

Council Reorganization Meeting Minutes
January 1, 2024

Held in-person at Borough Hall Council Chambers, 416 New Jersey Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach.
Live streamed via <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCflODKbSFakXUEKiYxSYdUA/live>

Mayor Vitale called the regular meeting to order at 1PM. The Municipal Clerk read the notice indicating compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: “Adequate notice of the time and place of this meeting was given under the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act and was posted and sent to the officially designated newspapers in compliance with the law.” Present were Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Ramos, Crowley and Gant.

FLAG SALUTE - Municipal Clerk

INVOCATION – Rev. Robert Schlageter, St. Peter Church

CEREMONIAL OATHS OF OFFICE TO MAYOR COUNCILMEMBERS-ELECT:

- Mayor-Elect Douglas Vitale by Municipal Clerk
- Councilwoman-Elect Caryn S. Byrnes by Municipal Clerk
- Councilman-Elect Arthur W. Gant by Erin M. Mangan, Dep. Mayor, Wall Twp.

RESOLUTION A: Certification of Fire Officer Election Results

Motion by Councilman Ramos to approve Resolution A was seconded by Councilwoman Crowley and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Ramos, Crowley, Gant...YEA

CEREMONIAL OATHS OF OFFICE TO FIRE OFFICERS – Municipal Clerk

- Fire Department Chief Daniel Miles
- Fire Department Assistant Chief John Pasola
- Fire Department 2nd Deputy Chief Ian Cooper

Fire Department 1st Deputy Chief Zachary Hauge was not in attendance.

NEWLY-ELECTED, RE-ELECTED & OTHER COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilman Gant: hoped everyone had a Merry Christmas and wished all Happy New Year – thanked his friends and family for coming.

Councilwoman Byrnes: thanked all for joining – thanked her family and friends for their unwavering support – congratulated Mayor Vitale and her running mate, Councilman Gant, and wished him the best – is proud to serve with Councilwomen Testa and Crowley, who showed grace in a distasteful political climate – knows the Lord guides them and will continue to bless them with strength and perseverance to make sound decisions – thanked BA/CFO Riehl for her support, knowledge and guidance – thanked the residents for choosing her to represent them – congratulated the new Fire Officials, under Chief Miles, and wished them all a safe year – is awed by their bravery and grateful for their service – thanked all the volunteer committees for another robust year – may this year bring peace – is looking forward to a fresh start with the new Governing Body, for the betterment of the town.

Councilwoman Testa: welcomed residents, families, friends, dignitaries and Pastor – congratulated Mayor Vitale and wished him success – congratulated Councilwoman Byrnes – will continue to do great things – is excited to work with Councilman Gant as well – want to put the residents first and work hard for the town – thanked the new Fire Officials, along with the EMS– it’s an honor to have them – been a tough year – grateful that they put their lives on the line everyday – thanked the amazing BA/CFO Riehl for all she does for the town – thanked Chief Kowalewski –wished all God Bless and a Beautiful, Prosperous, Healthy, Happy 2024.

Councilman Ramos: congratulated the new Fire Officials and EMT folks, Mayor Vitale and Councilmembers Byrnes and Gant, who he welcomed to the dais – looks forward to working with everyone, and doing what is best for and serving the residents, as is the litmus test of good government – wished all a Wonderful & Prosperous New Year – looks forward to a fresh start.

Councilwoman Crowley: wished all a Happy New Year and thanked them for joining today – congratulated Mayor Vitale and Councilmembers Byrnes and Gant, whom she welcomed as a great addition – congratulated the Fire Officials and thanked them for their work and dedication – are blessed to have them all – thanked her family for their unwavering support through the crazy times she has been through this last year – looking forward to a better 2024 than 2023 – thanked Fr. Robert for being here and blessing all today.

NEWLY-ELECTED MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Vitale: thanked the residents, his family, former Mayors and Councilmen, Fr. Robert, the bagpiper and distinguished guests for coming and wished all a Happy New Year – expressed sincere gratitude to all who placed their trust in him – sent a clear message that the quality of one’s character is what matters to the residents and taxpayers – is committed to fulfilling his campaign promises for the betterment of the community – congratulated Councilmembers Byrnes and Gant, Fire Officials, who he thanked for all they do – vows that his leadership style will bring this town together – his vision to lead and inspire others to lead with transparency and accountability – open lines of communication with residents and taxpayers will be the bedrock of the administration – will insure all citizens have a voice and are treated with respect and no one will be belittled or spoken down to – he is not a politician and is not beholden to anyone – as we begin a new chapter, there is much work to be done together – first priority will be to review some ordinances passed over the last four years, specifically the sign, beach and various building ordinances – must re-evaluate restrictions for residents and businesses – will dive deeper into projects and decide if there would be an asset PPB or if they were merely introduced for political purposes – safety and security will continue to be his top priority and he will continue to work with the PD to stop pop-up parties – are planning a tabletop exercise this spring with Emergency Services and NJ Homeland Security – will ensure that each department has a clear set of responsibilities and tasks, if faced with a security incident – this administration will continue to oppose offshore wind turbines and will work to make underutilized areas of town more desirable – the Band Shell will be a major focus – is honored to serve – with continued support, will build a future we can all be proud of, that reflects strength, resilience and unity – looks forward to working with Council – let us govern with respect for each other, our residents and taxpayers and recognize our shared goals to help residents, taxpayers and businesses thrive – decisions must be based on what is best for the town and not any individual benefit – is disheartening to witness the decaying of our relationships – is prepared to stand up for what is right and not let certain Councilmembers’ personal agendas get in the way – as he has been told many times, Council may have the majority vote – but he, as Mayor, has the voice of the residents and taxpayers – let’s work on past successes and achieve great things for PPB in 2024 and beyond – recognized the Borough employees, whose unnoticed work is the foundation for our great town – they don’t get the credit they deserve – looks forward to having a

physical presence at Borough Hall to work hand-in-hand with them and make himself available to residents – there have been no meetings with his predecessor to discuss his transition and he has been left out of key meetings the last several months – because of their strained relationship, he was not aware of his plans and initiatives this past year and was forced to figure things out on his own – thanked Eileen Farrell, Janet Mutter and Kristen O’Rourke for helping him with this transition – gave a huge thanks to BA/CFO Riehl, whom he relied on the most, for her time and effort, and who went out of her way to ensure he was aware of specific details of ongoing projects – thanked his friends, family and campaign team, for their support this past year, his aunt and uncle who drove out from Long Island to surprise him – thanked his father-in-law, Mayor Tom Madigan, for his sound advice and his mother-in-law, Mary, who are at Tom’s reorganization meeting in Wykoff – thanked his parents and siblings – thanked his wife, Erin, for being his voice of reason, speech editor, stylist and partner in life – thanked his children for their support and involvement and advised them that hard work and dedication pay off and it is very important to give back to your community – wished all a Happy New Year.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Councilmembers

Motion by Councilwoman Byrnes to nominate Councilwoman Crowley as Council President was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Ramos, Crowley, Gant....YEA

Mayor Vitale congratulated Councilwoman Crowley.

Councilwoman Crowley: thanked all for their support – it is an honor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BEGAN & ENDED AT 1:32PM WITH NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to close public participation was seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Ramos, Crowley, Gant....YEA

Council President Crowley: stated that the agenda was prepared by the Mayor without the input of any Councilmembers, so she will be proposing several amendments.

Motion to Councilwoman Testa to consider Resolution 1a separately was seconded by Councilwoman Crowley and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA

Councilman Ramos....NAY

Atty. Riordan: Council must wait 30 days before they can make their own appointments (Councilwoman Crowley: is under the assumption of 40A:60-6 “Powers of the Council”).

Motion to by Councilwoman Crowley to also consider items 1b, 1e, 1g-1, 2b, 2c, 2s, 2t, 4c-2, 4m, 6b-1, 7c-1, 7-c-2, 7d, 7h, 7m-1, 7m-2 and 7n separately, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA

Councilman Ramos....NAY

Motion by Councilwoman Testa to approve the items listed below was seconded by Councilman Gant and carried by roll call vote.

CONSENT RESOLUTION 1 – PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

1a CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 1A-REV

1b CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 1B-REV

- 1c Municipal Prosecutor: - S. Zabarsky & Firm - Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky – Toms River
- 1d Alternate Prosecutors: - B. Wilkie, B. Stieber & Firm - Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky – Toms River
- 1e CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 1E-REV
- 1f Animal House Prosecutor: - J. Cipriani & Firm - Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm, Cipriani – TR
- 1g-1 CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 1G-1-REV
- 1g-2 Conflict Public Defenders - D. Rumpf & Firm - Rumpf Law, PC – Tuckerton
 - B. DiStefano & Firm - Brian J. DiStefano, Esq., LLC – Bayville
- 1h Animal House Judge: - D. Rumpf & Firm - Rumpf Law, PC – Tuckerton
- 1i Borough Auditor: - J. Conaty & Firm - Holman, Frenia, Allison – Lakewood
- 1j Borough Landscaper - L. Falabella & firm - Clean Cut Lawn Care – Point Pleasant
- 1k Borough Planner: - D. Lawlor & Firm - Colliers Engineering & Design – Holmdel
- 1l Special Project Engineers: - R. Savacool & Firm - T&M Associates – Toms River
 - W. Groff & Firm - Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC - TR
 - L. Faiola - Remington & Vernick Engineers – Toms River
 - W. White - Colliers Engineering & Design – Holmdel
 - F. Little, Jr. & firm - Own Little & Associates, Inc. – Beachwood
 - M. Rohmeyer & firm - Morgan Municipal Engineering Svcs – TR
 - J. McCormack & firm - Dynamic Traffic, LLC – Lake Como
 - J. Warne & firm - Matrix New World Engineering Progress – Eatontown
- 1m Emerg. Electrical Svcs: - G. Brown & Firm - Turbo Electric, Inc. – Point Pleasant
- 1n Financial Advisors: - A. Inverso & Firm - Phoenix Advisors, LLC – Bordentown
- 1o Borough Physician: - HMH Occupational Health – Eatontown
- 1p Police Psychologist: - M. White, PH.D., P.A., Licensed Psychologist – Wall
- 1q Benefits/Ins. Consultants: - S. Davenport & T. Merchel - Conner Strong & Buckelew – Camden
- 1r Emerg. W/S Services: - M. Woszczak - M. Woszczak Mechanical Contractors, Inc. – Manasquan
- 1s COAH Planner: - D. Lawlor & firm - Colliers Engineering & Design – Red Bank
- 1t Affordable Housing
 - Admin Agent: - S. Gruel, F. Heyer & Firm - Heyer, Gruel & Associates – Holmdel

CONSENT RESOLUTION 2:

- 2a Approval of temporary budget for 2024
- 2b CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTIONS 2B-REV1 2B-REV2
- 2c CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 2C-REV
- 2d Appt of Police Dept. Records Custodians/Redactors for purposes of OPRA & Litigation Matters
- 2e Establish interest to be charged on delinquent taxes and water-sewer utility bills
- 2f Establish 6% penalty for tax delinquencies over \$10,000.00
- 2g Authorization for Council to administer ABC licenses & enforce state statutes
- 2h Designation of newspapers to be used for legal ads during 2024
- 2i Appointment of Christine Riehl as Tax Search Officer for 2024
- 2j Appointment of Eileen Farrell as Assessment Search Officer for 2024
- 2k Appt of C. McElwee as permanent Asst Fiscal Officer/auth for Clerk to dispose of CSC Cert List
- 2l Appointment of Janet Mutter as Deputy Municipal Clerk for 2024
- 2m Appointment of John Trout as Certified Principal Public Works Manager for 2024
- 2n Appointment of Janet Mutter as Deputy Registrar for 2024
- 2o Appointment of Karen Mills as Alternate Deputy Registrar for 2024
- 2p Appointments/Reappointments to Bd. of Trustees of Downtown BID District Mgmt Corp.
- 2q Appointment of municipal representative (Christine Riehl) & alternate (Borough Engineer) to Ocean County Community Development Block Grant Committee for 2024
- 2r Appointment of Christine Riehl as Public Agency Compliance Officer for 2024
- 2s CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 2S-REV

- 2t CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 2T-REV
- 2u Appointment of Class I and Class II Special Police Officers, School Crossing Guards, Police Matrons & P/T Communications Operators for 2024
- 2v Appointment of Tax Assessor to act as agent on Tax Appeals and execute settlements
- 2w Appointment of Christie McElwee as Qualified Purchasing Agent and reaffirmation of increase in bid threshold for 2024
- 2x Auth to draft app for Safe & Secure Communities Program for 2024/appt of Lt. Nase as grant coord
- 2y Establishment of fees for special DWI sessions
- 2z Re-establishment of petty cash and change funds for 2024

CONSENT RESOLUTION 3:

- 3a Designation of CFO to act as Governing Body Secretary during budget workshop sessions
- 3b Establishment of \$10 late fee for late payment of dog license fees
- 3c Establishment of annual Halloween curfew
- 3d Establishment of mileage reimbursement rate for 2024
- 3e Pymt of annual lease fee to State of NJ for Rickover Park & open space at junction of Rtes. 35 & 88
- 3f Establishment of Clerk/BA/Planning Board stipends for regular & special meetings
- 3g Appointment of Christine Riehl as PERMA Fund Commissioner
- 3h Appointment of Christine Riehl as Insurance Fund Commissioner and Eileen Farrell as Insurance Fund Deputy Commissioner and Insurance Fund Personnel Administrator
- 3i Appointment of Eileen Farrell as NJ Civil Service System Administrator
- 3j Appointment of Karen Mills as Board of Health Officer
- 3k Re-establishment of OPRA copy and administrative fees for 2024
- 3l Re-establishment of property tax exemption policy for disabled veterans
- 3m Re-authorization for CFO to issue hand written checks prior to Governing Body approval
- 3n Appointment of Karen Mills as Dog Warden for 2024
- 3o Re-establishment of Parking Machine Refund Policy RE: No Refunds
- 3p Appointment of Peter Ritchings as Dune Inspector for 2024
- 3q Designation of records custodians & Daniel's Law redactors for each department
- 3r Re-establishment of part-time personnel and salaries for certain employees
- 3s Re-establishment of Condo Conversion Fee Schedule for 2024
- 3t Designation of financial institution and authorization for Mayor & CFO to act as signatories on Borough accounts
- 3u Re-establishment of miscellaneous water/sewer rates
- 3v Establishment of annual League of Municipalities policy
- 3w Authorization for Recreation Committee to accept applications for Summer Program from the parents of children who attend Antrim School, as well as from Borough employees
- 3x Establishment of Notary fee at \$2.50/document
- 3y Requirement of Purchasing Agent to serve on Finance Committee
- 3z Requirement of elected officials to take one instructional course each year

CONSENT RESOLUTION 4:

- 4a Requirement of additional CFO duties in compliance with DLGS 'Best Practices'
- 4b Re-establishment of Fund Balance Policy and Procedures
- 4c Appointments to Local Emergency Planning Council (4c-2/ASSOC. MEMBERS - CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 4C-2-REV)
- 4d Establishment of Local Emergency Planning Council meeting dates
- 4e Approval of 2024 Salary Resolution
- 4f Reaffirmation of Borough's Civil Rights Policy
- 4g Re-instatement of litter patrol during summer season
- 4h Re-establishment of W/S ready-to-use charge waiver

- 4i Appointment of Francis Finn as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
- 4j Re-adoption of Meeting Protocol Policy
- 4k Designation of depositories for municipal funds during 2024
- 4l Establishment of NJ Paid Sick Leave blackout dates for 2024
- 4m CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 4M-REV
- 4n Establishment of policy regarding Pleasure Park use during Recreation Summer Park Program
- 4o Approval of updated Purchasing Policy
- 4p Re-establishment of Green Team Advisory Committee and Sustainable Use Resolution
- 4q Appointment of Mayor Vitale as liaison to the Library
- 4r Appointment of J. Gluck as Alternate Municipal Magistrate for 2024
- 4s Re-establishment of Non-Resident Taxpayer Committee/appt. of & increase in members
- 4t REMOVED PRIOR TO MEETING
- 4u Auth to handle lawsuit co-pymts as other blanket professional fees w/o separate Council approval
- 4v Establishment of escrow stipend at \$150/month for each account, with a max of \$450 monthly
- 4w Approval of Prof Svcs Continuation-Renewal Agmt w/FSD Enterprises, Wireless Telecom Consult
- 4x Appointment of Patricia Kile as Recycling Coordinator for 2024

CONSENT RESOLUTION 5:

- 5a Approval of exemption from municipal dog/cat license fees for volunteer fire/first aid personnel
- 5b Approval of exemption for one bulk pick-up fee/annum for volunteer fire/first aid personnel
- 5c Approval of exemption from water shut-off/turn-on fees for volunteer fire/first aid personnel
- 5d Designation of Fire Chief to sign documents and act as liaison for Firefighter Certification
- 5e Authorization for participation in the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program
- 5f Authorization for emergency services personnel to participate in AFLAC insurance programs
- 5g Authorization for Municipal Clerk to sign Fire Dept applications before placing on agenda
- 5h Establishment of canine and off-duty officer rates for special events

CONSENT RESOLUTION 6:

- 6a Reappointment of M. Corona as member & TBD as liaison to the Parking Authority
- 6b Appt. of M. Ramos as Class III (6b-1/CLASS III MEMBER - CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 6B-1-REV), TBD as Class III Alt & R. Simunovich Class I members of Pl. Bd.
- 6c Appt. of Councilmember Testa & Councilmember TBD to Open Space Committee

CONSENT RESOLUTION 7: Mayoral Appointments

- 7a Appointments/Reappointments of members to the Floodplain Management Committee
- 7b Appointments/Reappointments of members and A. Testa as Council liaison to Cultural Arts Cmte
- 7c 7C-1/APPTS/REAPPTS TO REC CMTE - CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 7C-1-REV1&2 AND 7C-2/APPT OF LIAISON TO REC CMTE - CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 7C-2-REV
- 7d CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 7D-REV
- 7e Appts/Reappts of members and A. Testa & R. Crowley as Council liaisons to Beautification Cmte
- 7f Appts/Reappts of members and D. Vitale as liaison to the Animal Welfare Committee
- 7g Appointments/Reappointment of members to the Board of Adjustment
- 7h CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 7H-REV
- 7i Appointments/Reappointments of members to the Planning Board
- 7j Appointments/Reappointments of members and D. Vitales as liaison to Historic Pres. Commission
- 7k Appointments/Reappointments of members to Open Space Committee
- 7l Appointments/Reappointments of members and C. Byrnes as liaison to the Shade Tree Commission
- 7m 7M-1/APPTS/REAPPTS TO SENIOR CMTE - CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 7M-1-REV AND 7M-2/APPT LIAISON TO SENIOR CMTE - CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 7M-2-REV
- 7n CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 7N-REV

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Ramos, Crowley, Gant....YEA

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/1A-REV: Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to REJECT the appointment of William W. Burns, Esq. and firm of Hartman Duff, Toms River, NJ, as Borough Attorney for the year 2024 was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA
Councilman Ramos....NAY

Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to appoint Borough Attorney (Atty. Riordan: must wait 30 days)

Motion by Councilwoman Testa for a temporary Municipal Attorney appointment (Atty. Riordan: can't do that – have to wait 30 days – Mayor gets to appoint and then you folks have to wait 30 days).

Councilwoman Crowley: 40A:60-6 “Powers of the Council” – we believe we are within our 30 days and believe we need to move forward (Atty. Riordan: that's not the law, but you can certainly go ahead and take that action if you want – it's not going to be effective) Councilwoman Testa would like an interim – asked if it can be done (Atty. Riordan: no – can confirm the Mayor's appointment, or you can wait 30 days, and then you can appoint whoever you like) asked if the statute she read is not valid (Atty. Riordan: you're not reading it correctly) asked what she is misunderstanding (Atty. Riordan: the cases are clear that the Council has to wait the full 30 days before they can make an appointment – we've done this now, three different times, in 2010, 2014 and now this year – and in each of those year's the Council has had to wait 30 days) asked if there can't be an interim either (Atty. Riordan: no).

Councilwoman Crowley: would like to remove firms from item 1b that they have no information or knowledge of (Mayor Vitale: asked what she means by that – got RFPs from all the firms listed) they all requested a caucus with Mayor Vitale to discuss these items, and he denied them (Mayor Vitale: he denied the entire Council a meeting – gave an option to meet with her and one other Council representative; Councilman Ramos: explained that a caucus of the entire Council discussing town appointments is violation of the Sunshine Act – asked for the Attorney's opinion) she turned to the attorney and has it in writing that he said, as long as we are just making discussions and no decisions, we were allowed to – asked Atty. Riordan if that is correct (Atty. Riordan: the Open Public Meetings Act allows caucuses of more than three Councilmembers, who are all members of the same political party, to have a political caucus, together with other elders in the political party, to discuss the political ramifications of events affecting the political parties – the caucuses have always been permitted under the Open Public Meetings Act) we wouldn't be here today if we had done what was requested) would like to remove Dillworth Paxon, LLC and Malamut & Assoc., LLC.

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/1B-REV: Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to appoint the following are hereby as Special Projects Attorney for the year 2024 and thereafter, until a successor shall be named, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. under a ‘fair and open process,’ for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote. The Borough CFO shall certify the availability of funds prior to any liability being incurred, with the expenditures for these services charged to the appropriate account. Appointments are contingent upon Borough Attorney review and Council approval of contracts:

- Peter J. Van Dyke & Firm - Kelaher, Van Dyke & Moriarty PC – Toms River
- Gregory P. McGuckin & Firm - Dasti, Murphy, McGuckin, Ulaky, Koutsouris, Connors – Forked River
- Steven A. Zabarsky & Firm - Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky PC – Toms River
- Jean L. Cipriani & Firm - Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm, Cipriani – TR
- Jeffrey R. Surenian & Firm - Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan LLC – PPB
- John M. Cantalupo & Firm - Archer & Griener PC – Red Bank
- William R. Mayer & Firm - Decotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP – Paramus
- Steven L. Rogut & Firm - Rogut McCarthy LLC – Cranford

- Matthew C. Moench & Firm - King Moench & Collins, LLP – Red Bank
 - Ryan S. Carey & Firm - Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy – Warren
 - Jeffrey W. Pompeo & Firm - DiFrancesco Batemen, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, PC – Brick
 - Dennis M. Galvin & Firm - Davison, Eastman, Munoz, Paone, PA - Freehold
 - Christopher J. Dasti & firm - Dasti & Staiger PC – Forked River
 - Thomas R. Kobin & firm - Chasen Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo – Secaucus
 - Kevin B. Riordan & Firm - Kevin B. Riordan, Esq., LLC – Toms River
 - Brian M. Nelson & firm - Spiro Harrison & Nelson, LLC – Red Bank
- VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA
 Councilman Ramos....NAY

Councilwoman Crowley: for item 1e, would like to continue with our current Conflict Prosecutor (Atty. Riordan: same situation – Municipal Prosecutor at the present time is there until, either the Mayor makes a different appointment, which he just did – so, you need to vote that down, assuming that’s what you wish to do – that will leave our current Municipal Prosecutor in place, then you wait 30 days and then you can vote to reappoint him).

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/1E-REV: Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to REJECT the appointment of Landry Belizaire & firm of Belizaire & Associates, Bloomfield, NJ, as Conflict Prosecutor for the year 2024, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.
 VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA
 Councilman Ramos....NAY

Councilwoman Crowley: same situation – wants to vote down the appointment of Lamb Law (Atty. Riordan: a yes vote will keep the current Public Defender in place until and unless Council replaces him).

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/1G-1-REV: Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to REJECT the appointment of Justin D. Lamb & Firm of Lamb Law, Toms River, NJ, as Public Defender for the year 2024, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.
 VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA
 Councilman Ramos....NAY

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/2B-REV1: Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to REJECT the appointments of the following Council Members to serve on the following Standing Committees of the Borough of Point Pleasant Beach for the year 2024, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

- 1 Finance, Insurance and Advertising: Councilmembers Crowley (Chair), Gant, TBD
- 2 Inspections, Licenses & Building Codes: Councilmembers Testa (Chair), Ramos, TBD
- 3 Police and Emergency Management: Councilmembers Ramos (Chair), Byrnes, Testa
Pending further action by Council, the Municipal Court shall continue to be administered by the Police and Emergency Management Committee.
- 4 Public Property, Buildings and Grounds: Councilmembers Crowley (Chair), Testa, Byrnes
- 5 Streets and Water-Sewer Utility: Councilmembers Ramos (Chair), Gant, Crowley
Pending further action by Council, sanitation and recycling shall continue to be administered by the Streets and Water-Sewer Utility Committee.
- 6 Fire & Street Lighting: Councilmembers TBD (Chair), Testa, Byrnes
Pending further action by Council, First Aid shall continue to be administered by the Fire and Street Lighting Committee.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA
 Councilman Ramos....NAY

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/2B-REV2: Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to appoint the following Council Members to serve on the following Standing Committees of the Borough of Point Pleasant Beach for the year 2024, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

1 Finance, Insurance and Advertising: Councilmembers Crowley (Chair), Gant, TBD

2 Inspections, Licenses & Building Codes: Councilmembers Testa (Chair), Byrnes, Crowley

3 Police and Emergency Management: Councilmembers Byrnes (Chair), Crowley, Testa

Pending further action by Council, the Municipal Court shall continue to be administered by the Police and Emergency Management Committee.

4 Public Property, Buildings and Grounds: Councilmembers Gant (Chair), Ramos, Byrnes

5 Streets and Water-Sewer Utility: Councilmembers Ramos (Chair), Gant, TBD

Pending further action by Council, sanitation and recycling shall continue to be administered by the Streets and Water-Sewer Utility Committee.

6 Fire & Street Lighting: Councilmembers TBD (Chair), Ramos, Gant

Pending further action by Council, First Aid shall continue to be administered by the Fire and Street Lighting Committee.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA

Councilman Ramos....NAY

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/2C-REV: Motion by Councilwoman Byrnes, in order to assist the Council for the ensuing year in the administration of personnel matters, that there is hereby re-established a Personnel and Human Resources Committee, and the following are hereby appointed to serve on the Personnel and Human Resources Committee for the year 2024: Mayor Vitale (Chair), Councilmembers Crowley and Byrnes, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA

Councilman Ramos....NAY

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/2S-REV: Motion by Councilwoman Byrnes to appoint Councilman Arthur W. Gant to serve in the capacity of liaison between the Governing Body and the Point Pleasant Beach Board of Education for the year 2024 and until such time as a successor shall be named, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA

Councilman Ramos....NAY

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/2T-REV: Motion by Councilwoman Byrnes to appoint Mayor Doug Vitale and Councilwoman Arlene Testa to serve in the capacity of co-liaisons between the Governing Body and the Point Pleasant Beach Chamber of Commerce for the year 2024 and until such time as a successor shall be named, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA

Councilman Ramos....NAY

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/4C-2-REV: Motion by Councilwoman Testa to appoint the following individuals as associate members of the Local Emergency Planning Council for 2024, was seconded by Councilman Gant and carried by roll call vote.

Emergency Management RAD Officer	Lt. Clint Daniel
Mayor	Doug Vitale
Municipal Clerk	Eileen Farrell
Planning Board Council Liaison	Rosa Crowley
Alternate Planning Board Council Liaison	TBD

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA

Councilman Ramos....NAY

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/4M-REV: Motion by Councilwoman Crowley that the regular meetings of the Mayor and Council of the Borough Point Pleasant Beach will be held on the following Tuesdays in 2024 (removing July 2nd & August 6th) at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, in the Municipal Building, 416 New Jersey Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach, unless publicized to be held at another time or location during the year 2024, was seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes and carried by roll call vote. A caucus or executive session will be held prior to any regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30PM or after, as necessary, and will be listed on the agenda posted in advance of the meeting on the Borough web site, www.pointpleasantbeach.org.

January 16	April 16	July 16	October 15
February 6	May 7	August 20	November 12
February 20	May 21	September 3	December 3
March 5	June 4	September 17	
March 19	June 18	October 1	

The following Tuesdays, during the year 2024, will be set aside as workshop meetings to handle closed session, budget and other special matters at 6:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, if such meetings are felt to be necessary:

January 23	May 28	September 24
February 27	June 25	October 22
March 26	July 23	November 26
April 23	August 27	

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA
Councilman Ramos....NAY

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/6B-1-REV: Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to appoint Councilwoman Rosa Crowley to a one-year term as a Class III member of the Planning Board, commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 or completion of her term of office, whichever comes first, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA
Councilman Ramos....NAY

RESOLUTIONS 2024-0101/7C-1-REV1: Motions by Councilwoman Crowley to appoint/reappointed the following individuals as members of the Recreation Committee, for the year 2024 (adding Sean Hennessy & Kristin Hennessy), contingent upon qualification and receipt of completed Citizen Leadership Form, were seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call votes.

Ryan Simunovich	Kathryn DiCorcia	Joseph Seickel, Jr.
Angela Pfisterer	Valerie Leone	Barbara Riggio
Elizabeth Gross	William Schule	Lauren Schule
Barbara Palombo	Robert Mercado	Laura Kurmin
Anthony Novo	Gina Pepe	Steven Dews
Theresa Schultz	Rob Morrissey	Samantha Berry
Brenda Mee	Kathleen Houlik	John Houlik
Chris Kurmin	Erica Susko	Nicholas Vitale
Sean Hennessy	Kristin Hennessy	

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA
Councilman Ramos....NAY

RESOLUTIONS 2024-0101/7C-1-REV2: Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to remove David Betten from the Recreation Committee, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call votes.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA
Councilman Ramos....NAY

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/7C-2: Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to appoint Councilmember Arthur W. Gant as Council Liaison to the Recreation Committee for the year 2024, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA
Councilman Ramos....NAY

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/7D-REV: Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to TABLE authorization for the Borough Attorney to amend the ordinance to disband the Tourism Committee, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant, Ramos....YEA

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/7H- REV: Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to TABLE the following Resolutions, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

7h-1 Louse Stillufsen is hereby appointed to a 3-year term as a member of the Environmental Commission, commencing on January 1, 2024 and ending on December 31, 2026.

7h-2 Councilmember Byrnes is hereby appointed as Council Liaison to the Environmental Commission, commencing on January 1, 2024 and ending on December 31, 2024.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA
Councilman Ramos....NAY

Councilwoman Crowley: people have been active on Facebook, and throughout town, trashing Councilmembers – there is no way she could allow somebody to volunteer for a committee, to have them trash us, and then be rewarded, being a volunteer and working with us – if you are out there talking down about us, the volunteering isn't going to work – should have respect for us, as we have respect for you.

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/7M-1-REV: Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to appoint/reappoint the following as members of the Senior Committee for the year 2024 (removing Mary jane Reilly, Joan Clune, Theresa Dosch & John Dosch), contingent upon qualification and receipt of completed Citizen Leadership Form, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

Mary Ann Dlugosz	Peter Calderone	Tracey Lipari	Michele Testa
Christina Ranuro	Larry Schwartz	Georgia Cassidy	Gregory Gradel
Joanna Frank Ryan	Mary Savage	Maryann Adao	Cornelia Calderone
Beverly Zaccherio	Marion Dillane	Robyn Palang	
Loretta Shopene	Maureen DiJacimo	Lee Miller	
Andrea Berger	Karen Mills	Lucille Buonocore	
Geraldine Grassi	Mary La Barre	Luann Breese	
Ann Christensen	Warren Christensen	John Palang	

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA
Councilman Ramos....NAY

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/7M-2-REV: Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to appoint Councilwoman Caryn Byrnes and Councilwoman Rosa Crowley as co-liaisons to the Senior Committee for the year 2024, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA

Councilman Ramos....NAY

RESOLUTION 2024-0101/7N-REV: Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to reappoint the following as members of the Volunteer Corps [removing Joan Clune, David Betten, and Jillian Jones-Smith (never appointed)], pending formal creation of the Corps, for the year 2024, contingent upon qualification and receipt of completed Citizen Leadership Form, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

Gregory Gradel	Amanda Witschger	Mary Piccicacco	Diane Mesgleski
Mary Ellin Mallazzo	Dennis M. Mallazzo	Maher Fattah	Danielle Dolan
Mike Piccicacco	Stephanie Brown	Steven Dews	Stacey Kavanagh
Robert Dmowski	Vanessa Otero-Grant	Maria Bocker	Maureen DiJacimo
Brian G. Deene	Margarita Discala	Carolyn Ippolito Gregory	Joanna Frank Ryan
Patty Camme	Robert Hayes	Susan Roche	Maryjo Gradel
Andrea Berger	Dana Brereton	Patricia Paczkowski	
John Longfield	John Finnerty	Brenda Limaldi	

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA
Councilman Ramos....NAY

Commotion ensued and someone was removed from the meeting by Chief Kowalewski.

RESOLUTION 8: Appoint H. Ocampo-Borja as Clerk 1 in the Bldg. Dept. – ADDED AT MTG

Mayor Vitale: this is not the time, nor place to do this and we need a closed-door Executive Session to discuss this – none of us were in the interview or looked at an resumes – he would like to hear from BA/CF Riehl and CO Thulen, so they can properly explain – should do this at first business meeting in Jan.

Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to approve Resolution 8, with effective date to be determined by the Borough Administrator, was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Testa, Byrnes, Crowley, Gant....YEA
Councilman Ramos....NAY

BENEDICTION – Rev. Robert Schlageter, St. Peter Church

Mayor Vitale: invited all to Martell’s for food and drink.

Motion by Councilwoman Crowley to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Gant and carried by consent of Council.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:09PM.

ATTEST: _____
Eileen A. Farrell, RMC
Municipal Clerk