# BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING January 2, 2025

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held the Annual Reorganization Meeting on January 2, 2025 in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. at 6:30 PM.

Mayor Cuneo 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 The Star-Ledger and posted on the bulletin board of the Pine Beach Municipal Building and Pine Beach Post Office and listed on the Pine Beach Website. This statement shall become a part of the official minutes of this

meeting.

The FLAG SALUTE was led by Mr. Newman

A MOMENT OF SILENCE remembering all those injured or killed in attacks on our country.

# **SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

## Jim Saxton- term 1/1/2025 through 12/31/2027

Mr. Saxton is sworn in by the Mayor in the presence of his wife Justine and friends. Mr. Saxton thanks residents and council members who supported him and elected him to remain on Council. Mr. Saxton reflects on his past seven years on Council and the positive impact the Council has made on Pine Beach, the Pearl on the Toms River.

# Jim Keesling- term 1/1/2025 through 12/31/2027

Mayor Cuneo swears in James Keesling in the presence of community members and friends. Mr. Keesling thanks everyone who came out for the election and has entrusted him to be re-elected for another term. Mr. Keesling looks forward to working together again with Council to make Pine Beach excellent.

Following the swearing in and congratulations the Mayor called for a Roll Call.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present(via Zoom)

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT**: Nomination of Barry Wieck for Council President was made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

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

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

With the Permission of Council Mayor Cuneo presents the following resolutions as a matter of consent: Resolutions 2025-02 through 2025-08

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Resolution 2025-02, Naming official Depositories

Resolution 2025-03, Naming the Mayor, Municipal Clerk, Council President and Chief Financial Officer to sign checks

Resolution 2025-04, Naming the Asbury Park Press, Berkeley Times, and The Star-Ledger as official newspaper

Resolution 2025-05, Regular Council and Work Meeting Dates

Resolution 2025-06, Tax Assessor named as agent for taxing district

Resolution 2025-07, Tax Collection Rate of Interest

Resolution 2025-08, Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to issue petty cash checks

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Newman. There were no questions or comments from the Council or members of the public.

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

### **RESOLUTIONS WITH RECORDED VOTE:**

## Resolution 2025-01, Professional Appointments

Borough Attorney: Michael J. McKenna, LLC

Special/Conflict Legal Counsel Pool: Parker McCay

DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Lehrer & Flaum

Labor Attorney: Parker McCay
Tax Attorney: Martin Allen
Affordable Housing Attorney: Parker McCay

Borough Auditor: Warren Korecky of Suplee Clooney & Co

Borough Engineer: Morgan Municipal Engineering Services, Mark

Rohmeyer

Bond Counsel: McManimon, Scotland & Baumann

Alternate Bond Counsel: Parker McCay

Prosecutor: Steven A. Zabarsky, Barry Stieber (Assistant), Robert Adams (Assistant)

Alt. Prosecutor:

Public Defender:

Bonnie Peterson

Justin Shearer

Planner: Morgan Municipal Engineering Services, Mark

Rohmeyer

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

Resolution 2024-09 Temporary Operating Budget

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

#### Resolution 2024-10, Appointments by Mayor

Acting Municipal Clerk Deputy Municipal Clerk Utility Superintendent

Emergent Deputy Court Administrator Public Agency Compliance Officer

Affirmative Action Officer Adult School Crossing Guards

Public Works Supervisor

Zoning Officer

Hannah Jacobus Patricia Wnek

Michael Sedlak Jessie Camporeale

Hannah L. Jacobus Hannah L. Jacobus

Lynn Bressman

Joseph Albano

Michael Sedlak

Gary Stocco

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

Resolution 2024-11, Authorizing CMFO to issue checks for landfill and post office

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

**Resolution 2024-12**, Naming Richard Polhemus as Community Development Block Grant representative and Hannah Jacobus as alternate. Motion was made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Saxton, Mr. Newman thanks Mr. Polhemus and praises the job he has done in the past and offering his continued support. Mr. Polhemus responds it is a team effort.

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

Resolution 2024-13. Authorizing payment of Borough bills in the amount of \$162,473.07

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

Resolution 2024-14, Establishing Policies and Procedures for the Payment of Claims,

Claimant's signature for payment

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

### MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO LAND USE BOARD

 Class II Employee
 Patricia Wnek
 Term 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025

 Class IV
 Justine Saxton
 Term 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2028

 Class IV
 Chris Higham
 Term 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2028

 Class IV Alternate
 Brandon Zisa
 Term 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2026

#### COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT TO LAND USE BOARD:

Class III Council Member Barry Wieck Term 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025

#### MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

Susan Pitch

Term 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2027

### COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

Lori McGee

Term 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025

The Mayor and Council review the Engineer's 2025 report submitted by Mr. Mark Rohmeyer. The Mayor thanks Mark for submitting this and helping the Borough find the funding and allocating it to the areas in need.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS Hearing none

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Keesling wishes everyone a Happy New Year and shares his appreciation for the votes he and Mr. Saxton received to continue serving the Borough, he expresses he is looking forward to 2025.

Mr. Polhemus wishes everyone a Happy New Year and thanks to the Mayor, Council, the Clerk's Office Hannah and Patricia and the incredible Pine Beach staff for keeping Pine Beach's best interest in mind. He thanks the professionals that have been appointed and continue to serve the Borough. Mr. Polhemus uses Borough Engineer to show an example that three-fourths of the town's projects are through their office and expresses the great relationship we have with our professionals. He then congratulates Mr. Keesling and Mr. Saxton on their re-election and looks forward to working with them again.

Mr. Newman begins wishing everyone a Happy New Year and thanking the Mayor and Council for working together to make Pine Beach a better place. He then congratulates Mr. Keesling and Mr. Saxton. Mr. Newman expresses his excitement for the Borough events in 2025 and the 100 year anniversary of the Borough. He hopes in 2025 the Mayor and Council can work together on the betterment of the town.

Mrs. McGee congratulates Mr. Keesling and Mr. Saxton for re-election. Mrs. McGee reflects on her first year of Council. She has put time and thought into each event, vote, and motion made. She has enjoyed every minute of her first year and looks forward to continuing keeping Pine Beach the "Pearl of the River".

Mr. Saxton thanks everyone for coming out tonight. He then expresses his gratitude to our professionals and their dedication to Pine Beach. He then wishes a Happy New Year to everyone. Continuing, Mr. Saxton congratulates Mr. Keesling on re-election and states there is a lot of work to be done and looks forward to 2025 and the hard work the Council will provide.

Mr. Wieck wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. He then congratulates Mr. Keesling and Mr. Saxton for another three-year term on Council. He reflects on the Borough honoring past US president Jimmy Carter and the great humanitarian he was. He brings this inspiration into how he desires to act on Council and looks forward to getting his hands dirty in 2025.

#### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo congratulates Mr. Keesling and Mr. Saxton on another three years. He is honored to work with this Council, the Borough staff, and all our professionals. He states that his staff make everything easier and makes the Mayor look good. Working together everyone has their own niche from the various boards, societies, and commissions to make Pine Beach what it is. They have served the Borough and continue to give back to the Borough. The Mayor details some of the projects accomplishes in 2024 and expresses the many projects that go unnoticed such as infrastructure repairs. For a small Borough, the Mayor reflects on the many projects that

have been accomplished. Mayor Cuneo thanks the Fire Company and First Aid Squad for always showing up for our community. He wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

There was no further discussion, and the Mayor called for a motion to close the meeting. Mr. Newman made a motion to close the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Wieck. All were in favor and the Annual Reorganization meeting closed.

Hannah L. Jacobys, Clerk