

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2022**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a public meeting on November 9, 2022 in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. at 7:30 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: Present: Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck  
Absent: Mr. Saxton

THE FLAG SALUTE was led by Council President Wieck

A MOMENT OF SILENCE was offered by Mayor Cuneo with special thanks to the veterans who protect our freedom and liberties.

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

A MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2022 was made by Mr. Wieck and seconded by Mrs. Coletti

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Saxton) 0 Abstain

A Motion to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of September 12, 2022 was made by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Saxton) 0 Abstain

A Motion to accept the work meeting minutes of September 26, 2022 was made by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Wieck

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Saxton) 0 Abstain

OCTOBER MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS were approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Newman

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Saxton) 0 Abstain

BILLS RESOLUTION 2022-104 Authorizing the payment of Borough bills in the amount of \$802,997.50 was approved following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Wieck provided the second.

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

Roll Call: Yes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mr. Saxton

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Municipal Court, water and sewer utility, public works and building inspector reports approved as submitted were approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mr. Polhemus.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Saxton) 0 Abstain

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2022-105, Acknowledging the Best Practices inventory for 2022 was moved by Mr. Wieck and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

The Mayor explained that this is a state form and shows that we are doing what we are supposed to do.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Saxton) 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-106, Authorizing advertising for professional services for 2023 was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Keesling

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Saxton) 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-107, Authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor for the Drug Recognition Expert Call Out Program was moved by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Polhemus  
There were no questions or comments from the Council or members of the public.

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Saxton) 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-108, Authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor for the Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and Mr. Polhemus provided a second.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Saxton) 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-109, Authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor for the “Move Over” Law Enforcement Program was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mrs. Coletti

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Saxton) 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-110, Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal agreement with the Borough of Beachwood for Shared Services of the Beachwood First Aid Squad was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mr. Wieck.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Saxton) 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-111. Authorizing the Borough to participate in the Hunterdon County Co-Op was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Newman.

Mr. Keesling questioned why we would join and the Mayor explained that we can purchase certain items at a discount rate utilizing the Co-Op pricing and negotiations.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Saxton) 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-112, Authorizing Payment #1 to Earle Asphalt for improvements to various roads in the amount of \$99,146.32 was approved following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Wieck.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Saxton) 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-113, Tax Sale transfer to water and sewer accounts was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Keesling

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Saxton) 0 Abstain

## PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

### ORDINANCE 2022-10-800

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF BLOCK 3.01 LOT 1 TO THE COUNTY OF OCEAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH 40A:12-13(b)(1)

This ordinance was introduced on October 12, 2022, published in the Asbury Park Press on October 19, 2022, posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building and copies are available.

### PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Walters, 333 Wayne Ave. asked what is being donated, and the Mayor explained that this donation is to be part of the Ocean County Rail Trail, linking Pine Beach with Beachwood and Berkeley Twp. It will be maintained by the County employees. We cannot accept money for the property.

Richard Stoner, 420 Merion Ave. asked if the property was Borough owned, and the Mayor replied that it is the old railroad right of way and the Borough owns it. It will connect with the conservation area in Berkeley.

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

The Mayor closed the public hearing and called for a motion. Mr. Wieck made a motion to approve the ordinance which was seconded by Mr. Newman.

Roll Call: Yes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mr. Saxton

### ORDINANCE 2022-11-801

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A THIRD-PARTY DISBURSEMENT SERVICE AGENT FOR PAYROLL AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES.

This ordinance was introduced on October 12, 2022, published in the Asbury Park Press on October 19, 2022 posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building and copies are available.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cuneo explained that the Borough uses a third party for payroll services and the auditor has required that the town have an ordinance in place authorizing the processing of payroll by a third party. This complies with the rule.

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

The Mayor closed the public hearing and called for a motion. Mr. Polhemus made a motion to approve the ordinance and it was seconded by Mr. Newman.

Roll Call: Yes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck  
Absent: Mr. Saxton

ORDINANCE 2022-12-802

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 175 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH ENTITLED "ZONING AND SUBDIVISION"

This ordinance was introduced on October 12, 2022, published in the Asbury Park Press on October 25, posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building and copies are available.

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

The Mayor closed the public hearing and called for a motion. Mrs. Coletti made a motion to approve the ordinance and Mr. Keesling seconded.

Roll Call: Yes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mr. Saxton

ORDINANCE 2022-13-803

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH ENTITLED "LAND USE PROCEDURES"

This ordinance was introduced on October 12, 2022, published in the Asbury Park Press on October 25, posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building and copies are available.

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

The Mayor closed the public hearing and called for a motion. Mr. Polhemus made a motion to approve the ordinance and Mr. Newman seconded.

Roll Call: Yes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mr. Saxton

The Mayor announced that this concludes the official action of the meeting and opened the meeting to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Stoner expressed his concern for the safety of people using the Pennsylvania Ave. walking path, especially between Avon Rd. and New Jersey Ave. The Mayor explained that we received a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 and is in the process of putting the bid specifications together. The grant process is slow; we received the grant last year. We will be partners with Ocean County to repair it.

Mr. Stoner asked about the pickle ball court being paved already and the Mayor explained that it was from a different grant.

Mr. Newman explained that the walking path on Prospect and Station and past Walling Field was replaced by concrete two years ago utilizing the same grant process.

The Mayor further explained that there is a process, first the roots have to be cut and we are working on the funding.

Mr. Stoner was concerned about the safety in other areas of the walkway between Borough Hall and the school. The Mayor explained the history of the walkway, with the students at the Pine Beach Elementary School walking along the shoulder of the road until the town and school partnered to build a portion of the walkway. The school cannot provide funds to do the replacement. We will bid the job with the alternates of concrete or asphalt.

Joan Fanslau, 414 Merion Ave., asked why the council is considering concrete over asphalt and the Mayor explained that a recent DOT grant put concrete aprons joining the street and walkway, and that other portions are both materials.

Mr. Polhemus stated that the walkway replacement project has been going on for four years. The concrete curbing is already there and this will benefit the handicapped and elderly. We have prioritized the worse sections but eventually the whole walkway will be replaced. It is a priority to repair the entire walkway.

Mr. Keesling pointed out that the asphalt plants will shut down soon.

Mr. Stoner brought up that there are corners blocked by vegetation. The corner of Motor and Merion is difficult to see on-coming traffic because of tall sea grass in the right of way blocking vision. Mr. Stoner was advised to call the code enforcement officer with the complaint.

Mr. Walters asked about the fire department radio purchases caused by Ocean County changing the radio frequency. The Borough tried to assist the fire department and sent a letter to every resident explaining the situation. The Borough sent \$32,000 towards the radios and the fire company is raising the money and seeking grants. The Mayor explained that the last time this happened the County gave the volunteer fire company equipment. The police department also had to get new radios.

Mr. Newman added that only 277 homes out of 900 donated to the fire company which is an Independent Fire Company, although the Borough recently purchased a new fire truck, and provides a donation, insurance, fuel, and a Length of Service pension to the members. The cost of fuel is very high

Mrs. Coletti stated that the Fire Company is looking for volunteers to help with the fund raising.

The members of the public had no more comments and the Mayor called for Council Comments.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Coletti congratulated Mr. Newman and Mr. Wieck for their reelections. She reminded all that the first Sunday in December is the Annual Tree Lighting. There are goodie bags for the children and Santa will arrive on a fire truck.

Mr. Keesling congratulated Mr. Newman and Mr. Wieck. He acknowledged that Independent Candidate Eric Hess was in attendance and stated that it was great to see a young person involved in the election process. He invited Mr. Hess to join committees and get involved with the town.

Mr. Polhemus congratulated Mr. Wieck and Mr. Newman on their reelection and looks forward to working with them. He urged all to thank a veteran for their sacrifices and to remember the lost ones fondly. He went on to wish all a Happy Thanksgiving. It is a special time to be with family. It has been his pleasure to serve Pine Beach and make improvements for town.

Mr. Newman mentioned that tomorrow is the 247<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps. Friday is Veterans Day and it recognizes those Veterans passed and those still living. Mr. Newman served in Desert Storm as a military police officer and he feels it made the person he is today.

Mr. Newman looks forward to Eric being involved in the town. His sons are involved. Young people are the future of Pine Beach. He has been all around the world and there is no place like home. The Veterans Day Parade is Friday at 10 in Toms River. Veterans in their 90's who served in World War II are walking in the parade.

The Pine Beach Centennial Committee will be meeting January 18 at 6:30 in Borough Hall. Hopefully more people will be interested and attend. There are eight different committees for the group. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is in 2025. We are in the process of incorporating so we can do fund raising and create a celebration plan.

There is a Thanksgiving food donation box in the front hall, collecting for six families from the Pine Beach Elementary School. Any extra food will go to St. Paul's pantry.

## MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor thanked the public for coming out to the meeting. He congratulated Mr. Newman and Mr. Wieck on their reelection.

Mayor Cuneo mentioned that Ocean County is providing the Borough with 2,000 dune grass seedlings. The Garden Club will take some and work at the beach. If anyone is interested in helping please let us know.

Regarding youth sports, this is the end of the fall season. High School seniors will be ending their high school careers. He urged all to go out and support the teams.

The Borough tree lighting will be December 4 and all are welcome to come.

The Department of Transportation grant for roadwork is complete and the roads look good. The Mayor urged all to be careful when out walking since it is dark out at 5 PM now.

Veterans Day is coming up and he urged people to thank a veteran.

Thanksgiving Day is coming and he wished all to give thanks for all we have.

Mr. Newman made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Mr. Polhemus seconded.

Members of the public left the room and ZOOM was discontinued.

After a brief Executive Session to discuss Personnel the Council returned to the meeting. There was no further business to conduct and the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and a second by Mr. Newman. All were in favor.

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