

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2020**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on October 14, 2020 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: Mr. Budesa, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent: Mr. Saxton

The FLAG SALUTE was led by Council President Wieck

Mayor Cuneo called for a moment of silence with a Special Remembrance for recently deceased resident Edwin "Bill" Hanle.

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

A MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2020 was made by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Wieck

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

5 Ayes
1 Absent (Mr. Saxton)

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of September 8, 2020 was made by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Polhemus

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

5 Ayes
1 Absent (Mr. Saxton)

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of September 28, 2020 was made by Mr. Wieck and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

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

4 Ayes
1 Abstain (Mr. Budesa)

1 Absent (Mr. Saxton)

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS were approved as submitted following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Polhemus

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

5 Ayes

1 Absent (Mr. Saxton)

BILLS RESOLUTION 2020-86, Payment of bills in the amount of \$1,148,790.81 was approved following a motion by Mr. Budesá and Mr. Newman seconded.

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

5 Ayes

1 Absent (Mr. Saxton)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

5 Ayes

1 Absent (Mr. Saxton)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2020-87, Setting the Trick or Treat date of October 31 with a reminder to follow safety precautions 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:

5 Ayes

1 Absent (Mr. Saxton)

Resolution 2020-88, Excess water bills to be paid with time payments with the balance due March 31, 2021 was moved by Mr. Budesá and seconded by Mr. Polhemus

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

5 Ayes

1 Absent (Mr. Saxton)

Resolution 2020-89, Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Community Development Block grant for housing rehabilitation was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mrs. Coletti

Mr. Polhemus stated that the Borough has the opportunity to apply for this federal grant. The Mayor added that this rehabilitation of homes helps us to meet our Affordable Housing obligations.

Mrs. Carmella Schaneman, 425 Huntington Ave. asked about the placement of the portable toilet at Station Ave. next to the picnic table and the Mayor explained that he is working with the public works supervisor on making a nicer restroom in a different area.

Mr. Polhemus mentioned that we have gotten these grants in the past to improve handicap access to public property. There are regulations as to a project we can do. He encouraged those present to let the Mayor and Council know if they have ideas for future grants.

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

3 Ayes

2 Abstain (Mr. Budesa and Mr. Wieck)

1 Absent (Mr. Saxton)

Resolution 2020-90, Authorizing the Utility Clerk to make adjustments to 2020 excess water billing as a result of incorrect meter readings and/or meter malfunction 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:

5 Ayes

1 Absent (Mr. Saxton)

Resolution 2020-91, Acknowledging Council reviewing the comments and recommendations of the 2019 Audit was moved by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Newman

Mr. Budesa commented that this was an excellent audit. Mr. Newman is very pleased with the progress the new CMFO has made.

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

5 Ayes

1 Absent (Mr. Saxton)

Resolution 2020-92, Corrective Action Plan for 2019 Audit was approved following a motion by Mr. Budesa and a second by Mr. Newman.

Mr. Newman looks forward to not having a corrective action plan next year. The Mayor explained that the one comment has been corrected.

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

5 Ayes

1 Absent (Mr. Saxton)

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 2020-11-774

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 169 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH ENTITLED "WATER"

This ordinance was introduced on September 9, 2020, published in the Asbury Park Press on September 23, 2020, posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and copies are available.

Mayor Cuneo called for a public hearing on the ordinance, and there were no questions or comments from the Council or members of the public. He closed the public hearing and called for a vote.

Mr. Wieck made a motion to approved Ordinance 2020-11-774 and Mr. Newman seconded.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arleen Vetter, 305 Springfield Ave. asked about using the Council meeting room for women's club meetings. The Mayor asked her to send a short note to him as to what she would like to do.

There were no other questions or comments from members of the public and the Mayor moved on to Council Comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Polhemus mentioned that with the cancellation of the Halloween Parade in Toms River, the town will celebrate Trick or Treat on October 31st. The surrounding municipalities will also be celebrating on the 31st. If you want to participate, put your light on, if not leave it off.

Mr. Polhemus urged everyone to get out and vote, if you mail in your ballot you can go on line to verify that they received it. You can also bring the ballot to a designated drop box around the county or bring the ballot in on Election Day.

Mr. Newman is upset about not being able to vote in person, we can stand in line at stores and even at a ballot drop box but we can't vote in person.

Mrs. Coletti reminded all that it is getting dark early now but that people are still out and about and to be careful driving or walking at dusk. She urged that people get out and vote and to only fill out the boxes on the ballot and make no other marks.

Mr. Budesca feels it is a shame that the COVID has created so many problems with voting. He urged all to stay safe. He hopes to see the people in the audience at the next meeting.

Council President Wieck commented on the voting process, that the election people are busy checking signatures against those in the book.

It's the end of the census taking and he hopes all have filled out the forms. He urged all to be careful if someone comes to your door pretending to be part of the US Census. Official census people have a badge with a medallion on it, and are carrying a briefcase identified as US Census. Mrs. Vetter asked if the census people need permits, and they don't but should check in with the town while in the area.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo stated that the official census ends tomorrow.

The Mayor mentioned that high school sports are now going on with a limited schedule. These students are true amateur athletes.

Trick or Treat will be on October 31 from 2 to 8 PM. If you want to participate have your front lights on.

Last night the Borough had a sale of odd unbuildable lots to adjacent property owners. One homeowner purchased the small lot and it will now be on the tax rolls.

You will see a number of trucks in town, the Borough has a DOT grant to rehabilitate infrastructure and resurface New Jersey Ave. roadway.

Have a safe Trick or Treat day.

Since there was no further business to discuss the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Budesca made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Newman seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.