department Director has been exploring the possibility of opening our fields at Alcyon Lake Park for use by outside teams for a nominal charge.

The Recreation Department will be advertising for a full time assistant for Alcyon Lake Park.

Councilman Pierpont

Councilman Pierpont read the following report:

Our Public Works employees were out and about again on Sunday night and this morning plowing and applying salt to Borough roadways and parking lots. They have also been doing an admirable job shoveling the sidewalks and walkways at all the public buildings and parking lots. Mr. Alexander and his crew are doing this, as well as keeping up with the weekly services, that we as residents are accustomed to. A big thanks for those men and women who have put in the time and energy to keep our residents safe while they are out and about.

The Recycling Report for December 2013 is as follows:

Twenty-six loads of single stream recycling	128.24 tons
Income received by the Borough @ \$17.68 per ton	\$2,605.22

Councilwoman Higbee

Councilwoman Higbee reported that the Historic Commission will meet in Borough Hall this Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Our Tax Collector reports that we collected \$2,103,161.28 in tax payments during the month of January.

Councilwoman Higbee reported that in our Work Session meeting earlier tonight we discussed the Recreation Department budget and the Alcyon Lake Park budget. Our next budget meeting is scheduled for February 19 at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss the Water and Sewer Department and the Public Works Department budgets.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance No. 1, 2014 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter VII Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” of the Code of the Borough of Pitman

Second Reading/Public Hearing

Motion: Austin Second: Blass

Motion to open to the public: Razze Second: Blass

Time: 8:24 p.m.

Dr. David Swiecinski, 107 W. Jersey Avenue - Dr. Swiecinski stated that he and other merchants and residents on W. Jersey Avenue have issues with the three hour parking limit for the parking spots along W. Jersey Avenue. He stated that for years there was unlimited parking spots at the Broadway end of W. Jersey, and he is wondering why that was changed.

Mayor Johnson stated that Dr. Swiecinski’s concerns were not relevant to the ordinance being considered at this time. He asked Dr. Swiecinski to stay until the Public Portion of this meeting, and his concerns would be addressed at that time.

Motion to close public hearing: Razze Second: Blass

Time: 8:27 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Absent

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Ordinance No. 2, 2014 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter II Entitled “Administration” of the Code of the Borough of Pitman

Second Reading/Public Hearing

Motion: Austin Second: Blass

Motion to open to the public: Razze Second: Austin

Time: 8:28 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public hearing: Razze Second: Austin

Time: 8:28 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Absent
Council President Razze: Yes

New Business

Ordinance No. 3, 2014 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter II Entitled “Administration” of the Code of the Borough of Pitman (Austin)

First Reading

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Absent
Council President Razze: Yes

Ordinance No. 4, 2014 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter XVIII entitled “Streets and Sidewalks” of the Code of the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Absent
Council President Razze: Yes

Resolution No. 40, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Affirming the Civil Rights Policy With Respect to All Officials, Appointees, Employees,, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public That Come Into Contact With Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers

Motion: Razze

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Absent
Council President Razze: Yes

Resolution No. 41, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing 2013 Reserve Budget Transfers

Motion: Higbee

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Absent
Council President Razze: Yes

Resolution No. 42, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to

\$2,337,000.00 of General Obligation Bonds; USDA Series 2014, of the Borough of Pitman; Making Certain Covenants to Maintain the Exemption of the Interest of Said Bond From Federal Income Taxation; and Authorizing Such Further Actions and Making Such Determinations as May Be Necessary or Appropriate to Effectuate the Issuance and Sale of the Bond

Motion: Higbee

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Absent

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 43, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Establishing and Designating a Temporary Curb Loading Zone on Hudson Avenue

Motion: Austin

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Absent

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 44, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk/Administrator of the Borough of Pitman to Enter Into an Agreement to Extend the Contract With the Gloucester County New Jersey Community Development Block Grant Program Through the Federally Funded Housing and Community Development Act of 1974

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Absent

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 45, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing a Closed Meeting

The general nature of the subjects to be discussed at said meeting shall be:

2014 Salary & Wages for Designated Positions Within the Borough

Potential Litigation Against the Borough

Action may be taken upon returning to an open meeting.

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Absent

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Payment of Bills

Motion: Higbee

Second: Pierpont

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes, Abstain to #28716
Councilman Pierpont: Yes, Abstain to # 28186
Mayor Johnson _____

Councilwoman Kelley: Absent
Council President Razze: Yes

Event Permit Application

***Event:** 5K Road Race
Applicant: Good Day for a Run, LLC
Date: March 16, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Location: (Map Attached)
Contact Person: Ken Culbertson

Motion: Razze
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Second: Blass
Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Absent
Council President Razze: Yes

***Approval contingent upon the submission of a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured.**

Event: Bike Race
Applicant: Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce
Date: June 7, 2014
Time: 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Location: Broadway, Lambs Road, Holly Ave., Cedar Ave., Laurel Ave., Broadway (Loop)
Ballard Park
Contact Person: Ken Culbertson

Motion: Razze
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: No
Mayor Johnson _____

Second: Blass
Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Absent
Council President Razze: Yes

***Approval contingent upon the submission of a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured.**

Public Portion

Motion to Open to the Public: Razze
Time: 8:45 p.m.

Second: Blass

The following residents and business owners spoke out on the issue of the parking restrictions and the enforcement of these restrictions on W. Jersey Avenue. All said that the three hour limit on parking is too short a time, and all are upset by the loss of the few unlimited time parking spaces that were taken away:

- Dr. David Swiecinski, 107 W. Jersey Avenue (Dental Office)**
- Kim DeCant, 101 W. Jersey Avenue (Business Owner)**
- Sandy Razze, 143 W. Jersey Avenue (Resident)**

