

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2013**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach met on December 11, 2013 at the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave., at 7:30 PM.

Mayor Cuneo called the meeting to order and read the Statement of Adequate Notice:

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE 'OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW' P.L. 1975 C 231 NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS SENT TO THE BERKELEY TIMES, OCEAN SIGNAL AND THE ASBURY PARK PRESS, AND POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS OF THE PINE BEACH MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND THE PINE BEACH POST OFFICE. THIS STATEMENT SHALL BECOME A PART OF THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THIS MEETING

ROLL CALL: Present, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Keczkemethy

THE FLAG SALUTE was led by Council President Polhemus

Mayor Cuneo offered Special Remembrance for recently deceased residents Marjorie Tucci and James Gibbons, and losses in the Crowe and Fischer families.

MAYOR CUNEO ANNOUNCED THAT COPIES OF ALL REPORTS ARE ON THE FRONT TABLE

MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2013 was made by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Keczkemethy

TREASURER'S REPORT was presented by Mrs. Steib and approved by motion of Mr. Abatamarco and seconded by Mr. Wieck.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Keczkemethy

REVENUE REPORTS both Tax Collector and Miscellaneous Revenue were read by Mrs. Steib, and approved following a motion by Mr. Budesca and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Keczkemethy

BILLS RESOLUTION 2013-12-A, B, C, D was presented in summary by Mrs. Steib, and moved by Mr. Abatamarco and seconded by Mr. Polhemus

POLICY, ALLOWING FIVE MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE BILLS RESOLUTION. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Cuneo mentioned an expense from the Water Utility account to former auditor Antonides that it was for the 2011 Audit, and we are now complete with 2011 audit.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Keczkemethy

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

For the month of November 2013 the police department responded to 278 calls for service.

On November 14th Detective Jason York attended a training session put on by the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office regarding drug trends in Ocean County. This was an informative session which detailed the seriousness of the drug problem in Ocean County and the fact that it is has reached a dangerous level. To date this year, there have been 104 drug overdose deaths reported. The opinion throughout law enforcement is that this number is actually artificially low as some cases may slip through the cracks and not get reported correctly. Prosecutor Coronato has pledged that this issue will be a top priority for his office and touched on the importance of having every law enforcement agency in the County on the same page and working together if we are to make a difference. The simple fact is that drug use and abuse can affect everyone in one way, shape or form. One of the ways that it has affected the residents of Pine Beach is in the form of crime. In the past several years or so many of our residents were victims of car burglaries. All of these crimes had similar M.O.'s. The actor's entered unlocked vehicles, taking loose change, cash and at times other items that were left in the vehicle. Law Enforcement has found this to be the typical M.O. of drug users as it is a very effective way for them to score money to pay for their addiction.

Winter has given us an early punch this year with one surprise snow storm which left Pine Beach blanketed with an unexpected 8 inches of snow. Fortunately it went away as fast as it came. Please remember to be mindful when driving, that many times the snow that melts during the day freezes on the roadways at night, creating very hazardous driving conditions. On behalf of the entire Police Department I wish you a safe, happy and healthy holiday season and the same in the New Year.

Mr. Abatemarco motioned to accept the police, municipal court, water and sewer utility, building inspector, public works reports as submitted, and Mrs. Coletti.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Keczkemethy

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS:

13-96, Appointing Richard Polhemus as Community Development Block Grant Coordinator was approved following a motion by Mr. Abatemarco and seconded by Mrs. Coletti

Mr. Polhemus explained that through the Community Development Block grant program, the Borough can receive up to \$35,000 as long as the project meets federal guidelines. Mayor Cuneo mentioned that we use it for increasing handicap accessibility to public property.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Wieck
Abstain, Mr. Polhemus
Absent, Mr. Keczkemethy

13-97, Approval of 2013 Executive Session minutes was approved by motion of Mr. Budes and seconded by Mr. Wieck

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Keczkemethy

13-98, Transfer of funds was moved by Mr. Abatemarco and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

Mrs. Steib explained that state statute permits the transfer of funds to various accounts that had unforeseen expenses in various accounts and this equals less than one half of a percent of the 2013 budget. Mr. Budes added that this resolution is usually necessary and is a very low percentage of the budget.

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Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Keczkemethy

13-99, Non-Contractual salaries for 2014 was approved following a motion by Mr. Budes and seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Keczkemethy

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 13-08-708

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 159 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH ENTITLED "TOWING, OFFICIAL"

This ordinance was introduced on November 13, 2013 and advertised in the Asbury Park Press on November 22, 2013. It is posted on the bulletin board and copies are available.

PUBLIC HEARING: There were no public or council comments.

A motion to approve Ordinance 13-08-708 was made by Mr. Budes and seconded by Mr. Wieck.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Keczkemethy

ORDINANCE 13-09-709

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$120,000 FOR THE REHABILITATION AND/OR RECONSTRUCTION OF WATER WELL NO. 1 AND THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT METERING SYSTEM FOR THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$114,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

This ordinance was introduced on November 13, 2013 and advertised in the Asbury Park Press on November 22, 2013. It is posted on the bulletin board and copies are available.

PUBLIC HEARING: There were no questions or comments from the public or Council.

Mr. Polhemus made a motion to approve Ordinance 13-09-709 and Mrs. Coletti seconded.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Keczkemethy

ORDINANCE 13-10-710

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$1,105,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A \$250,000 GREEN ACRES LOAN EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED AND AN \$180,000 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$915,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

This ordinance was introduced on November 13, 2013 and advertised in the Asbury Park Press on November 22, 2013. It is posted on the bulletin board and copies are available.

PUBLIC HEARING: There were no comments or questions from the public. Mr. Budes expressed his hope that we will get good bids, and Mayor Cuneo stated that the work needs to be done in town.

Mr. Abatemarco made a motion to approve Ordinance 13-10-710 and Mr. Budes provided a second.

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Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Keczkemethy

ORDINANCE 13-11-711

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 175 OF THE CODE OF PINE BEACH ENTITLED "ZONING AND SUBDIVISION"

This ordinance was introduced on November 13, 2013 and advertised in the Asbury Park Press on November 22, 2013. It is posted on the bulletin board and copies are available.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mr. Schandelmeier, Lincoln Ave. thanked the Mayor and Council for making this change to the ordinance. He owns a second home here on an undersized lot and wanted to replace an 8 X 10 shed that was damaged from Superstorm Sandy. With this change in the ordinance, although the home is on an undersized lot, it is possible that the shed won't have an impact on lot coverage to require an application to the Land Use Board. Mr. Budesca stated that Mayor Cuneo has been very diligent with this matter and presented it to the Land Use Board.

There were no further comments from the public or Council.

Mr. Wieck moved Ordinance 13-11-711 and Mrs. Coletti seconded.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Keczkemethy

PUBLIC COMMENTS, None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Coletti thanked those who participated in the Tree Lighting. The Newman's provided bells and a soloist, Mr. Wieck's friend Santa arrived on a fire truck, and there was a large turnout of people. She wished all a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Wieck announced that Friday the Alliance is sponsoring a horse-drawn carriage ride around town. It starts at the Pine Beach Chapel. Saturday the Santa Patrol will be out in fire trucks. He wishes all to have a Wonderful Christmas.

Mr. Abatemarco wished all Happy Holidays. He mentioned that this is the season of giving, and not to forget the Fire Company and first aid squads. Please be as generous as you can be.

Mr. Budesca wished all Happy Holidays and he hopes all can stay warm.

Mr. Polhemus also wished all a wonderful holiday season. He thanked the Police Chief/Administrator and public works department for the good job they did in the recent snow storm. Equipment was ready or the surprise storm.

Mr. Polhemus thanked Thea Kratochvil, the Municipal Alliance coordinator, for the amazing job she does in putting on worthwhile community events.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo commented on the nice town-wide events, we have a small community and we come together for them. He will enjoy the carriage ride Friday, and it's nice to see the homes decorated for the season.

This meeting, Council moved on a lot of important business. The salary resolution is for non-contractual employees. They work very hard, and the Mayor wishes we could pay the employees better.

Winter season sports have started at the high school, hockey and swimming. The Toms River High School South girls' soccer team is Section 3 State Champions.

Mayor Cuneo wished all a Merry Christmas, and that all be safe and enjoy the season.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM following a motion by Mr. Wieck and a second by Mrs. Coletti.
