

BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
REGULAR MEETING
April 13, 2011

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on April 13, 2011 at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave.

Mayor Boyle 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 OCEAN COUNTY GAZETTE, 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. Abatamarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy,
Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent: Mr. Budesa

FLAG SALUTE was lead by Council President Cuneo

Mayor Boyle called for Special Remembrance for recently deceased residents Barbara Lesser, former resident Evelyn Benedict and former Third Congressional District Representative John Adler.

And also in special remembrance of these thirty-two brave Americans who lost their lives in service to their country during the month of March 2011:

Iraq:

Corporal Hocking, Brandon S.; Senior Airman Hinkle II, Michael J.

Afghanistan:

Specialist Poulin, Dennis C.; Sergeant 1st Class Arrechaga, Ofren; Staff Sergeant Adamski III, Frank E.; Specialist Lindskog, Jameson; Private 1st Class Faulkner, Jeremy P.; Private 1st Class Feldhaus, Dustin J.; Staff Sergeant Burgess, Bryan A.; Specialist Ross, Justin D.; Petty Officer 1st Class Filpi III, Vincent A.; Private 1st Class Mahr, Michael C.; Staff Sergeant Gire, Joshua S.; Staff Sergeant Malachowski, James M.; Staff Sergeant McDaniel, Mecolus C.; Corporal Mickler Jr., Donald R.; Private 1st Class Acosta, Rudy A.; Master Sergeant Bowers, Jamal H.; Lance Corporal Meis, Christopher S.; Sergeant Tompkins, Travis M.; Private First Class Rodriguez, Arturo E.; Sergeant Park, Daehan; Corporal Muller, Ian M.; Not reported yet Harper, Andrew M.; Staff Sergeant Trueblood, Eric S.; Corporal Buffalo, Loren M.; Specialist Wade, Andrew P.; Private 1st Class Johnson, Kalin C.; Staff Sergeant Wells, Mark C.; Corporal Stanton, Jordan R.; Specialist Weaver, Jason M.; Senior Airman Alden, Nicholas J.

MAYOR BOYLE ANNOUNCED THAT, AS ALWAYS, COPIES OF ALL REPORTS ARE ON THE FRONT TABLE

MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2011 was made by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

All were in favor

TREASURER'S REPORT was read by Mrs. Steib and accept following a motion by Mr. Abatamarco and seconded by Mr. Cuneo.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

REVENUE REPORTS were read by Mrs. Steib and approved by a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Keczkemethy.

Mr. Cuneo asked about the percentage of taxes collected last year, and Mrs. Steib answered in the neighborhood of 95 – 96%. The exact number is in the audit.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

BILLS RESOLUTION 2011-04-A, B, C, D was moved by Mr.Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Abatamarco.

MAYOR BOYLE ANNOUNCED THE POLICY, ALLOWING FIVE MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE BILLS RESOLUTION, and there were no questions from the public.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Cuneo read from the police report that the police department responded to 257 calls for service for the month of March.

Chief Sgro reported that a random motor vehicle inspection checkpoint took place in March and Ptl. York attended a Radar Instructor recertification class. Chief Sgro attended a FEMA kickoff meeting regarding a presidential declaration being made on the December 26, 2010 snow storm and that we will be eligible to submit some expenses for reimbursement. The Chief also attended a meeting regarding 2011 year “Stewart Bill” funding, which is funding for the purchase of equipment for emergency services responding to any potential incident at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station.

Chief Sgro would like to remind people that with the warm weather approaching, more people will be out-of-doors and to use extra caution while driving through town.

Mr. Cuneo made a motion to accept Police, municipal court, water and sewer utility, building inspector, public works reports as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, none

NEW BUSINESS

School Budget discussion: Board Of Education representative Michael Jedziniak and Toms River Regional Schools Business Administrator Bill Doering were present to discuss the 2011 School Budget. A copy of their presentation is attached to these minutes. They explained that the school system lost some \$9,000,000.00 in funding last year. The budget maintains funding for programs and positions now in place. The equalized valuations are the basis for the percentage of the budget each town pays. The public votes on the budget April 27.

Mr. Cuneo was concerned that the 4.7-cent increase, the highest of the 4 sending towns, and if it includes both the operating expense plus the debt service. Mr. Doering assured him that it does. The operating budget tax is 4.68, debt service is .02. The last bond was passed in 2005.

Mr. Wieck asked if the number of students enters into the calculation, and it does not.

Mr. Russo read an article about Central Regional School having an agreement with an electric provider, and he believes that if residents sign up for the service money will be

given to the school system. It has not been looked into for Toms River, but could be in the future.

Mr. Rohan asked if the school had considered privatization of some services, such as bus, custodian, Informational Technology, engineering. Mr. Doering explained that engineering is now being performed in-house and that they will be evaluating all aspects of the budget.

Mr. Rohan asked about the property at 1144 Hooper Ave., and Mr. Jedziniak stated that part of the property is leased and generates income. Mr. Rohan also questioned if the café on the property will still be run through the school system.

Mr. Abatamarco commented on the expense increase for PERS (Pension) and perhaps future exposure can be limited by privatization

The tuition increase was from Seaside Park students, K-6.

Resolutions:

11-38, Proclaiming April as “Autism Awareness Month” was introduced by Mr. Wieck and seconded by Mr. Abatamarco.

Mr. Wieck thanked Council for supporting autism awareness. Autism touches many families and the future.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

11-39, In support of assembly bills that will strengthen municipality’s immunity from tort claims was approved by a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Keczkemethy.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

11-40, Authorizing application for Recycling Tonnage Grant was introduced by Mr. Abatamarco and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

11-41, Refund of duplicate tax payment for 1st quarter was approved upon a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Keczkemethy.

Mr. Cuneo stated that the mortgage company paid the taxes twice.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

11-42, Authorizing Mayor to sign Ocean County Tourism Grant for \$1,125.00 was moved by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Mr. Cuneo stated that getting money is good.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

11-43, Acknowledging review of 2009 audit, general comments and recommendations was approved following a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Mr. Cuneo explained that Council has read the comments and recommendations of the audit, and the finance officer will provide a corrective action plan at the next meeting.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

11-44, Authorizing change in recycling collection was moved by Mr. Abatemarco and seconded by Mr. Cuneo.

Mayor Boyle explained that this resolution authorizes the implementation of single-stream recycling.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

11-45, Authorizing Mayor to sign Memorandum of Agreement with Communication Workers of America was approved following a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

Mr. Cuneo explained that the public works employees have cooperated with the Borough concerning budgetary issues.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

11-46, Authorizing change order #1 to Earle Asphalt for improvements to Hillside Ave. was approved following a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Mayor Boyle stated that this is a road-paving project; the bids came in less than the grant amount so this change order adds more work.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

11-47, Preliminary expenses for investigation of water utility well repair was moved by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

Mr. Cuneo commented that we are undertaking this investigation following the recommendation of our engineer. After we see the results, we will know if the well can be rehabilitated or if we need to drill a new well. Well #1 is our oldest well, over 50 years old.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

11-48, Redemption of lien Block 67 Lot 5 was approved following a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

Mr. Cuneo mentioned that this is just general business.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Rohan asked about the proposed replacement dock at Vista Park, and it was explained that the Borough has a Green Acres low interest loan and it includes replacing bulk heading along with the dock.. Based on the original Green Acres application, only this type of work can be used with the loan. We have a DEP permit for the bulkhead work. Mr. Rohan asked about the bulkhead at the 700 block of Riverside Dr., and Mayor Boyle explained that we also have a USDA grant application for the bulkhead work.

Mr. Rohan asked if the Vista Park construction and the three Toll Brothers lots are still being paid for, and the Mayor answered affirmatively. Mr. Rohan was concerned about the Borough's debt level. He felt that the bulkhead work was a serious issue.

Mr. Abatemarco agreed that the bulkhead was a problem, but the Green Acres loan was for the specific area in front of Visa Park, and not other bulk heading. The bulkhead is a priority.

Mr. Russo asked if the proposed dock would include boat slips. The reply was that there are no slips proposed, but perhaps a mooring field would be instituted and the dock would be used for embarkations. The original plan was with slips, but the cost benefit analysis suggested it would take 20 years to recoup the money. The current plan is scaled down.

Mr. Walters asked about the estimate for the dock and bulkhead--\$1,000,000.00.

The Mayor explained that Department of Transportation grants will be utilized to resurface Riverside Drive in the area of Vista Park. It is the last portion of Riverside Drive to be resurfaced.

Mr. Spender spoke about the new recycling calendar, and is disappointed that the Saturday resident drop-off has been discontinued. It was explained that the public works committee has discontinued the drop-off in order to save money.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Polhemus complimented Chief Sgro, that he has served as the administrator for one month and has already made a difference in the public works department. He accepted the additional work at no salary and is present on a daily basis to see that things are done properly.

The Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday at 1:00 at the Station Ave. beach. Volunteers are needed to bury the eggs. Enjoy the holiday and spring sports

Mr. Wieck offered that he will see everyone at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mr. Keczkemethy commented that it is nice to see some new faces in the audience and listening to their comments.

Mr. Cuneo appreciated Mr. Jedziniak and Mr. Doering coming to answer school budget questions. There is a different philosophy between the past and present administration. The Toms River Regional Schools web site has a lot of information. The election is Wednesday, April 27 at the Borough Hall.

Sports teams are out playing, and some college and high school teams have started sailing.

Have a safe and Happy Easter and Passover.

MAYORS COMMENTS

This month we bid farewell to resident Evelyn Benedict, as she has lived to a ripe old age. Barbara Lesser's passing, she was an old family friend. Congressman Adler has been to Pine Beach and held a town hall meeting here.

Mayor Boyle thanked those in the audience for coming and for their comments.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM following a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Charlene A. Carney, RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk