

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 13, 2019**

Call to Order

Time: 8:09 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: Present
Councilman Weng: Present
Borough Solicitor Scaffidi: Present

Approval of Minutes

Work Session, Formal Meeting, and Closed Formal Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2019
Motion: Blass
Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Abstain
Mayor Johnson _____

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

Council Reports

Councilman Austin

Councilman Austin reported that during the month of April, 6112 people visited the McCowan Memorial Library, and 440 children attended story time.

The library will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary on June 1, 2019. The anniversary will be observed from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. There will be a brief ceremony when it begins and performances by the Pitman High School Band and Choir. There will also be games, trivia, and light refreshments. Please come out and join in this great celebration.

The next Library Board of Trustees meeting will be May 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Council President Blass

Items collected for recycling during the month of April totaled 93.93 tons, and the cost to dispose of the items was \$7,720.20

Councilman Razzo read the following report:

I want to thank all of Council and everyone who came out to our Youth Council meeting event; we had a great turnout. I also want to thank Recreation Director Andy Fox for his coordination of this event, which has been going on for at least four decades.

I also would like to thank the voters here in town, and in Gloucester County. There were a number of local businesses and different organization events that were voted *Best of Gloucester County* in the South Jersey Times survey, with one of the winners being the Pitman Parade.

Nominees for Grand Marshal of the Fourth of July Parade are currently being accepted by the Parade Committee. If you know someone who you think is worthy, please submit your letter of recommendation by the May 28 deadline. You may drop them off here at Borough Hall by 4:00 p.m., or email them to pitmanparade@gmail.com by midnight. The letter should explain why you think this person would make a good Grand Marshal, and what are the attributes of the individual that makes them stand out.

Applications to participate in the parade will be accepted until June 14, and until 4:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, or midnight online.

Councilman Pierpont read the following report:

The Memorabilia Committee met on May 6 at the Pitman Museum. The Committee would like to remind everyone that the Museum is open every second Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and every 4th Friday from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Spring Craft Fair on May 18 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The craft fairs are the major fundraisers for the Chamber. Please come out and enjoy the day in Uptown Pitman.

Finally, the Chamber would like to remind all residents to eat, stay, stroll and shop local. Please support our local places of business.

Councilman Weng

Councilman Weng reported that in the month of March the Construction Office processed 51 permits, which includes one for a building addition, forty-nine for structural alterations and one demolition permit. Thirty-two Certificates of Continued Occupancy were issued as well. Funds collected for violations/penalties totaled \$2000.00, and \$8661.00 was collected in permit fees.

The Registrar issued three Marriage Licenses, five copies of Marriages Certificates, and 123 Death Certificates for a total of \$794.00 in fees for the month of March.

The Planning and Zoning Board collected \$500 in zoning permit fees and \$70 in lot grading fees for a total of \$570.00.

Councilwoman Rudley

The Senior Outreach Committee will meet the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall Conference Room. Following that meeting, the Economic Development Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Fire Engineers meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., also in the Conference Room.

The Annual Pitman Police Department K-9 Fishing Tournament took place on Saturday, May 4. The PPD would

Roll Call:

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

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

Ordinance No. 17, 2019 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending the Zoning Map Within Chapter 35, Zoning, Section 2.2(a) Zoning Map, of the Code of the Borough of Pitman to Rezone Property at Block 82.01 Lot 2 and 2.01, and Block 83, Lots 1, 2, 3.01, and 19, and Block 56 Lot 2, From TRC-1 to C-1 Classification

First Reading

Motion: Weng

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 66, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Confirming Compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7; Conducting Local Examination of 2019 Annual Municipal Budget for the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 67, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Requesting Permission for the Dedication By Rider for the Miss Pitman Pageant Trust Fund

Motion: Razzo

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 68, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Refund of Water Charges for 107 Seventh Avenue, Block 19 Lot 30 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Blass

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 69, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving Maintenance Guarantee Submitted for Approval by Jose A. Ruiz for the Restructuring of a Driveway Apron at 65 Woodlynne Avenue, Block 134 Lot 17 in the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Austin

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 No. 70, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Omega Pest Management to Investigate the Presence of Pests at the Vacant Property Located at 81 Circle Avenue, Block 21 Lot 1 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Weng

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. 71, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appointing Gina Foody to Fill the Unexpired Term of Michele Friedrich as a Member of the McCowan Memorial Library Board of Trustees

Motion: Austin

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 No. 72, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Refund of Sewer Charges for 511 Boundary Road, Block 176.05 Lot 7 in the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

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. 73, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Refund of Sewer Charges for 320 Edsam Avenue, Block 51 Lot 2 in the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Councilman Razze: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Resolution No. 74, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving Participation With the State of New Jersey Federal Grant Program Administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety: 2019 Safe and Secure Communities Program

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

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

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

Payment of Bills

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes, Abstains to # 27309
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

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

Event Permits

Event: Spring Concert

Sponsor: Elwood Kindle Elementary School

Contact Person: Karolyn Mason

Date & Time: May 16, 2019; 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: 211 Washington Ave. (Involves street closing)

Motion: Razze

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

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

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

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

Event: Laurel Market Meet & Greet

Sponsor: Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

Contact Person: Gwyn Glass & Keryl Hausmann

Date & Time: May 15, 2019; 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Sunset Auditorium

Motion: Razze

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

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

Mayor Johnson _____

Event: Pitman Hobo & Youth Band Concerts

Sponsor: Pitman Hobo Band

Contact Person: Sig Johnson

Date & Time: See attached application

Location: Sunset & Grove Auditoriums

Motion: Razze

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Event Permit approved contingent upon providing the Borough of Pitman with a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough as Additional Insured, and the signing of a Facilities Use Form.

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Razze

Second: Blass

Time: 8:32 p.m.

Fiona James, 91 Circle Avenue – Ms. James mentioned that when it rains, a very large puddle forms on the Circle Avenue sidewalk near Ninth Avenue. Ms. James asked if there was any way that a better drainage system could be installed there.

Councilman Pierpont suggested that possibly the drain that is there now may have to be cleaned out. Councilman Blass said that he will reach out to Public Works Manager Fred Rodi for his opinion on the best way to solve the problem of the pooling water.

Motion to close the public portion: Razze

Second: Blass

Time: 8:34 pm

Adjournment

Motion: Razze

Second: Blass

Tim: 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator

