

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2023**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a Regular Council Meeting on January 11, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. 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. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

THE FLAG SALUTE was led by Council President Wieck

Mayor Cuneo offered a moment of silence to remember those near and dear to us and for health and happiness to all.

COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT TO THE LAND USE BOARD:

CLASS III Council President Barry Wieck Term 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023

The Mayor announced that copies of all reports are on the front table for interested members of the public.

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS were approved following a motion by Mr. Saxton 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: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

BILLS RESOLUTION 2023-16 Authorizing payment of Borough bills in the amount of \$328,620.90 was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and Mrs. Coletti provided a 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. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Municipal Court, water and sewer utility, and building inspector reports were approved as submitted 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.

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-15 Redemption of tax lien on Block 31 Lot 24.01 was approved following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and a second by Mr. Polhemus.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Jolly, 913 Prospect Ave. is concerned about the quality of his water and showed a picture of his water filter stained within 6 months of installation. The Mayor mentioned that our Water Quality reports are all good. Mr. Wieck will speak to Mr. Sedlak, our water superintendent. Mr. Keesling asked if there was construction in the road, and Mr. Jolly answered no. Mr. Polhemus mentioned that his daughter is an engineer and working with water systems and he will speak to her. Mr. Saxton thanked Mr. Jolly for bringing this to Council attention and he thanked Mr. Polhemus for his interest.

John Kubilewicz, Fire Company President, reported on the \$27,000 equipment grant the fire company received and the need to spend it timely so the cancelled checks can be reported. The Mayor explained that the grant is included in the temporary budget and to be in touch with the finance officer.

There were no further questions or comments from the public. The Mayor thanked the people for coming and called on Council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Saxton is very happy with work that was done at the Avon parking lot, fixing damage caused by trucks from Earle Asphalt using the area as a staging area during recent roadwork. Our engineer Mark Rohmeyer had the contractor come back and they put stone down on the entire parking lot, it looks terrific.

Mrs. Coletti wished all a Happy New Year and urged all to drive carefully around town with people walking and walking dogs and now it is dark so early.

Mr. Keesling hopes everyone has a great New Year.

Mr. Polhemus spoke about the Community Development Block Grant project replacing a portion of the Pennsylvania Ave. walkway. The engineering process is on-going and we are looking to replace the asphalt

with concrete. He is hoping we will be able to do some infrastructure work to have lighting along the walkway at this time. We are looking for additional grants. He also thanked the members of the public for coming out.

Mr. Newman asked for an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting. He wished all a Happy New Year. He explained that our fire company is an Independent Fire Company. Ocean County changed the frequency of the radio communications and the fire company has a limited budget to purchase the new radios. The town paid \$32,000 towards the radios and the fire company has been fundraising for the balance of the purchase of the radios. The residents have donated \$59,000.00 and the fire company needs to pay the \$116,000.00 bill. The Fire Company, First Aid and police all had to purchase new radios. They provide a necessary service to our community. He asked that if anyone in the audience knows of a business that could make a donation to the Fire Company it would help them pay off the debt.

Mr. Wieck announced that the Centennial Committee will meet January 18 at 6:30 in Borough Hall. He urged all to come and bring new ideas.

The boats stored on the beach must be removed by November 30. Any boats remaining on the beach have been removed and are in the impound yard. There is a fee of \$25.00 per month for storage.

Mr. Wieck reminded everyone that during snow emergencies all cars must be off the street.

Nels Luthman, a Boy Scouts of America representative was present and announced that the Pine Beach Volunteer Fire Company will be sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 83. The scouts are happy to assist the town and Mr. Wieck mentioned that there is a beach cleanup in May and he will let them know the date.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo wished all a Happy and Healthy New Year and thanked the audience for attending the meeting. Winter sports are now in session and he urged all to support these amateur athletes. They work hard to represent their schools and towns.

Tax Assessor Ray Hall is finishing up the reassessment of homes in town. It was last done ten years ago and there is a big difference in assessments. He is working to get the work done and certified to be in compliance with the county order.

The Mayor wished all a safe evening.

A motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel was made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Wieck.

Executive Session:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach have determined that in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 10:4-12b, Closed Session to discuss (8) Personnel is necessary. The public will be informed of the discussion within forty-five days of the conclusion (NJSA 10:4-13)

The Council returned to the Council Meeting and had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Saxton. All were in favor