

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

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach met on March 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. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

THE FLAG SALUTE was led by Council President Wieck

THE MAYOR OFFERED A MOMENT OF SILENCE with special remembrance for recently deceased resident Ines Cruz and the Polhemus family on their loss of Patricia Polhemus.

The Mayor announced that copies of all reports and resolutions are located on the front table

A MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting and executive session of February 9, 2022 was made by Mr. Wieck and seconded by Mr. Saxton

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

The Mayor called for a vote, 4 yes, 0 No, 2 Abstain (Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Keesling)

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes of February 22, 2022 was made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Saxton

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

The Mayor called for a vote, 4 yes, 0 No, 2 Abstain (Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus)

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS were accepted 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.

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

BILLS RESOLUTION 2022-24 paying Borough bills in the amount of \$423,030.08 was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and Mr. Polhemus provided a second.

Mr. Newman asked about the payment to Motorola, and the Mayor replied that it was for the police department radios.

There were no other 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:

Water Utility, Sewer Utility, Public Works and Building Department reports were approved as submitted 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: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2022-25 Correction of title for Emergent Deputy Court Administrator on Resolution 2022-21 was approved following a motion by Mr. Saxton and Mr. Newman provided a second.

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

The Mayor called for a vote, 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-26 Local roadways to be dedicated Ocean County roads was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Newman.

The Mayor explained that Ocean County meets with Mayors and offer to help the towns in various ways. They will be responsible for snow plowing, signage and maintenance of the roads. Councilman Saxton mentioned that we have many county roads in town and have had a good relationship with the road department. Mr. Keesling asked if the town will be able to close the road for events such as July 4 and there is a procedure for that. Mr. Polhemus also mentioned there are a number of county roads in town. Mr. Newman thanked the Mayor for pursuing this, it

will definitely be a help come snow plow season since they have the right equipment to do the job.

Mr. Brian Clouser, 606 Buhler Court asked if there will be a name change, and it will not change.

Bruce Garrabrant, 818 Huntington Ave. asked if Riverside Drive will have a 30 MPH speed limit as a county road.

There were no other questions or comments, and the Mayor called for a vote:

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

Resolution 2022-27 Authorizing a water interconnection agreement with Aqua NJ was approved following a motion by Mr. Wieck and a second by Mr. Newman

The Mayor explained that we have had the interconnection with Berkeley for many years, and now the state wants an updated agreement to show acceptance.

Mr. Clouser, 606 Buhler Court questioned the use of the Aqua water and the Mayor explained it would only be used in an emergency and that we have such an agreement with Beachwood and have used Beachwood in the past because their system is more compatible with ours.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-28 Authorizing sale of municipal unimproved undersize lots to contiguous property owners was approved following a motion by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Newman

Mr. Clouser, 606 Buhler Court questioned the property sale and the Mayor explained that these are undersized lots being offered to the contiguous property owners.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-29 Naming Brian M. Bartlett as an additional Alternate Municipal Prosecutor was approved following a motion 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: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2022-30 Appointing Sarah Nelson as a full time police officer was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Wieck.

Mr. Saxton commented that Officer Nelson has worked part time for the Borough for over a year and there has been good job feedback from the residents.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 2022-01-788

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 92-FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 92-FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection, will be published in summery in the Asbury Park Press on March 16, 2022 and will have a public hearing on April 13, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave.

This ordinance introduction was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and Mr. Newman provided a second.

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

Mayor Cuneo thanked those present for coming to the meeting and called for PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brian Clouser, 606 Buhler Court asked if there was any progress on the changes to the Borough's noise ordinance. Mr. Wieck stated that he was working on it and he was hopeful to have something prepared within a month.

There were no other public comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Coletti stated that she was happy to be back at meetings. She had personal contact with Officer Nelson during a medical emergency and she was very calm and professional. Mrs. Coletti thanked all for their kindness to her during her illness.

The Egg Hunt will take place April 10 at Vista Park at 1 pm and will be held in the traditional format.

Mr. Saxton welcomed Mrs. Coletti back and stated that she was sorely missed.

He commented on the town's small police force and that they work hard for the residents.

Mr. Saxton has been watching CNN and his heart goes out to the people of Ukraine and asked all to pray that there will be a safe outcome there.

Mr. Keesling welcomed Mrs. Coletti back and offered condolences to Mr. Polhemus for his loss.

Mr. Polhemus welcomed Mrs. Coletti and appreciates her input and professionalism. He thanked all for their support following his loss and feels it is great to live in a small town where people care about each other.

Mr. Polhemus mentioned that we are continuing with the Community Development Block Grant program. We are working on the rehabilitation program for qualified homeowners who will help with our Affordable Housing requirements and with the new cycle we have applied to refurbish portions of the walking path on Pennsylvania Ave. The tree roots have caused problems with uneven surface and the path needs repair.

Mr. Newman is pleased that Officer Nelson has been placed on the police department full time; she has proven herself while working part time.

He welcomed Mrs. Coletti and mentioned that his family will be helping with the Egg Hunt. There is also an opportunity for people to volunteer for the Rabies Clinic on Saturday

Mr. Newman reminded everyone that Daylight Savings time is this weekend, and to Spring Forward their clocks and wished all a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Mr. Wieck expressed his gratitude that Mrs. Coletti is back at the meetings. He announced that the Rabies Clinic will be Saturday from 9 to 10 AM at the Borough Garage and the clerk's office will be open from 9 to 11 to sell dog and cat licenses. The clinic is open to all cats and dogs; you don't have to be a resident of Pine Beach to have your pet receive the free inoculation.

The Memorial Day ceremony is planned for May 30th at 2 PM on the bluff at Vista Park. He hopes to see everyone there.

There will be a beach cleanup on June 4 from 9 am to 1 pm. Volunteers will meet at Borough Hall and receive their assignments. Please bring rakes, gloves, and tools. There will be dumpsters at the Avon and Station beaches. Hopefully we will coordinate with the Yacht Club. The Surf Riders Club offered to help at the Avon Rd. beach. In the past 25 to 30 people have volunteered and they got a lot of work done.

The first meeting for the Independence Day Parade will be March 16 at 6:30 pm. If anyone is interested, please come and we will be discussing honoring a grand marshal and theme. We will continue the 1925 tradition of a small town celebration of Independence.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo welcomed the High School students who were present, and assured them they are always welcome to come to the meetings.

He expressed his sympathy to Mr. Polhemus on the loss of his Mother. She left a great legacy and we celebrate her life.

The Mayor welcomed Mrs. Coletti, and stated that he received periodic updates from her daughter.

The Finance Officer is working on the 2022 budget.

Three years ago there was discussion with County officials concerning the extension of the County portion of Motor Rd. and Station Ave. and connecting Riverside Drive to County responsibility. This will benefit both Ocean County and Pine Beach. The town replaced the bulkhead along Riverside Dr. recently and the road surface is in good shape. But the County is better equipped for snow removal and their trucks can now loop around the town to plow.

The Mayor's thoughts and prayers are with the people in Ukraine, and he can't imagine the fear and uncertainty the people are going through.

Regarding High School sports, the winter season is almost over and the spring season has started. He urged all to come out and watch the true amateur athletes.

There were no further discussions from the Mayor and Council or the members of the public, so the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Newman made a motion to close the meeting and Mr. Polhemus seconded. 6 Ayes, the meeting was adjourned.