

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
REGULAR MEETING
November 28, 2012**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a regular meeting on November 28, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave.

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, RIVERSIDE 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. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck

FLAG SALUTE was lead by Council President Polhemus

Mayor Cuneo offered Special Remembrance for recently deceased former resident Betty Ann Ullery, the Bennett and Krill families, and for our own special remembrances.

Mayor Cuneo announced that copies of all resolutions are available on the front table.

MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2012 was made by Mr. Budesca and seconded by Mr. Keczkemethy.

4 Ayes
2 Abstain

MOTION to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 22, 2012 was made by Mr. Abatemarco and seconded by Mr. Wieck

4 Ayes
2 Abstain

MOTION to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 8, 2012 was made by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Budesca

6 Ayes

TREASURER'S REPORT was read by Mrs. Steib, Chief Financial Officer and was moved for acceptance by Mr. Abatemarco and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

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

REVENUE REPORTS, Tax Collector and Miscellaneous Revenue were read by Mrs. Steib and were approved by Mr. Wieck, seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

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

Mrs. Steib read the Bills Resolution 12-11- A, B, C, D summary and the report was accepted following a motion by Mr. Abatamarco and seconded by Mr. Keczkemethy.

MAYOR CUNEO ANNOUNCED THE POLICY, ALLOWING FIVE MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE BILLS RESOLUTION

There were no questions from the council or public.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Abatamarco read the police report for October with Chief John Sgro reporting the following:

For the month of October 2012 the police department responded to 329 calls for service.

On October 29th our State to include our Borough was hit with the worst storm in its history. Hurricane Sandy slammed into New Jersey with a direct hit, which caused widespread damage and devastation. We in Pine Beach have a lot to be grateful for as we suffered only minimal damage throughout the majority of our town. 2 families from Wayne Ave. suffered the worst damage as their homes caught fire during the height of the storm and were lost. There was some substantial flooding along the banks of the Toms River in which water in some areas came up and reached higher than Lincoln Ave. This caused some water damage to a minimal amount of homes which was contained to basement levels or crawlspaces. The Pine Beach Yacht Club sustained damage to their docks and some water did cause damage to the first floor. The Borough suffered damage to our bulk heading in several locations between Midland Ave. and Station Ave. and the Henley Ave. Pier was lost. We also suffered some beach erosion at both the Avon Ave. and Station Ave. beaches. The embankment along the 700 block of Riverside Dr. was substantially eroded which resulted in the closing of the roadway to prevent further damage or destabilization of the road. We undertook emergency measures to stabilize the bank and save the roadway. With the assistance of volunteers who placed sandbags and our public works dept. and local contractor Randy Laing who brought in soil we were able to backfill the embankment and stabilize the area. Other than these issues, the worst effects to Pine Beach were to about 20% of our town which remained without power for a prolonged period of time.

We feel that Pine Beach was about as equipped as we could have been and ready to deal with the effects of the storm. The entire Police Dept. was mobilized in town to respond to any emergency calls, as was the Pine Beach Volunteer Fire Co. and our Public Works Dept. Together they were all out in the height of the storm and after, responding to emergencies and working to reopen roadways that were cut off by downed trees to insure that had we needed to evacuate people or respond to an emergency that we could get to them.

As we try to get back to normal please remember those who were less fortunate than us in your thoughts and prayers and have a safe and healthy holiday season.

Mr. Abatamarco moved the Police, municipal court, water and sewer utility, building inspector, public works reports are approved as submitted and the motion was seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions:

12-103-Water Utility billing adjustments was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Budesa.

Mayor Cuneo explained that this resolution will authorize billing adjustments caused by a variety of reasons, such as incorrect meter readings, checks of meter accuracy, and estimated bills due to no meter reading.

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

104-Extension of grace period for payment of 4th quarter taxes to Nov. 16, 2012 was moved by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Abatamarco.

The Mayor explained that the extra grace period was authorized by the Governor in light of the delays due to the storm.

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

105-Waiving municipal fees for permits and inspections to repair damage from Hurricane Sandy was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Keczkemethy.

The Mayor explained that we have an interlocal agreement with Berkeley Twp. Construction for uniform construction services and they have agreed to waive fees for repair of storm damage and the DCA has also agreed to waive their portion of the fees. This will help the people severely affected by the storm.

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

106-Removing water and sewer billing for 2 homes damaged by fire was approved following a motion by Mr. Abatamarco and seconded by Mr. Budesa.

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

107-Authorizing advertising for professional services for 2013 was approved by Mr. Abatamarco and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

Mayor Cuneo explained that we yearly advertise for professional services.

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

108-Professional Services Contract for Arthur R. Thibault Jr. was approved by Mr. Abatamarco and seconded by Mr. Keczkemethy.

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

109-Correcting \$1,200.00 traffic control receipt was moved by Mr. Abatamarco and seconded by Mr. Keczkemethy.

The Mayor explained that the transaction was recorded incorrectly and this is a correction.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesa, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keczkemethy,

Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE 12-05-699

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN, N. J. AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 22 ENTITLED "OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH

This ordinance will be advertised in the Asbury Park Press on December 4, 2012 and will have a public hearing on December 12, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

A motion to introduce Ordinance 12-05-699 was made by Mr. Budesca and it was seconded by Mr. Wieck.

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

ORDINANCE 12-06-700

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, ESTABLISHING MINIMUM-MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS ON SALARIES TO BE PAID THE MAYOR, COUNCILPERSONS, AND ALL OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH, AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES

This ordinance will be advertised in the Asbury Park Press on December 1, 2012 and will have a public hearing on December 12, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

Mrs. Coletti made a motion to introduce Ordinance 12-06-700 and it was seconded by Mr. Budesca.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo thanked the public for their attendance.

Mr. Mallon, Municipal Engineer, presented an outline of the proposed replacement of the Vista Park docks. The old pier and docks will be removed. The plan for the new pier, with a "T" on the end, will be 14' wide with a 10' tee. Permits are in place. There will be a new walkway and new bulkheads. There will be a ramp on the walkway to the pier due to the required elevations of the dock. There will be one-way angled parking, with gravel base being utilized. We have a low-interest Green Acres loan. It is hoped to go out to bid in March, accept in April.

Mr. Mallon indicated that the handicap parking would be across the street, at the existing parking area. He is checking the water main in the area to put in a hydrant and future water can be added to the site.

He has finished plotting for the bulkhead, and will be back out to check for new areas since the storm. The amount of work being done depends on the funding.

Road improvements will wait, pending funding. In the past, we have utilized DOT grants and gone block by block to repair the roads.

As for the replacement drinking water well, Mr. Mallon believes all the information has been supplied to the state.

The preconstruction meeting for the Community Development Block Grant project of improvements to the walkway to the police department is tomorrow. Two Department of Transportation applications for improvements to Radnor Ave. are submitted.

Berkeley Twp. Resident Tony Arneth, whose property is adjacent to property owned by the Borough, had a tree from the Borough property fall on his trailer and was told the Borough has no responsibility concerning damages. He also asked to be notified if the Borough was selling the property.

Nancy Grove stated that she has lived in Pine Beach since 1965 and has a drainage problem on her property. In 1994 a storm drain was installed, but she believes it has not properly been maintained. She has written to the Mayor, and Mr. Mallon came to look at it. She believes that no water goes into the storm drain. She would like to see something done about it, as her yard floods with heavy rain. Mayor Cuneo will look into the matter and will get back to Mrs. Grove.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wieck thanked all of the volunteers in town. There were two work projects that were well attended. The Saturday after the storm about fifty volunteers showed up, they cleared roads and properties of elderly residents. With the threat of the Nor'easter, 20 volunteers including Boy Scouts, helped prepare sand bags used to protect the roadway.

On December 9, the Pine Beach Fire Company is offering a "Breakfast with Santa" for all residents, free of charge.

Mr. Keczemethy thanked the fire department for all their hard work, and hopes people will come and support them.

Mr. Budesza commented that the Fire Department donations are down, and he hopes more people will donate to this good cause.

Mr. Abatemarco offered Seasons Greetings, commenting that we had a lot to be thankful for. During the storm, public works employees, police officers and the fire department were out all night helping residents. Perhaps it's a lesson for us all, to be sure to check in with neighbors.

Mr. Polhemus added that the people in town came together during the storm and the aftermath. The annual Tree Lighting is Sunday the 2nd at 4:30. There will be refreshments, music, and a visit by Santa.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo stated that this is a town that gets things done; everyone works together.

The Mayor added that the volunteer fire department has come to council concerning the donations from the town; only 25% of the residents donate to the fire department. They need more contributions to keep on going since they are volunteers.

Toms River High School South Student of the month is a Borough resident.

Mayor Cuneo asked anyone who sees that something needs to be done around town, to give town hall a call.

The Mayor wished Chief/Administrator John Sgro a happy birthday.

Mr. Abatemarco made a motion to close the meeting at 8:15, which was seconded by Mr. Keczemethy.

