

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 27, 2016**

**Call to Order**

Time: 8:00 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 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 Razze: Present

Councilwoman Rudley: Absent

Mayor Johnson: Absent

Borough Solicitor Alice: Present

Borough Clerk O'Donnell: Present

It was noted by the Borough Clerk that Council President Pierpont will be preside over this meeting in the absence of Mayor Johnson, and will vote only in the event of a tie.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Work Session and Formal Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2016**

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Pierpont:

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Absent

Mayor Johnson: Absent

**Committee Reports**

Councilwoman Higbee – No Report

Councilman Blass – No Report

**Councilman Austin**

Councilman Austin reported that the Library Board of Trustees did not meet during the month of December; their next meeting will be held on January 24, 2017.

Councilman Austin attended the Planning and Zoning Board meeting on December 19, where four

Historic Applications were presented and approved. The board discussed some additional changes to the C-1 Historic District regulations, and they will seek guidance from Council on the validity of having Broadway remain in the Historic District.

Pitman Police Department is still participating in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over National Holiday Mobility, which will go through January 1. Again, the Pitman Police Department has a zero tolerance policy for offenders; please help keep this a safe holiday season.

Overnight parking enforcement continues to be suspended until January 9, 2017.

The Pitman Police Department would like to thank all residents of Pitman who took the time out to send holiday greeting cards and other treats to the Police Department. Special thanks goes to Girl Scout Troop 65692 who sent a handmade greeting.

The Pitman Police Department would like to wish Council and all Borough residents a Happy New Year.

Council President Pierpont

On-street leaf collection will end on December 16. Residents are reminded to please put your leaves in a bag or container for collection by the employees of the Public Works Department.

Council President Pierpont thanked all the members of the Pitman Fire Department who helped out with giving Santa a ride around town. It was very enjoyable, and I heard many positive things from little ones.

New Business

**Resolution No. 183, 2016 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Awarding Police Department Tow Licenses to George's Auto Body, B.A.R.E. Motors, and Tyler Mill Towing**

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Council President Pierpont: \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution No. 187, 2016 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Refund/Cancellation of Real Estate Taxes and Other Miscellaneous Refunds**

Motion: Higbee

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Council President Pierpont: \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution No. 188, 2016 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County**

**of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts Less Than \$5.00**

Motion: Higbee  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes  
Council President Pierpont: \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Blass  
Councilman Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Yes

**Resolution No. 189, 2016 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving an "Outdoor Eating Facilities With BYO" Permit for Sweet Lula's Restaurant at 28 South Broadway for Year 2017 in the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey**

Motion: Austin  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes  
Council President Pierpont: \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Razze  
Councilman Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Yes

**Resolution No. 190, 2016 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving 2016 Budget Transfers (#2)**

Motion: Higbee  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: No  
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes  
Council President Pierpont: \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Blass  
Councilman Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Yes

**Resolution No. 191, 2016 - 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 shall be:  
**Contract Negotiations for PT Public Works Employees: Borough of Pitman and AFSCME**  
Action may be taken.

Motion: Razze  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes  
Council President Pierpont: \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Blass  
Councilman Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Yes

**Resolution No. 192, 2016 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Awarding Contract to Furnish and Install Carpet for Pitman Borough Hall to Barton Carpet and Floor Covering, Bellmawr, New Jersey Pursuant to New Jersey State Contract #A81748**

Motion: Blass  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Second: Razze  
Councilman Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Yes

Council President Pierpont: \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution No. 193, 2016 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Payment of Tuition by the Borough of Pitman for a Course Entitled Sewer Treatment at Rowan College of Gloucester County, to be Attended by Public Works, Water and Sewer Division Employee Matt Paden**

Motion: Razze

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Council President Pierpont: \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution No. 194, 2016 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Mayor of the Borough of Pitman to Enter into an Agreement with South Jersey Gas Company Amending the Fees, Terms, and Conditions of South Jersey Gas Grid Projects 1 and 2, to be Performed Within the Borough of Pitman as Detailed in the Meeting Between Borough Representatives and South Jersey Gas Company Representatives Held on December 14, 2016, in an Email Dated December 15, 2016, and With the Changes Discussed in the Council Work Session Meeting Held on December 27, 2016.**

Motion: Razze

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Council President Pierpont: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment of Bills**

Motion: Higbee

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Council President Pierpont: \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Permit Applications**

**Event:** 2017 Monthly Pitman Soccer Board Meetings

Dates: Third Wednesday of each month

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Applicant: Pitman Soccer Association

Contact Person: Krista Wehlen

Motion: Razze

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Council President Pierpont: \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Permit & Signage:** SPARC 5K Run

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017  
Time: 8:00 a.m.  
Applicant: SPARC- Kids Caring Foundation  
Contact Person: Lisa McConnell

Motion: Razze  
Roll Call:  
Councilman Austin: Yes  
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes  
Council President Pierpont: \_\_\_\_\_

Second: Austin  
Councilman Blass: Yes  
Councilman Razze: Yes

\*Permit was approved contingent upon SPARC providing the Borough of Pitman with a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough as Additional Insured, and a copy of the Approval Issued by the Pitman Board of Education approving the use of their facilities.

**Public Portion**

Motion to open to the public: Razze  
Time: 8:18 p.m.

Second: Austin

No public comment.

Motion to close the public portion: Razze  
Time: 8:19 p.m.

Second: Austin

**Closed Meeting**

Motion to enter into a closed meeting: Razze  
Time: 8:19 p.m.

Second: Austin

Motion to return to an open meeting: Razze  
Time: 8:55 p.m.

Second: Blass

No action was taken as a result of discussion in the Closed Session Meeting.

**Adjournment**

Motion: Razze  
Time: 8:55 p.m.

Second: Blass

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell  
Borough Clerk/Administrator

