

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2014**

Call to Order

Time: 8:06 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Invocation

Councilwoman Higbee

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: Present
Council President Razze: Present
Borough Solicitor Duffield: Present

2014-2015 Budget Presentation - Pitman Board of Education

Due to the late arrival of Dr. Patrick McAleer and Deborah Roncace, the Board of Education 2014-2015 Budget Presentation was held after the Council reports.

Approval of Minutes

Budget Meeting, March 19, 2014, Work Session, Formal Meeting Minutes, and Closed Formal Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2014.

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

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

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

Committee Reports

Councilman Austin - Councilman Austin reported that the Pitman Police Department will conduct the 2014 Distracted Driving Crackdown in the Borough. This statewide program will run from April 1 through April 21, 2014.

Congratulations to Ptlm. Leach who won the trading card contest. Chief Zimmerman presented him with a plaque and a basket of healthy snacks.

Councilman Austin reported that he attended the Environmental Commission meeting where it was announced that Earth Day and Arbor Day will be celebrated in the Borough on May 17, in conjunction with the Spring Craft Show.

Councilman Blass

No Report

Council President Razze – Council President Razze announced that applications for participation in the Fourth of July Parade will be available online this week and are due back to the Parade Committee by June 13, 2014. The website for parade information and to obtain the application is pitmanparade.com.

The past Wednesday at the Mount Vernon and Summit Avenue fields one could see how well t-ball is doing since Recreation Director Andy Fox decided to move t-ball to become part of the normal ball season. He has been very successful in keeping kids in Pitman, with over ninety children enrolled in the t-ball program.

The Borough's annual Youth Week celebration will take place from May 2 through May 10. Youth Council will be held on May 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Pierpont – Councilman Pierpont read the following report:

The Grove parking area stone project is complete. This project was funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and encompassed the parking areas between First and Twelfth Avenues. A few areas need some "tweaking" in the next week or so, but a final report was sent to the engineer to finalize with the county so we can be reimbursed for the materials and work performed by the Borough's Public Works Department employees.

Curbside leaf collection is currently in progress and will continue through May 15. Please remember to place leaves in the street only during this time. Please do not put trash, twigs or branches in the piles. Because our equipment is bulky and has limited mobility, leaf piles that have cars parked near them will most likely be passed by.

Now that the weather is improving, the Water and Sewer Division of the Public Works Department will be adding fire hydrant replacement to the weekly work agenda. I have asked Mr. Alexander to plan, at a minimum, the replacement of two hydrants per week until the project is complete. I will report on this progress in my future committee reports.

The sanitary sewer replacement on West Holly Avenue has started. Mr. Alexander will be visiting the site daily to assist the county engineer with inspections of the sewer main installation.

Mr. Alexander met with the Borough Engineer to look at a storm drain issue on Elwood Avenue near TD Bank. Further inspection and reporting is needed before a resolution for repairs is made.

The street sweeper has begun cleaning the curb line of streets throughout the Borough. A detailed list of streets completed is being used to ensure that every street gets done.

As residents start spring cleaning chores, I'd like to remind everyone that the option of having our Highway Department drop a dump truck in your driveway for you to load up with yard debris overnight, or over the weekend, is available. Just call 589-1040 to arrange this service.

The volume of trash collected by our Highway Department for the period of March 24 through April 11, 2014 is listed below:

Half-day kindergarten: \$1,750.00
Elementary: \$3,500.00
Middle School: \$3,750.00
High School: \$4,000.00

Council President Razze asked how much revenue would be lost with School Choice. Dr. McAleer replied that the revenue from the tuition paying students would be lost. At this time there are thirty-seven tuition paying students in the district.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance No. 7, 2014 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Establishing the Borough of Pitman Green Team Advisory Committee Pursuant to the Sustainable New Jersey Small Grants Program

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Kelley Second: Higbee

Motion to Open to the Public: Razze Second: Kelley
Time: 8:43 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to Close Public Hearing: Razze Second: Kelley
Time: 8:43 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes	Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes	Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Abstain	Council President Razze: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____	

New Business

Ordinance No. 8, 2014 – Bond Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing a Water and Sewer Emergency Repair Project – West Holly Avenue Sanitary Sewer Main for the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$575,000 Therefore; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$575,000 to Borrow With a Down Payment of \$0; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; And Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection With the Foregoing

First Reading

Motion: Pierpont Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes	Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes	Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes	Council President Razze: Yes
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Ordinance No. 9, 2014 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

First Reading

Motion: Higbee

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Yes

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Motion to Introduce 2014 Municipal Budget Ordinance

First Reading (Second Reading and Public Hearing May 12, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.)

Copies available for public inspection at the McCowan Memorial Library and at Borough Hall, during normal business hours.

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: No

Councilman Blass: No

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: No

Council President Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson: Yes

Resolution No. 60, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Confirming the Report of the Tax Collector in the Matter of Board-up Service

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Yes

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Resolution No. 61, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Purchase of K-9 Vehicle (2009 Dodge Durango) From West Deptford Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Yes

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Resolution No. 62, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Billing Adjustments to Borough of Pitman Water and Sewer Accounts

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Yes

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Resolution No. 63, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving Change Order #1 to the Contract With Asphalt Paving Corporation, Malaga, New Jersey for the Lexington Avenue, Phase 2

Project

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razzo: Yes

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Resolution No. 66, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing an Application to the County of Gloucester for Participation in the 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant Program

Motion: Higbee

Second: Razzo

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razzo: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Payment of Bills

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes; Abstains from approving #28457 & #13423

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razzo: Yes

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Raffle License Application

Prize: 2014 Harley-Davidson FLSTF “Fat Boy” Motorcycle

Applicant: Highland Chemical Engine Company

Date: September 2, 2014

Location: Carnival, Linden & Edgemoor Avenues

Contact Person: Jeff Penuel

Motion: Razzo

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Abstain

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razzo: Yes

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Raffle: 50/50

Applicant: Memorial School HSA

Date: May 1, 2014

Location: Memorial School, 400 Hudson Avenue

Contact Person: Tiffany Johnson

Motion: Razzo

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
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Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Council President Razze: Abstain

Event Permit Applications

Event: 2014 Earth Day Celebration
Applicant: Pitman Environmental Commission
Date: May 17, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Ballard Park
Contact Person: Robert Holwitt
Motion: Razze
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

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

Event: Spring Craft Show
Applicant: Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce
Date: May 17, 2014; Rain date is May 24, 2014
Time: 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Location: Broadway (Holly to Laurel) & Pitman Avenue (Broadway to Simpson)
Contact Person: Ron Zold
Motion: Razze
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

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

Event: “Paint the Town Purple”
Applicant: Carolyn Feldhaus
Date: May 4, 2014 – June 15, 2014
Location: Broadway (Lambs Road to Monroe Avenue)
Contact Person: Jon DePaul
Motion: Razze
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

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

Public Portion

Motion to Open to the Public: Razze
Time: 9:08 p.m.

Second: Kelley

Mickey Smith, Trustee for Pitman Mews, 407 Locust Avenue – Mr. Smith expressed his hope that Council will come to a suitable resolution with Richard Fazzio on behalf of the residents of the Mews. He reminded members of Council that Mr. Fazzio will be in court this Thursday in response to the numerous violations he has received from the Borough Zoning Office.

Walt Madison, 152 West Avenue – Mr. Madison asked about the thirty minute parking spaces on Second Avenue. He stated that there are six spots in that location that are designated with a thirty minute time limit. He pointed out that if they were not time restricted, they could be used on Sundays by the patrons of the Broadway Theatre.

Motion to Close the Public Portion: Razze
Time: 9:15 p.m.

Second: Austin

Adjournment

Motion: Razze
Time: 9:15 p.m.

Second: Higbee

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator