

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2018**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on September 12, 2018 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 ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE STAR-LEDGER, 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. Budesa, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

THE FLAG SALUTE was led by Council President Wieck

Mayor Cuneo offered a Special Remembrance for those who perished 9/11/01 and recently deceased residents Mark Bowcock and June Heffernan, and the Rutledge family.

The Mayor announced that copies of all reports and resolutions are available on the front table.

A MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2018 was made by Mr. Wieck and Mr. Saxton provided a second.

There were no questions or comments from the Council or members of the public.

6 Ayes, motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT was read by Mrs. Steib and approved following a motion by Mr. Budesa and a second by Mr. Polhemus.

There were no questions or comments from the Council or members of the public

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Budesa, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

REVENUE REPORTS, both Tax Collector and Miscellaneous Revenue were read by Mrs. Steib. Mr. Polhemus made a motion to approve both revenue reports, and Mrs. Coletti provided a second.

There were no questions or comments from Council or members of the public

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Budesa, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

BILLS RESOLUTION 2018-09-A, B, C, D was summarized by Mrs. Steib, and approved following a motion by Mr. Budesa and seconded by Mr. Saxton

There were no questions or comments from Council or members of the public.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Municipal Court, water and sewer utility, building inspector approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Wieck and seconded by Mr. Newman.

6 Ayes, motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS:

18-86, Refund of overpayment of development fee was approved following a motion by Mr. Budesca and Mrs. Coletti offered a second.

There were no questions or comments by Council or members of the public.

6 Ayes, motion carried

18-87, Refund of tax overpayment for Block 19 Lot 1 was approved moved by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Newman.

There were no questions or comments by Council or members of the public.

6 Ayes, motion carried

18-88, Authorizing preparation of specifications and bid for DOT grant 2018, road improvements to Riverside Drive was approved following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Newman

Mr. Wieck stated that this is a long awaited improvement, and Mayor Cuneo stated that this is the last section of Riverside Dr. to be resurfaced.

There were no questions or comments from the Council or members of the public.

6 Ayes, motion carried

18-89, Authorizing the engineer to prepare a grant application for DOT FY 2019 grant was moved by Mr. Saxton and Mr. Newman provided a second

Mayor Cuneo mentioned that the grant will include repaving Midland Avenue.

There were no other comments or questions

6 Ayes, motion carried

18-90, Appointment of Ptl. Nicole Orbin as a Class 2 Special Police Officer was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mr. Polhemus.

There were no comments or questions from Council or members of the public.

6 Ayes, motion carried

18-91, Support of "FRIENDS OF THE POOR" walk/run Sept. 29, 2018 was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Wieck

Mrs. Coletti explained that this is a short walk at Veterans Park, and the money raised goes to help people from Berkeley Twp., Ocean Gate, Pine Beach, Beachwood and South Toms River. Registration is at 9 AM and the walk starts at 9:30 AM.

There were no other comments or questions from Council or members of the public.

6 Ayes, motion carried

18-92, Appointment of Brian Fischer as a temporary police officer was approved by Mr. Polhemus and Mr. Newman provided a second.

Mr. Wieck has gotten to know Officer Fischer and feels he is very loyal to Pine Beach and a hard worker.

There were no questions or comments from Council or members of the public.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Budesza, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

Mayor Cuneo swore in Officer Brian Fischer as a temporary police officer

Officer Fischer thanked the Council for giving him the opportunity to pursue his career in law enforcement. He hopes to stay with department for a long time.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Mrs. Coletti made a motion to appoint Susan Pitch as an alternate member of the Environmental Commission, and Mr. Polhemus seconded.

6 Ayes, all were in favor

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorin and John Falana, Pennsylvania Ave. expressed their concerns about the safety of the children in the Pine Beach Elementary School and the Borough's not paying for a police officer to be stationed in the school.

Mayor Cuneo explained that there is an officer in the school who is an employee of the school, the officer works only when school is in session. This matter had been discussed at many public meetings where members of the public could speak. Pine Beach is part of a regional school system and the school tax is the biggest part of our tax bill.

Council members pointed out that no members of the public came to meetings to discuss the issue until tonight, and that all meetings are listed on the calendar that is mailed to each home in town. Our police officers make it a point to be in the area of the school during arrival and dismissal time and stop by the school periodically.

The Mayor stated that he and the Council members are always available for members of the public and that often people meet them on the street and discuss issues. Their email addresses are listed on the web site or people can call Borough Hall and leave a message for them.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Coletti announced that the Fire Fest celebration will be September 22 from noon until 6 PM at Vista Park. It is a joint event to raise money for the Pine Beach Volunteer Fire Company and the Pine Beach Yacht Club. There will be food, a beer garden and crafters.

Mr. Newman mentioned that school is in session and people should be cautious when leaving for work since it is dark in the mornings when school busses are out and students are at the bus stops.

Mr. Polhemus spoke about a concern that the hurricane could impact us with high winds and heavy rain. He urged all to secure their homes and outside objects.

Mr. Saxton is proud of our town and how they came together to help our police officer who lost his home to a fire.

Mr. Budesca was concerned that many people will be impacted with the coming storm.

Council President Wieck recalled September 11, 2001 when the entire country came to a standstill. On September 29, the Run for the Fallen will come through town between 1:20 and 1:40, remembering Fight 93. The brief ceremony will take place on the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Motor Rd.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo spoke about the school sports, and urged all to support the young athletes. The kids give their all.

It was a pleasure to see Ptl. Fischer become a temporary police officer, and he welcomed Nicole Orbin to the police department.

“Coffee with a Cop” will take place the first Saturday in October at Vista Park from 8 am to 11 am.

Please think about the people in the Carolinas, the storm surge is expected to be a massive wall of water. People who stay risk the life of first responders.

There was no further business to discuss, and Mr. Newman made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Budesca. All were in favor.

