

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 14, 2025**

The Governing Body of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave., at 6:30 PM. Mayor Cuneo 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, Mr. Wieck.

Mayor Cuneo asks for a moment of silence for those who have served and continue to serve our Country on this Memorial Day.

Copies of all reports are available upon request.

A MOTION is made to accept the miscellaneous revenue and tax collector reports submitted by Mr. Wieck and seconded by Mr. Polhemus. There are no questions or comments from Council or the public, all were in favor.

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

**BILLS RESOLUTION 2025-39** A motion is made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Saxton authorizing payment of Borough Bills **\$960,092.13**. There are no questions or comments from Council or the public, all were in favor.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A MOTION is made by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Newman to accept committee reports, as submitted by Water & Sewer utility, Public Works, Court, and Construction. There are no questions or comments from Council or the public, all were in favor.

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

A MOTION to accept the minutes of April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Regular Meeting is made by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Newman. There are no questions or comments from Council or the public, all were in favor.

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

A MOTION to accept the minutes of the Work Meeting of April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup> is made by Mr. Wieck and seconded by Mr. Saxton. There are no questions or comments from Council or the public, all were in favor.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption:

**ORDINANCE 2025-03-817**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 (N.J.S.A.. 40A:4-45.14)  
*This ordinance was advertised in the Asbury Park Press April 16<sup>th</sup> and will have a public hearing on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the regular scheduled Council meeting at 6:30pm.*

The mayor reads Ordinance 2025-03-817 by summary and opens for public hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, the Mayor looks for a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-03-817 as written. A motion is made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

**Resolution 2025-53** Mr. Newman makes a motion to Authorizing the reading of the 2025 budget by title only, seconded by Mr. Wieck. No public comments were made, Mr. Wieck thanks Linda Covello, CFO for all her help and keeping all request organized, all are in favor.

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

**Public Hearing:**

**Resolution 2025-54**

Mayor opens public hearing for the 2025 Municipal Budget, hearing no comments the Mayor looks for a motion to adopt the Resolution 2025-54 Adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget as presented. A motion is made by Mr. Wieck and seconded by Mr. Newman.

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

**Resolution 2025-55** Mr. Newman makes a motion approving the road closures for local and county roads for various municipal events, seconded by Mr. Polhemus. No comments or questions from the Council or public, all were in favor, Mr. Wieck abstains.

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

**Resolution 2025-56** Mr. Keesling makes a motion to authorize the Ocean County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Mr. Polhemus. No comments or questions from the Council or public, all were in favor.

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

**Resolution 2025-57** Mr. Polhemus makes a motion to Authorizing the request of employee leave, motion is seconded by Mr. Newman. No Council comments or public comments, all were in favor.

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

**Resolution 2025-58** A motion is made by Mr. Polhemus authorizing the tax collector to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the third installment of 2025 taxes, seconded by Mr. Newman. No Council comments or public comments, Mr. Wieck asks if the County budget has been approved. Linda Covello, CFO responded that the County sent an estimated bill, the Mayor added that the Toms River School budget has not been approved. No further Council or public comments were heard; all were in favor.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
No	Yes	Yes(second)	Yes(motion)	Yes	Yes

Introduction:

**ORDINANCE 2025-04-818**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF GRANT AVENUE AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AND PURCHASE OF AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$703,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$384,725 AND A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$277,275 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

*This ordinance will be advertised in the Asbury Park Press May 15<sup>th</sup> and will have a public hearing on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the regular scheduled Council Work meeting at 6:30pm.*

Mayor Cuneo reads the Ordinance 2025-04-818 in summary and looks for a motion to introduce the ordinance as submitted, Mr. Wieck makes a motion, seconded by Mr. Newman.

Mr. Keesling comments that the bond ordinance before the Council today supports multiple grant projects that he is in favor of but also authorizes the funding of approximately \$20,000 for a digital message board. Mr. Keesling believes that this messaging board does not add to the residents’ quality of life and no residents beyond a few on the Council have voiced a desire for the purchase. The other means of communication are seen as sufficient for Mr. Keesling for the Borough. Mr. Keesling feels that other departments are in need for basic operational equipment or the third bulk pick-up for residents would improve the quality of life for our residents more. In conclusion, Mr. Keesling votes no for Ordinance 2025-04-818.

This ordinance has successfully been introduced and will be on the agenda for public hearing on May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at the Borough Hall.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
No	Yes	Yes(second)	Yes	Yes	Yes(motion)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Hearing none.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mr. Saxton thanks everyone for coming to the meeting and wishes everyone a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. McGee hopes everyone will honor the men and women who lost their lives on Memorial Day and hopes for a good turnout on Monday for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Mr. Keesling announces the Spring cleanup is on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am, meeting on Avon Beach.

Mr. Polhemus wishes everyone a great weekend.

Mr. Newman reminds the Council and the public that Memorial Day is to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our County. The next event is the PBPS June 21<sup>st</sup> event, and we will have a flag flying high.

Mr. Wieck states cleaning up of the pavilions to prepare for the Anniversary Celebrations and making sure the waterfront areas are pristine have begun by Public Works. Memorial Day ceremony begins at 1pm Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> on the Memorial Bluff at Vista Park. The next fourth of July Meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup>, pray for good weather for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations.

#### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

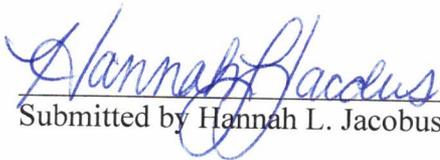
Mayor Cuneo states that in previous years the Memorial Day ceremony is well attended and thanks the community and hopes they continue to come out for this year's ceremony.

Mayor Cuneo announces that the Vista Park all-inclusive playground has been awarded grant funding. With this year's budget it is always a work in progress, the Mayor thanks the Council for this year's participation and hopes to bring this year's budget tracker to next year's process. He recognizes that the Borough employees wear many different hats to make this budget work and would like to personally thank them for the work they do.

The mayor continues that the estimated tax bills are limited to what we can project and hope we get close to the number but this year they can be worse with the school tax increase. In brighter news, schools sports are coming to the end of their seasons, and the Mayor encourages the public to get out and support our sports teams. Thank you for the public for coming out tonight and looking forward to seeing everyone at the Memorial Day ceremony. Summer is just beginning with the PBPS event June 21<sup>st</sup>, PBYC regatta, reminder to drive slow summer is in full swing.

Mr. Wieck adds that with the Grant for the Vista Park All-Inclusive playground there will be a committee formed to maintain and preserve these new investments.

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. Polhemus seconded the motion, all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned.



Submitted by Hannah L. Jacobus 6/11/2025