

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
REGULAR MEETING
May 8, 2024**

The Governing Body of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on May 8, 2024 in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave., at 7:30 PM. Council President Wieck 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:

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
present	present	present	present	present	present

Flag salute was led by Council President Wieck.

Mayor Cuneo offers a moment of silence for all Service Members.

Copies of all reports are on the front table.

A motion from Mr. Newman to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2024, seconded by Mr. Polhemus. No questions or comments from Council or public, all in favor.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes	yes	yes(motion)	yes(second)	yes	yes

A motion from Mr. Keesling to accept the work meeting minutes, April 8, 2024 seconded by Mrs. McGee. No questions or comments from the Council or public, all in favor.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes(motion)	yes(second)	yes	yes	yes	yes

A motion from Mr. Keesling to accept the work meeting minutes, April 22, 2024, with formal action taken. Motion is seconded by Mrs. McGee. No questions or comments from the Council or public, all in favor, Mr. Newman and Mr. Saxton abstained due to being absent on April 22nd.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes(motion)	yes(second)	abstain	yes	abstain	yes

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS

A motion from Mr. Newman to accept the miscellaneous revenue and tax collector reports, seconded by Mr. Saxton. No questions or comments from the Council or public, all in favor.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes	yes	yes(motion)	yes	yes(second)	yes

BILLS RESOLUTION 2024-34 Authorizing payment of Borough bills in the amount of \$1,187,902.17 is approved following a motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Saxton. No questions or comments from the Council or public, all in favor.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes	yes	yes(motion)	yes	yes(second)	yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Water and sewer utility, public works, and construction reports are approved as submitted with a motion from Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Saxton. No questions or comments from Council or public, all in favor.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes	yes	yes(motion)	yes	yes(second)	yes

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE 2024-01-807

CALENDAR YEAR 2024 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mayor Cuneo opens for public hearing.

Hearing none, the Mayor closes the public hearing.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes	yes	yes(motion)	yes	yes	yes(second)

ORDINANCE 2024-02-808

BOND ORDINANCE FOR VARIOS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$837,645 THEREFOR INCLUDING A \$370,645 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$448,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Mayor Cuneo opens for public hearing.

Hearing none, the Mayor closes the public hearing.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes	yes	yes(motion)	yes	yes	yes(second)

Both ordinances were introduced at a public meeting on April 10, 2024, and published in the Asbury Park Press on April 17, 2024. Both ordinances are posted on the Borough bulletin board and copies are available free of charge in the Clerk's Office.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Resolution 2024-45 Adoption of the 2024 Municipal Budget

The Mayor opens for public comments, hearing none.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes(second)	yes	yes	yes(motion)	yes	yes

Mr. Polhemus thanks Linda Covello for all the hard work putting together this budget, pay all the bills and keep the services.

Mr. Saxton comments that he appreciates Linda always working with us, we make demands and make compromises, extremely happy with all the hard work from you and your team.

Mr. Keesling thanks Linda Covello for her hard work with the budget and attention to training, teaching, coaching the members of the Council.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2024-46 A motion is made by Mr. Polhemus to oppose the State of NJ’s proposed gasoline tax, motion is seconded by Mr. Newman. No comments from Council or the public.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes	yes	yes	yes(motion)	yes	yes

Resolution 2024-47 A motion is made for awarding contract for the LRIG 2023 Vista Park Pavilion project to Down to Earth Landscaping in the amount of \$60,410.50 by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Wieck. No comments from Council, Mrs. Charlene Carney of Avon Rd states that she appreciates the Council working hard on this project.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes	yes	yes(motion)	yes	yes	yes(second)

Resolution 2024-48 A motion is made by Mr. Newman to award the contract for NJDOT FY2024 Municipal Aid to Seacoast Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$398,111.60. Motion is seconded by Mr. Wieck, no comments from Council or the public.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes	yes	yes(motion)	yes	yes	yes(second)

Resolution 2024-49 A motion is made authorizing the road closures for the Pine Beach 5k and the Independence Day Parade by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Newman. No comments from Council or the public.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes	yes	yes(second)	yes	yes(motion)	yes

Resolution 2024-50 A motion calling for the modernization of OPRA and the passage of s-2930/a-4045 is made by Mr. Wieck and seconded by Mr. Saxton. No comments from Council or the public.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes(second)	yes(motion)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Pitch of 312 Grant Ave., Pine Beach states that her street looks like patch work and is filled with many potholes. She tells the Council that Mike Sedlak does a great job when there is an issue but the issues need to be addressed with re-paving. The Mayor states that he has spoken with the Engineer about this area and will work with Berkeley Twp as they own the end of the street to see if it can be added to a DOT grant project.

Kevin Lowe of 314 Grant Ave. urges the Council to drive down Grant Ave, he doesn’t understand how they can support waiting on this project. He asks the Council if they would except this condition on their streets. Mayor Cuneo states that it is on the list to be taken care of.

Ed Fallen of 315 Grant Ave. states that he is willing to help facilitate any communication with Berkeley Twp for their end of the repairs. Mayor thanks the residents and Berkeley neighbors for attending and bringing their concerns to the forefront.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Saxton thanks the public for coming out to the meeting tonight, often the Council works without the residents present and it is nice to see new faces. Hope everyone can get out and enjoy the nice weather.

Mrs. McGee states that it is nice to see faces in the audience, she would like to ask everyone present to keep Maryann Deblasio in their prayers as well as her family, who she has recently left behind.

Mr. Newman thanks the Mayor for coordinating with Mark Rohmeyer, Engineer, for the Grant funding of the playgrounds and issues with the aging equipment. He requests the verbiage be changed to "all access" playgrounds on the application letter. The playground on Station Ave is getting worn due to the water flooding over and compromising the footings, he would like everyone to be aware of this issue. Mr. Newman asks Mr. Keesling if he has made any progress with grant opportunities as previously discussed, Mr. Keesling answers no progress. Mr. Newman states he sent over a few companies and specs to the Engineer for his review. Mr. Newman also has previously met with Kevin Simon, OEM and we will need to discuss at the June 10th meeting the Hazard Mitigation plan with the County representative.

Mr. Polhemus states that is nice to have things brought to our attention and things Council should be paying attention to. Dialog is important and helps get issues remediated quickly. A reminder is given for the hydrant flushing being conducted by the Water Department for May 8 & 9 9am-3pm. Important to refrain from use of washing machines, dishwashers, excreta. As we move into the warmer months, please remember that the pollutants, fertilizers, and other contaminants make their way into the water table through storm water runoff. SaveBarnegatBay.org has a highlight on their site for how we can help prevent this through projects like native plantings. Mayor Cuneo states anyone interested can also attend the Environmental Commission meetings as these items are important to our community.

Mr. Keesling thanks the public for coming out tonight, the new monument street signs look very nice and a great improvement. Please look out for confirmation on the Spring Cleanup in coordination with PBYC.

Mr. Wieck reminds everyone of the 4th of July meeting May 22nd at 6:30pm. This year the Borough will be honoring Veterans and Bruce Carney. Memorial Day services are May 27th at 1pm at the Bluff. The Boy Scouts and a nice group of people will be presenting the new memorial plaque. Thank you to Councilman Newman for his coordination and everyone who donated.

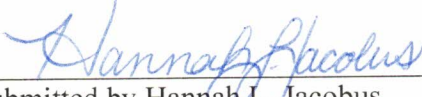
MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo thanks all for coming out tonight and those who brought concerns to the Council and his attention. Avon Rd. beach flooding issue has been granted approval for repairs by the DEP. Monday the County is placing the riprap in an attempt to stop the water from coming across the roadway. We are working on solving this issue and thank the county for the funding of this project.

The budget was passed this evening, the Mayor reminds the public that the Borough remains frugal with the budget and states that it is their nickel as well, so they work for each and every nickel. We are a residential community and do not have many commercial businesses to support the taxes, the residents truly pay for the services provided. The Pine Beach Preservation Society are working on events, anyone interested in joining as a new member please reach out. As stated in Mr. Newman's report the Borough is reaching out to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for funding on the playground.

Mayor Cuneo reminds everyone to get out and support our local ammeter athletes. These athletes truly love the sport and play for the name on the front of the uniform and not on the back, support our local schools. Have a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend, the weather is getting nicer so please be careful of the walkers and bike riders, slow it down.

There were no other comments or questions and Mayor Cuneo called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Newman made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Saxton seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.


Submitted by Hannah L. Jacobus
Approved 6/12/2024