

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH  
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING  
January 3, 2011**

The Annual Meeting of the Mayor and Council took place on January 3, 2011 at the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. at 7:30 PM.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Boyle and he read the STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:  
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT" P.L 1975 CHAPTER 231, notice of this meeting was sent to the Asbury Park Press and Ocean County Gazette and posted on the bulletin board of the Pine Beach Municipal Building and the Pine Beach Post Office. This statement shall become a part of the official minutes of the meeting.

**SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Boyle swore in the new council members:**

**Andrew Keczkemethy, 3-year term (1/1/11 – 12/31/13)  
Barry Wieck, 3-year term (1/1/11 – 12/31/13)**

Roll Call: Present: Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesas, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy,  
Mr. Wieck

Absent: Mr. Polhemus

Flag Salute was lead by Mr. Cuneo

Mayor Boyle called for a Moment of Silence

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Mr. Budesas nominated Mr. Cuneo for the position of Council President, and Mr. Abatamarco offered a second.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesas, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr.  
Wieck

Absent, Mr. Polhemus

**NEW BUSINESS:**

With the Permission of Council Mayor Boyle presents the following resolutions as a matter of consent: Resolutions 11-02 through 11-05; 11-08 through 11-10, and 11-12,

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Resolution 11-02, Naming official Depositories

Resolution 11-03, Naming Mayor, Municipal Clerk, Council President and Chief Financial Officer to sign checks

Resolution 11-04, Naming the Asbury Park Press and O C Gazette as official newspapers

Resolution 11-05, Regular Council and Work Meeting Dates

Resolution 11-08, Tax Assessor named as agent for taxing district

Resolution 11-09, Tax Collection Rate of Interest

Resolution 11-10, Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to write petty cash checks

Resolution 11-12, Authorizing CMFO to issue checks for landfill and post office

A motion to move the consent agenda was made by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Budesas

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

**RESOLUTIONS WITH RECORDED VOTE:**

Resolution 11-01, Professional Appointments

1A: Municipal Attorney, Michael McKenna, Hering, Gannon & McKenna approved upon a motion by Mr. Budes and seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

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

1B: Municipal Auditor, Warren Korecky, Suplee, Clooney & Co. failed for lack of a motion. Council has 30 days to confirm Mayor's appointment.

1C: Municipal Engineer, John J. Mallon of Ernst, Ernst & Lissenden was approved upon a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

Mr. Cuneo stated that he is glad to have Jack as the engineer.

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

1D: Public Defenders, Justin Shearer and Donna Conoshenti was approved upon a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Budes.

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

1E: Bond Counsel, McManimon & Scotland. The appointment was approved upon a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

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

1F: Planning Consultant, Taylor Design Group was approved upon a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

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

1G: Municipal Prosecutor, Charles Byrnes was approved upon a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Budes.

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

1H: Alternate Prosecutor, John Ducey was approved upon a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Budes.

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

1I: Environmental Issues, Brilliant Lewis Environmental Services was approved by a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Budesá.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesá, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mr. Polhemus

1J: Affordable Housing/COAH, Jeffrey Surenian and Associates was approved upon a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Abatamarco.

Mr.. Cuneo is hopeful that we won't need to use this service.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesá, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mr. Polhemus

1K: Special Counsel for Toll Bros. matters, Steven Secare, Secare, Ryan & Hensel, was approved upon a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Budesá.

Mr. Cuneo expressed his hope that we won't have to utilize this professional.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesá, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mr. Polhemus

Resolution 11-06, Temporary Operating Budget was approved upon a motion by Mr. Budesá and seconded by Mr. Cuneo.

Mayor Boyle explained that this resolution is necessary so we can pay our bills until the 2011 budget is approved.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesá, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mr. Polhemus

Resolution 11-07, Appointments by Mayor

Payroll Clerk	Mary Jane Steib
Utility Superintendent	Bruce Carney
Deputy Court Administrator	Aileen Alonzo
	Linda Felton
Public Agency Compliance	
Affirmative Action	Charlene Carney
Adult School Crossing Guards	Joseph Mancini
	Rose Wieck
	Lynn Bressman
Special Police Officer	Christopher Raimann
	Christian Longhitano
Zoning Officer (1 yr)	John Tilton
Emergency Management Deputy	Kevin Simon

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesá, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mr. Polhemus

Resolution 11-11, Authorizing Tourism Promotional Grant Application was approved upon a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Abatamarco

We apply for this grant every year to get money for the 5K race.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy  
Abstain, Mr. Budesá, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mr. Polhemus

Resolution 11-13, Authorizing the Mayor to sign an interlocal agreement with Ocean County for road, engineering, and vehicle services

We utilize this shared services agreement when it can save us money.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy  
Abstain, Mr. Budesa, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mr. Polhemus

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT TO LAND USE BOARD

Class II Employee	1 year term	Teresa Sgro
Class IV Citizen	4 year term	Jerry Barnett (01/1/11-12/14)
		Joseph Boyle (01/1/11-12/14)
	2 year alternate	Robert Runyon (01/1/11-12/12)

The Mayor's appointments to the Land Use Board were approved upon a motion by Mr. Budesa and seconded by Mr. Abatemarco

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesa, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mr. Polhemus

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

3 year term	Susan Pitch (01/11-12/13)
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The Mayor's appointment to the environmental commission was approved upon a motion by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesa, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mr. Polhemus

COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT TO LAND USE BOARD:

Mr. Cuneo made a motion to appoint Mr. Budesa for the Class III -1 year term, which was seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesa, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mr. Polhemus

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

Alternate (2 years) Robert Ingenito (01/11- 12/12). Mr. Ingenito is currently serving on the Environmental Commission, and Mr. Cuneo offered his reappointment, which was seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesa, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mr. Polhemus

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Freeholder John Bartlett congratulated the two new council members, commenting that he has known both for many years. It was a very well run campaign. There are many difficult issues this year, and the 2% cap will make it difficult to operate. The public needs to be kept informed along the way. Freeholder Bartlett was the mayor 32 years ago.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wieck thanked everyone for their support. He is committee Chair for Troop 114, and is very proud of the number of Eagle Scouts and Eagle candidates the troop has  
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produced. He will work to keep the trust of the residents. Mr. Wieck grew up here, and has helped with a lot of the projects. He is hoping that people will volunteer to help with various projects for the good of the town.

Mr. Keczkemethy thanked his wife and children for their help and support for his public career. He thanked the residents for their vote and trust in him. This is a difficult year for the Borough, and it won't be easy but the Council members will stick together to get the work done together.

Mr. Cuneo thanked the members of Troop 114 for presenting a color guard for the start of the meeting. He welcomed the two new members, and commented that Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Sheehan have served the Borough well.

This will be a difficult year for us, dealing with mandates and caps. We've been good with our budget in the past, we didn't spend unnecessarily, and we don't have a lot of extras. It is difficult to provide services within the new guidelines.

Mr. Cuneo will work on the committee assignments, and if any Council Members wish to have specific assignments, to please get in touch with him.

Mr. Cuneo mentioned that youth winter sports are on going, and encouraged people to attend.

Mr. Budesza welcomed Mr. Wieck and Mr. Keczkemethy. Traditionally Pine Beach issues are discussed and most are worked out. Historically, Pine Beach has been lucky with a number of volunteers. Recent projects include renovation of the pavilions, and renovation of the docks. We saved the town thousands of dollars. The Chief is talented and has been a big help with the volunteer projects, besides running the police department. Employees have made a big contribution to the volunteer work.

We run a tight ship in Pine Beach, with low pay, and this could hurt us with the new budgetary process. Employees do a fantastic job. People are welcome to come to the Town meetings and discuss issues or give support.

Mr. Abatamarco felt the public works department did the best it could during the huge snowstorm, even though not everyone was pleased. Being on Council is a rewarding job, and we are getting a lot accomplished.

#### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Boyle welcomed Mr. Keczkemethy and Mr. Wieck.  
Shall we talk about the weather?

The Great Blizzard of 2010 is certainly one for the history books. In spite of fifty mile-per-hour winds, whiteout conditions and six-foot high snowdrifts, our crews had the vast majority of our streets accessible and passable by Monday evening, approximately twenty-four hours after a state of emergency was declared. Throughout the following week, as I opened a newspaper or watched the news on TV, I became more and more aware of just how outstanding a job our employees did. Let me take this opportunity to thank all of our employees (and the several volunteers) for their outstanding efforts last week. I would also like to thank all of our residents for their patience and understanding that this was a once in a lifetime event.

Despite the exemplary work of our employees, there is nothing like an extreme situation to highlight areas in need of improvement. This storm provided us an excellent opportunity to examine our weak spots, and we have already taken steps to ensure that the next time we encounter a snowstorm of this magnitude, we will be better prepared.

During 2010 this governing body can cite several significant accomplishments: This year, we determined to find a permanent solution to the ongoing erosion problem at Avon Beach. To that end, we contracted with the Stockton Coastal Research Center to study the problem. They are acknowledged state experts in the field. This coming month  
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Dr. Stewart Farrell will present the results of the fall beach survey to the governing body, at which time we will discuss our options and determine how best to reclaim, restore, and maintain the beach that we have lost to erosion, and then to finally repair and improve the Avon Pavilion and surrounding area.

Also during 2010, we contracted with Triad Associates, a grant-writing firm, to help bring much-needed funds into town for the numerous improvements that we would like to undertake. This firm charges us nothing until they identify a potential grant opportunity and receive authorization from the governing body.

This past year, with suggestions and input from former Land Use Board Vice-Chairman the late Mel Winge, I completed a re-design for the development of the Vista park waterfront, and presented it to the governing body. This plan, geared towards passive recreation, is relatively simple to implement, and is structured with an eye towards phasing future improvements as additional resources present themselves. We anticipate utilizing an already approved low-interest loan from the State DEP for long-awaited improvements to that unsightly area.

In the coming year we also anticipate taking full advantage of the State of New Jersey's announced intentions to make available one hundred million dollars in grant funds for storm drainage projects in the Barnegat Bay watershed. This represents a unique opportunity to upgrade our aging storm drain system along the river. Modernizing these storm inlets and their river outfalls will help keep our watershed cleaner and help to reverse the degradation of our river.

Our fifty-plus year old bulkheads along the Toms River have reached beyond the point where their replacement has become a necessity. Despite the fact that we have been applying for grant funds for many years, no funds have been forthcoming. Therefore, we have an application pending for a low-interest USDA (US Dept. of Agriculture [Rural Development]) loan, and it is our sincere hope that before years end we will have completed that long-awaited replacement

It should surprise no one who follows current events that this coming year will be an extremely difficult budget year. The two percent budget cap imposed by the State Legislature will force painful and difficult decisions from this governing body such as reduction in the work force and cuts in services. The blizzard that we have just experienced clearly demonstrated that whatever cuts we do make must be made judiciously. Other cuts in services will be mandated by restrictions imposed by Ocean County's evolving waste management system. Previously accepted waste such as construction debris and bulk items such as furniture and carpeting will no longer be acceptable.

It pains me to note that the difficulty of formulating this years budget will be compounded by the fact that the Borough Council has failed to confirm the Mayors professional appointment as auditor. This decision echoes and compounds a similar decision made by this Council in January of 2009, a decision that led directly to our inability to pass a municipal budget until late in 2010, and to the unacceptably late delivery of the third quarter tax bills. Having the auditor of my choice in place would better enable me to more effectively oversee our financial office in this crucial year, and I therefore respectfully urge the Borough Council to reconsider, and to confirm the Mayor's appointment for auditor at our regular January meeting.

Finally and happily, we anticipate appointing our Police Chief: John Sgro to the additional position of Municipal Administrator. The Chief has offered to provide these services for no additional compensation. We anticipate that Chief Sgro will provide the same efficiency and discipline to our workforce that he has brought to the administration of our Police Department. I look forward to working with the Chief to ensure that Pine Beach continues to remain as our dear friend the late Reverend Jack Bowering used to say: "The Pearl of the Toms River".

Thank you, and please accept my best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

The Reorganization meeting concluded at 8:15 PM with a motion by Mr. Wieck and seconded by Mr. Kecskemethy.

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Charlene A. Carney, RMC/MMC  
Municipal Clerk