# BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH WORK MEETING January 13, 2024

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on January 13, 2025 in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. at 6:30 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 STARLEDGER 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

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
present	present	present	present	present	absent

# UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor and Council discuss the proposed update to permit fees (*Vista Park field use*, commercial use of boat ramp, etc.). Mr. Keesling reads the updates and will finalize at a later meeting date.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Review of Ordinance (Introduction 1/15)

## **ORDINANCE 2025-01-815**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND CONTROLS FOR "MAJOR DEVELOPMENT"

This ordinance will be published in the Asbury Park Press on January 21<sup>st</sup> and have a public hearing on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Borough's Municipal Building.

## Formal Action:

Review of Resolutions:

Bills Resolution 2025-15 Approval to pay Borough bills in the amount of \$141.889.25

Resolution 2025-16 Authorizing application for Jake's Law NJ Green Acres grant for inclusive playground equipment

**Resolution 2025-17** Authorizing the Borough in the State Development And Redevelopment Plan (State Plan) Cross-Acceptance Process

**Resolution 2025-18** Authorizing shared service agreement with Ocean County Prosecutor's Program (F.A.S.T.)

**Resolution 2025-19** Authorizing the application for NJ DCA grant FY2025 LRIG **Resolution 2025-20** Authorizing the \$5,000 (4%) funding match for the FY2025 LRIG

Mayor asks for any comments or questions for resolution reviewed, the Council did not have any comments or questions on the presented Resolutions.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor reports the Affordable Housing figures have come out, our representation from Parkey McCay is working on challenging our number down from 30 as the Borough does not have the open space the state calculated into the figures. Mayor Cuneo requests Council to get their wants and wishes in to the CFO for the 2025 budget. The Engineer and the Mayor are still working on a solution to the pavilion issue. The Admiral Farragut reunion is on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor is looking for

representation at their event. Also, the Pine Beach Preservation Society is looking for people to join or share their expertise and history of Pine Beach.

The Mayor updates the Council that he held a meeting with the Mayor of Ocean Gate to discuss a potential merge of departments and if it would be beneficial for our residents and employees. The Mayor of Ocean Gate is putting together the numbers and will present at a later meeting date. The Mayor would like to clarify that there is no strife with the PBPD nor is this being used for a bargaining method. The Borough of Ocean Gate PD present it to their liaison and contact us to discuss, that is all that is happening. The Mayor emphasizes that having our own PD, Fire Co., Water, and sewer is truly what makes us Pine Beach, but all avenues must be explored for fiscal benefit and the safety of our residents.

Mr. Keesling asks if Chief Brown should be attending these meetings, the Mayor explains he told him not to attend tonight. Mr. Keesling states he has informally asked for a call log from the PD, the Clerk states she believes they can provide a summary of calls for the year 2024. Mr. Polhemus states this would be helpful when discussing the department.

Mr. Saxton asks if any other adjacent towns have approached the Mayor to discuss this option, the Mayor states Ocean Gate was the only Borough to reach out to discuss a combined Police Department. Mr. Polhemus states he was offended that his word as a Councilman was not taken when approached about this topic in negotiations, he reassures that the Council was not made aware of these discussions at the last contract negotiation meeting that took place. The Mayor states that at the moment it is a feasibility study and the Council, and the citizens of the Borough will have the final say.

### L. MCGEE

Mrs. McGee announces that she has re-evaluated the younger children's prizes for the egg hunt after residence raised concern they could potentially be a chocking hazard. She has submitted a purchase order to finance for the event and in March will be the Rabies Clinic, looking for volunteers for the day.

### R. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman hands out the Ocean County Commissioners list with the newly sworn in members and their liaison lists.

#### R. POLHEMUS

Mr. Polhemus thanks the Mayor for being attentive to his concerns with the contract negotiations matter. He states that Seth Bortko has received his credentials for Recycling Coordinator and is looking for approval to handle via CFO and personnel to assign a stipend for the 2025 year. Council and Mayor approve this as a personnel matter with CFO approval of the figure.

Clerk, Hannah Jacobus: Reminder for the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting a public hearing will be held for the Jake's Law inclusive playground at Vista Park. Please come to share opinions and interest in this new asset to Pine Beach. Continuing, Ms. Jacobus notifies Council that the Calendars have been delivered and the recreational badges are in and ready for sale, Council requests holding off until the fees are worked out.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

John Kubilewicz, PBVFC President announces that the Fire Co capital fund is on-going. October 4<sup>th</sup> will be the Annual Fire Fest.

A motion is made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Keesling to adjourn the meeting. All are in favor.

Hannah L. Jacobus, Clerk Approved: 2/12/2025