

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
ANNUAL YEAR'S END MEETING
January 1, 2012**

The Annual Year End meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach took place on January 1, 2012 at 12:00 noon at the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boyle, and he 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 our official newspapers, the Asbury Park Press, Riverside Signal and Berkeley Times and were posted on the bulletin board at 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, Robert Budesca, Lawrence Cuneo, Richard Polhemus,
Barry Wieck
ABSENT: Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Keczkemethy

FLAG SALUTE was lead by Mayor-elect Cuneo

Mayor Boyle offered special remembrance for recently deceased residents Eleanor Krysa and Beverly Healy and the Brave Americans serving in the military

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD DEC. 14, 2011 was approved following a motion by Mr. Budesca and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, None

NEW BUSINESS, None

PUBLIC COMMENTS, None

COUNCIL COMMENTS, None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

During the past seventeen years it has been my distinct honor to serve the Borough of Pine Beach as a member of Council and as Mayor.

In those years I dealt with issues both great and small. From problems as vital to our town as the closing and sale of the former Admiral Farragut Academy to issues as mundane as complaints of who was more deserving of an Independence Day Parade award. No matter the importance of the issues I was called upon to deal with, I remain proud of the meticulous, honest and pragmatic manner in which I faced every one of them.

The coming years will not be easy for the incoming Mayor and Council. The financial difficulties faced by the vast majority in our country, compounded by the short-sighted manner in which our federal and state governments has chosen to deal with them, ensures that this will be so.

Unfortunately, our state government will continue to do as it has always done: shift the burden to its municipalities. Ironically, although it is municipalities like ours who have found ways over the years to do more with less, it is also the view of our state leadership that such municipalities are too small to exist. A philosophy seemingly formulated

without consulting any actual data. Until such time as more enlightened leadership occupies the State House, our state's municipalities will continue to feel the weight imposed by our states myopic mandates. That is an aspect of this job that I will not miss one bit.

I am grateful that over the years I have had the privilege of working with many good people: immediately preceding me on Council were Peter Evertz and Mary Anne Gearing, and then having served alongside Chuck Laing, Joe Hunt, Keith Leonard, Joe Boyle, Scott McCue, Michele Ramsay, Pat Sheehan, Barbara O'Brien, Mayor Russ Corby, and the gentlemen with whom I share this dais today. Chief Sgro and our Police Department, Steve and our Public Works Department, Charlene and our administrative staff here at Borough Hall. I thank them all for their service to our town.

But most of all, I would like to thank my wife Debbie. I firmly believe that nothing that I have achieved would have been possible without her unwavering support. Debbie and I were married less than a year after I first joined this governing body, and as a result, we have not experienced marriage without the responsibilities of office always present.

In spite of how much I have enjoyed my service to Pine Beach, I am eagerly looking forward to the upcoming years, years in which I will happily have more time to devote to my wife, our home and our financial well being.

FOLLOWING MAYOR BOYLE'S COMMENTS, THE MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED SINE DIE

Charlene A. Carney, RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk