

BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
REGULAR MEETING
August 10, 2022

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach met on August 10, 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 (electronically), Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

The Flag Salute was led by Council President Wieck

Mayor Cuneo offered a Moment of Silence to remember all those near and dear to us.

The Mayor announced that copies of all reports and resolutions were available on the front table.

A MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting July 13, 2022 was made by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

There were no questions or comments from the Council or members of the public, and the Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of July 11, 2022 was made by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

There were no questions or comments from the Council or members of the public, and the Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and a second by Mr. Saxton.

There were no questions or comments from the Council or members of the public, and the Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Abstain (Mr. Keesling)

BILLS RESOLUTION 2022-72 Authorizing payment of Borough bills in the amount of \$1,057,579.96 was approved following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and a second by Mr. Wieck.

There were no questions or comments from the Council or members of the public, and the Mayor called for a vote:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

There were no questions or comments from the Council or members of the public, and the Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2022-73, Water Utility Billing Adjustment was approved following a motion by Mr. Wieck and seconded by Mr. Saxton.

There were no questions or comments from Council or members of the public, and the Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-74, Extending the grace period for tax payments to September 6 was approved following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Newman.

There were no questions or comments from Council or members of the public and the Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-75, Increase in the bid threshold to \$44,000.00 and the quote threshold to \$6,600.00 was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and a second by Mr. Newman.

There were no questions or comments from Council or members of the public. The Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-76, Renewal of membership in the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mrs. Coletti

There were no questions or comments from Council or members of the public and the Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-77, Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Martin Allen as Special Counsel for litigation concerning a tax appeal was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mr. Saxton.

Brian Clouser, 606 Buhler Court, asked about the litigation, and it was explained that it is for a tax appeal.

There were no other questions from Council or members of the public and the Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-78, Awarding a contract with Earle Asphalt for reconstruction of various roads was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mr. Polhemus.

Mr. Walters, 333 Wayne Ave., asked what roads would be resurfaced, and the Mayor replied that they are a portion of Motor Rd., 200 block Lincoln Ave. and Tudor Ave. The gas company has been replacing lines there so they can do the work before the roadway is resurfaced. Perhaps some of the extra material can be used to build a pickle ball court. Mr. Clouser asked where the pickle ball court will be constructed, and the Mayor replied it would be near the baseball field.

There were no other questions or comments from the Council or members of the public, and the Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-79. Authorizing the submission of a grant for equipment for the Pine Beach Volunteer Fire Co. was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Wieck.

Mr. Newman explained that the Borough has to file the grant paperwork, and is having difficulties with the DCA process. Mr. Clouser asked what will be purchased and the money amount, and it will be protective equipment for the firefighters and the state requires the Borough to apply and expend the money first, then be reimbursed. The Fire Company took the lead in gathering the information for the grant.

There were no further questions or comments from the Council or members of the public and the Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-80, Authorizing the sale of real property not needed for public use was moved by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

The Mayor explained that this property will be offered only to adjacent property owners.

There were no further questions or comments from the Council or members of the public and the Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Abstain (Mr. Saxton)

Resolution 2022-81, Confirming Kevin W. Kidney Jr.'s application to the N.J. State Firemen's Association 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 and the Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-82, Certifying that all members of council have reviewed the General Comments and Recommendations in the 2021 audit was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

Mr. Newman thanked the Finance Officer Linda Covello for the good job, this is the 2nd year there were no recommendations to our audit. Mr. Saxton is pleased with the work the finance team has done.

There were no further questions or comments from the Council or members of the public and the Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-83, Hiring Alana Padham as a lifeguard was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mrs. Coletti.

Mr. Newman commented that the Personnel Committee reviewed the application and she has all of the certifications.

There were no other questions or comments from the Council or members of the public and the Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-84, Authorizing a tax refund for a 100% disabled veteran was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and Mr. Saxton provided the second.

Mr. Newman stated that it is good to recognize a veteran and to acknowledge his sacrifice for our Country.

There were no further questions or comments from the Council or members of the public and the Mayor called for a vote:

Council Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE 2022-07-797

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DELETING CHAPTER 113 ENTITLED "NOISE" AND REPLACING CHAPTER 113 TO BE ENTITLED "QUALITY OF LIFE, NOISE AND NUISANCE"

This ordinance was introduced at a public meeting on July 13 2022 and published in the Asbury Park Press on July 20. It is posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and copies are available.

THE MAYOR CALLED FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING;

There were no questions or comments from the members of the public or Council and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2022-07-797 was made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Wieck

Roll Call: Yes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck
No, Mr. Keesling

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Clouser mentioned that the Toms River Little League is playing tonight, they need to win one more game to go forward.

There were no other public comments, and the Mayor closed the public comments and moved on to council comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Keesling thanked the public works employees for their work along the shore line.

Mr. Polhemus thanked the public for coming to the meeting, stating that it is good to see their interest in the town. Now that we are slowly getting to the end of the summer the children will be going back to school. It is a pleasure to see them outdoors, biking and using skateboards.

Mr. Newman stated that it is an honor to recognize the veteran for his service. He is glad to see the noise and nuisance ordinance passed and he thanked Mr. Wieck for his hard work in putting it together.

The Personnel Committee has been working hard to get things done for the good of the town.

Mr. Newman urged all to be careful driving in the area of the Pine Beach Elementary School; the council is trying to find ways to slow the traffic and stop the speeding in order to keep the children and public safe.

Mr. Saxton thanked Mr. Wieck for the good job he did on the noise/nuisance ordinance. He thanked the people for coming to the meeting and feels it helps the council in making their decisions.

Mrs. Coletti announced that the Fire Company Firefest is September 24 and hopes all will show up. There will be equipment demonstrations, food, a band, vendors and activities for the children. She invited all to come and enjoy a family day.

Mr. Wieck spoke about the 100th anniversary for the Borough, and the organizational meeting for the committee will be August 17 at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Building. The group will start to get things together and brain storm for events. The committee will meet every other month and he hopes several different organizations will join in the planning.

Mr. Wieck mentioned that the Veterans apartment on Washington Avenue has its first resident. It has been a long three years for construction and we welcome the new resident.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor announced that we have hired a new lifeguard and are hoping to have a second one so the beach can be open daily.

Mayor Cuneo announced that after twenty years of dealing with the Council on Affordable Housing and five years of waiting for the Washington Ave. property project to be completed we finally have the first resident.

The 2021 Audit is a good accurate audit as a result of the Finance Department following the general accounting procedures. The contract with Lacey Twp. ends this year and hopefully can continue.

The Paddle for the Bay event will take place August 20. They are hoping to break the Guinness record for the number of kayaks/canoes in a parade. The first launch will start at 8 AM and will continue until Noon.

The Mayor urged all to enjoy the sun and have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mrs. Coletti. All were in favor.
