

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 27, 2014
8:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Time: 8:06 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Invocation

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 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: Absent
Borough Solicitor Duffield: Present

Certificate Presentation

The following Pitman High School students received Certificates of Participation for their essay entries in the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition:

Marshall Asbury
Erin Theresa Welsh

The following Pitman High School student received a certificate for being named as a State Finalist for his essay entry in the Louis Bay 2nd Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition:
Sam Franchi

Oath of Loyalty

Samuel A. Hoffman
Patrolman, Pitman Police Department

Approval of Minutes

Closed Work Session Minutes of April 28, 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: Absent

Council Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2014, Work Session, First Closed Work Session, and Council Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2014

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

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

Second Work Session Minutes of May 12, 2014

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

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

Committee Reports

Councilman Austin

Councilman Austin reminded everyone that the Police Department's Community Appreciation Day is Wednesday, June 4th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Alcyon Lake Park. Sgt. Owens, Sgt. Zander and Det. Sgt. Moore all attended a workshop for active shooter training. Councilman Austin reported that the newly acquired K-9 vehicle is ready for use, and that tonight Council will be voting to adopt a resolution to purchase a new kennel for use at Borough Hall.

The Fire Department responded to a fire on Evergreen Avenue which was extinguished quickly.

Councilman Blass

Councilman Blass reported the following statistics for the McCowan Memorial Library for the month of April:

6,512 people visited the library
3,364 items were in circulation
31 people visited the seed library

The Memorabilia Museum was open during the 4th Friday event in May. Councilman Blass thanked the members of the Pitman Junior Historic Club for serving as docents that evening.

The Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce will again be sponsoring the 5th Annual Bob Riccio Memorial Bike Race on June 7, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The race begins and ends on Broadway.

Also on June 7, the 6th Annual Uptown Music Festival will take place at Total Turf in Mantua between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., rain or shine. Tickets may be purchased before the event for \$20.00 and on the day of the event, for \$25.00.

Councilman Pierpont

Councilman Pierpont read the following report:

The Pitman Women's Club has asked me to announce that they will benefit from a fundraiser at the Venice Restaurant during the entire month of June. Ron Zold has partnered with the Women's Club to assist the club in raising funds for their projects. When dining at Venice just mention the Women's Club and a percentage of your bill will be donated to the group.

Councilwoman Higbee

Councilwoman Higbee read the following report:

On May 31, 2014, some Eighth Grade students from the Pitman Middle School will be doing a Clean Communities clean up in the Dell and along the stream from Lambs Road southward.

The Borough’s tax sale will be held on June 16, 2014.

Approximately 50 properties are on the list. We hope the list is much smaller by the sale date.

Tonight we will be inserting two special items of revenue into the 2014 budget, \$1,500 from ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grant and \$180,000 from New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Councilwoman Kelley

Councilwoman Kelley reported that for the month of April construction permit fees collected in the Construction Office totaled \$8,491.00 and Registrar fees collected totaled \$351.00

On May 21, Barry Owen of the Combined Planning and Zoning Board and the Economic Development Committee offered a tour of the former Sony property for anyone interested. Eight people took the tour along with the Realtor handling the rental of the property.

Mayor Johnson thanked the members of the VFW Pitman Memorial Post #6469 and members of the American Legion for their help with planning and participation in the recent Memorial Day service held in the Grove Auditorium and Ballard Park.

New Business

Resolution No. 79, 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: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Absent

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 86, 2014 – 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 Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC)-2014 Open Space Stewardship Project

Roll Call: Higbee

Second: Pierpont

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Absent

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 87, 2014 – 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 NJ Department of Transportation – Highland Terrace

Motion: Higbee

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 88, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Authorizing the Hiring of Police Officer, Eric P. Weist, Rank of Patrolman

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 89, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Designating Matthew Weng as Representative for the Borough of Pitman to the Gloucester County Economic Development Council

Motion: Kelley

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

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

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

Resolution No. 90, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Construction of a Kennel for the Pitman Police Department K-9 Unit at the Home of Patrolman E.J. Parker, and Authorizing the Sum of \$2,700.00 to be Obtained From the K-9 Trust Fund for the Construction of Said Kennel

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

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

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

Payment of Bills

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

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

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

Event Permit & Signage Applications

Event: 33rd Annual Pitman Freedom Four Mile Run

Applicant: Pitman Recreation Commission

Date: July 4, 2014

Time: 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Broadway, Lambs, W. Holly, Cedar, W. Jersey, Glen Lake, Seneca

Contact Person: Andy Fox

Motion: Kelley

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Absent

Mayor Johnson _____

Public Portion

Motion to Open to the Public: Kelley

Second: Higbee

Time: 8:38 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to Close the Public Portion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Time: 8:38 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Time: 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell

Borough Clerk/Administrator