

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach was held on January 11, 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' PL. 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 a Special Remembrance for recently deceased residents and for all those who have served before us.

MAYOR CUNEO ANNOUNCED THAT COPIES OF ALL REPORTS ARE ON THE FRONT TABLE

MOTION to accept the minutes of the Year End Meeting and Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 2012 was made by Mr. Budesca and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Abstain, Mr. Abatemarco

TREASURER'S REPORT was read by Mrs. Steib was moved by Mr. Abatemarco and seconded by Mr. Wieck.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck

REVENUE REPORTS as read by Mrs. Steib were approved by Mr. Budesca and seconded by Mr. Polhemus

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck

BILLS RESOLUTION 2012-01-A, B, C, D were approved following a motion by Mr. Abatemarco and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

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

There were no public comments or questions.

Mr. Budesca asked about the road job figures, and Mrs. Steib explained that the company submits a check in advance estimating the amount needed. The officer gets paid out of the fund and there is also an hourly amount for administration.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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Mr. Abatemarco read the police report. As reported by Chief/Administrator Sgro, for the month of December 2011 the police department responded to 249 calls for service. This Fall the police department participated in a Pine Beach Municipal Alliance and the Pine Beach school to establish a "Lunch with Cops Program", which consists of our officers going to the elementary school and having lunch with the children. They also go out to recess with them and participate in games. The officers are voluntarily participating in this program and are very enthusiastic about it. There has been positive feedback on the program from both the parents of the children and the children seem to look forward to the days that the officers are there.

The police department continues to aggressively enforce local traffic laws and is participating with the State Motor Vehicle Commission in the random vehicle safety checks.

A new community notification system call Nixle has been implemented. This system will allow us to not only push emergency notifications out to the residents but also community notifications by both e-mail and text message, and it is provided free.

Chief Sgro reminded everyone that although Pine Beach is a relatively safe community, crime as a whole seems to be up everywhere. He asked everyone to keep an eye out in their neighborhoods, and if they see something strange to contact the police department any time of the day or night.

Mr. Abatemarco moved the Police, municipal court, water and sewer utility, building inspector, public works reports as submitted, and Mr. Keczkemethy seconded.

Mr. Wieck congratulated the Chief on the interaction with the children at Pine Beach School. It will help children understand and be comfortable with asking for help during a time of need.

Mr. Polhemus suggested that the Nixle notification system is a terrific idea, that people would receive immediate notification of in town events. Mayor Cuneo added that it is simple to use and it's free.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keczkemethy,
Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, None

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Polhemus, Community Development Block Coordinator, announced the Public hearing regarding the funding availability from the Community Development Block Grant. Citizens and agencies/organizations are invited to comment on the housing and community developments of the Borough of Pine Beach and to obtain a project application. All project applications must be returned to the Borough of Pine Beach by January 23, 2012 at 2:00 PM.

There were no comments from the public.

Resolution 12-14, tax sale premium redemption was moved by Mr. Budes and seconded by Mr. Abatemarco

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keczkemethy,
Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck

Resolution 12-15, Salary resolution for non-contractual employees was approved following a motion by Mr. Budes and seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

Mayor Cuneo explained that the non-contractual employees did not receive raises last year, but will receive this modest raise to help compensate for extra money being taken out by the state.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keczkemethy,
Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck

Resolution 12-16, Water and sewer disconnect was moved by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Wieck

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck

Resolution 12-17, Appointment of CDBG coordinator Richard Polhemus was offered by Mr. Abatamarco and seconded by Mr. Keczkemethy

Mr. Polhemus explained that this grant helps the Borough by providing funding for handicap accessibility to all public property.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus, Abstain, Mr. Budesca, Mr. Wieck

Resolution 12-18, Urging Governor to appoint an Ocean County resident to the Board of Public Utilities was approved following a motion by Mr. Abatamarco, which was seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Mr. Abatamarco felt this was a good idea and thanked the Mayor for bringing it to Council's attention.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck

Resolution 12-19, Opposing a proposal to require public bid advertisement to include certified cost estimates was moved by Mr. Budesca and seconded by Mr. Keczkemethy.

Mayor Cuneo explained that this bill would drive the cost up when going out to bid.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck

Resolution 12-20, National Wear Red Day for Women was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Keczkemethy.

Mr. Cuneo urged all to support heart health, and February 3 has been designated as a day to wear red in support of women's heart health.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck

Resolution 12-21, Authorize News racks for Riverside Signal was moved by Mr. Abatamarco and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Mr. Wieck stated that he was glad to see the Riverside Signal growing.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Budesca, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keczkemethy, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck

PUBLIC COMMENTS, None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Abatamarco thanked those in the audience for coming to the meeting. He hopes all stay safe and warm for the winter months. He appreciates the hard work the employees put into keeping everything going, and added that the Council members are working hard.

Mr. Budesca hopes the snow stays away, as it is very costly for the town.

Mr. Wieck thanked Chief/Administrator Sgro for his hard work. He has accomplished a lot of work.

Mrs. Coletti thanked the Mayor and Council for their warm welcome to Council, and hopes it will be an easy transition.

Mr. Polhemus stated that the non-contractual employees work extremely hard and he is glad they could receive extra compensation this year. We depend on volunteerism, and a lot of residents helped in the past. A subcommittee will review many areas of Borough process and hope to have more volunteers.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo mentioned that this a great time in high school sports; many students are involved with the band, chorus, playing sports. He is happy that the police are being proactive with the students.

The Mayor mentioned that each of us should reach out to a friend and see what we can do for them.

On the budget for 2012, Mayor Cuneo hopes to look at it and see if we can find areas to improve. This is our second year under the state guidelines.

Mayor Cuneo stated that Council will be working on a strategic plan to see where we'll be in 3 years, 5 years. Council will get together with departments to see what equipment needs to be replaced and what future plans should include so we can be ready for the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM following a motion by Mr. Wieck, which was seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

Charlene A. Carney, RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk