

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 28, 2019**

**Call to Order**

Time: 8:01 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: Present

Councilwoman Rudley: Present

Mayor Johnson: Present

Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Council President Blass: Present

Councilman Razzo: Absent

Councilman Weng: Present

Borough Solicitor Krachun: Present

**Approval of Minutes**

Work Session and Formal Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2019

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Absent

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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

**Council Reports**

Councilman Austin read the following report:

The McCowan Memorial Library will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this Saturday, June 1, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. There will be ceremonies in the beginning, then performances by the Pitman High School Band and Choir, games, trivia, food and beverages. Please come out and join in the celebration.

The Library Board of Trustees meeting was tonight, but I was unable to attend due to the rescheduling of this meeting for tonight.

Please stop out and see the new fountain in the Edward J. Campbell Memorial Mall, thanks to Meredith Owen who designed and completed this project as part of her Girl Scout Gold Star Award.

Our sympathy goes out the family and friends of Lt. Jason Fisher, who was a member of Pitman Fire Company #1. He will be sadly missed by all.

Council President Blass

No report

Councilman Pierpont read the following report:

The first monthly summer installment of the Laurel Market is this Saturday, June 2, at Sunset Auditorium. At the last Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce meeting it was reported that fifty vendors have signed up to participate.

Thank you to the members of our American Legion, VFW, PHS Band and Choir, local Boy Scouts, and the many volunteers, including the Garden Club, for making the Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony one of the finest. But above all the folks who helped put it together, I would also like to recognize one young lady who was instrumental in installing the new Reflection Fountain in our War Memorial Mall. Meredith Owen had an idea for her Gold Star Award and followed through with her idea, vision concept, planning, fund raising and execution. As a resident I wanted to say thank you to Meredith. It is truly beautiful and will be for years to come.

Councilman Weng

Councilman Weng reported that at the last Combined Planning and Zoning Board meeting, held last week, the Board reviewed Borough Ordinance No. 17, 2019, which Council had introduced at their previous meeting. The Board agreed unanimously that it is in compliance with the Borough's Master Plan. The ordinance changes certain blocks and lots from TRC-1 to C-1 districts. Our second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 17, 2019 will take place at the June 10 Council meeting.

Additionally, Councilman Weng said 'one of our long-time members of the Planning and Zoning Board, Bruce Lowden, recently stepped down due to personal issues. The Planning and Zoning Board unanimously voted to award a Proclamation honoring him for his service. (Councilman Weng read the Proclamation) Bruce was truly a huge part of the Planning and Zoning Board, and he was a great help to me when I was new to the Board. He will be greatly missed.'

Councilwoman Rudley read the following report:

Traffic Safety Sergeant, Jonathan Streater, recently graduated from the Intensive Crash Investigation training at the Burlington County Emergency Services Academy. Sgt. Streater is scheduled to complete Crash Investigation II training in the coming weeks.

As a reminder, Community Appreciation Day is Tuesday, June 4, from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The event will be held once again in beautiful Alcyon Lake Park.

The Pitman Police Department continues to be active in the *Click it or Ticket National Campaign*, and we would like to remind everyone to please, buckle up, slow down, use hands free devices and always, drive sober.

We would like to extend our condolences to the family of Pitman Firefighter, Lieutenant Jason Fisher. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lt. Fisher's family and the members of Pitman Fire Company No. 1 as well as the members of the Gloucester County Emergency Medical Services where he was employed.

The PPD would also like to thank the Mantua PD and East Greenwich PD for assisting us with the funeral procession for Lt. Fisher. Captain Thomas Zander and the other officers who worked under him during this event should also be commended for a job well done!

Saturday is our town-wide Yard Sale from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., and the Laurel Market also opens on Saturday.

Mayor Johnson

Mayor Johnson said that Pitman on two occasions shined very brightly this past weekend. First was on Saturday with the services for Lt. Jason Fisher of Pitman Fire Company No. 1. He was an eighteen year veteran of the Fire Department and a full-time Gloucester County EMT. He spent his life serving others.

Second, Monday's Memorial Day services, beginning at the Grove Auditorium and concluding at the Memorial Mall in Ballard Park, had a great community turn out. Pitman residents always show up where they are needed.

New Business

**Resolution No. 76, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement for Financial Contribution Towards the Cost to Provide School Resource Officer(s) to the Pitman School District Between the Borough of Pitman and the Pitman Board of Education**

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Absent

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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

**Resolution No. 77, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87: 2019 Seatbelt Enforcement Grant Program**

**Resolution No. 78, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87: 2019 Distracted Driving Program**

**Resolution No. 79, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87: Joint Insurance Fund - Optional Safety Budget**

**Resolution No. 80, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87: Joint Insurance Fund - Safety Incentive Program**

**Resolution No. 81, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87: Joint Insurance Fund - Wellness Incentive Program**

**Resolution No. 82, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87: Joint Insurance Fund – Cyber Risk Program**

**Resolution No. 83, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87: NJDOT State Road Aid – Parts of Glen Lake, Seneca and Adams Avenues**

Motion (R-77--R-83): Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Absent

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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

**Resolution No. 84, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Execution of Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement UECA-16-RT 47-Grove-RT 130-123050 Between New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Borough of Pitman**

**Resolution No. 85, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Execution of Amendment to Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement Between the Borough of Pitman and the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Route 47 Grove Street to Route 130 Pavement Project**

Motion (R-84 & R-85): Blass

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Absent

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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

**Resolution No. 86, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Advertisement for Sale by Sealed Bid of One (1) Plenary Retail Consumption License**

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Absent

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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

**Resolution No. 87, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Supporting the Creative Pitman Group**

Motion: Blass  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Weng  
Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razzo: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Resolution No. 88, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Purchase of Electricity Supply Services for Public Use on the Online Auction Services of EMEX, LLC-1: Lighting Meters**

**Resolution No. 89, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Purchase of Electricity Supply Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website: GS Meters**

Motion (R-88 & 89): Austin  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Blass  
Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razzo: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Resolution No. 90, 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: Extension of Personal Leave**

Action may be taken upon returning to an open meeting.

Motion: Blass  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Austin  
Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razzo: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Resolution No. 91, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Supporting the Safe Routes to School Program**

Motion: Rudley  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilman Pierpont: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Blass  
Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razzo: Absent  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Payment of Bills** (Austin)

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes, Abstain to # 37416

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

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

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Razze: Absent

Councilman Weng: Yes

**Public Portion**

Motion to open to the public: Blass

Time: 8:20 p.m.

Second: Austin

No public comment.

Motion to close the public portion: Blass

Time: 8:20 p.m.

Second: Rudley

**Closed Meeting**

Motion to enter into a closed meeting: Blass

Time: 8:20 p.m.

Second: Austin

Motion to return to an open meeting: Pierpont

Time: 8:55 p.m.

Second: Weng

As a result of discussion in the Closed Session Meeting, the following action was taken by Council upon returning to an open meeting.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Blass on the request of a Public Works Water and Sewer Department employee for an extension of his personal leave from employment with the Borough of Pitman.

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: No

Councilman Pierpont: No

Councilwoman Rudley: No

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

Council President Blass: No

Councilman Razze: Absent

Councilman Weng: No

**Adjournment**

Motion: Blass

Time: 8:55 p.m.

Second: Austin

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell

Borough Clerk/Administrator

