

## BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH

### WORK MEETING

October 24, 2022

A work meeting of the Mayor and Council took place on Monday, October 24, 2022 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 (ON ZOOM)

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Resolution 2022-99 was reviewed by the DLGS and they suggested to delete the specific use of the donation to the police department so any donations will be more easily utilized, and Mrs. Coletti motioned to delete the use of the donation and replace it with the notation of Police Department, which was seconded by Mr. Polhemus All in favor, 6 Ayes, Mr. Keesling voting electronically.

Council reviewed the revised salary resolution concerning Code Enforcement hours and salary and finance has asked for a change in the resolution. Mr. Saxton made a motion to reconsider the resolution which was seconded by Mr. Polhemus:

Mr. Saxton proposed changing the code enforcement to 8 hours a week, Mr. Newman seconded. Mr. Polhemus feels the time is warranted and Council will hold the resolution to the next meeting to discuss with finance. Mrs. Coletti moved to hold the salary change for further information from the Finance Officer and Mr. Saxton seconded. 6 Ayes, Mr. Keesling voted electronically.

Council will review Chapter 3 of the Code of Pine Beach entitled "Administration of Government" and will hold any action until the November meeting.

The Mayor mentioned that the DOT grant on Motor Road and other roads requires vibrating compaction on the pavement and we are asking Earle Asphalt not to do it, our pipes are not deep and can be damaged. There is a monetary penalty if we don't do the vibrating. The engineer is recommending just have the roadway rolled with high tech equipment to test the surface.

Two proposed Ordinances were reviewed by Land Use Board and they had no objections to them.

The water tower work is being pushed back due to the cell phone company not agreeing to turn down or move the antenna. They have to agree to shut off or utilize a temporary pole. We have an engineer contact at T Mobil now so hopefully we will get the job done. The engineering costs for the project have gone up and will exceed the grant amount.

Mr. Newman commented that the cell phone company has held up the job for a year. We did not apply for long term financing so the interest costs will go up.

One tower rental agreement is very old with no protections for the town; the second one has more protection. Our rental fee is still good. Mr. Saxton asked about the cell companies putting up their own tower instead of the water tower and he suggested allowing the companies to put up their own tower. The Mayor mentioned that there are problems because the town is built up and there would be difficulty locating an area where a free standing tower could be built.

Mr. Healy asked about having a free standing tower, if they want to build it, where could it be built to meet land use board satisfaction.

Eric Hess asked if the tower painting work can be done in sections, and the Mayor replied that it isn't possible with the antennas in operation.

Chapter 3 of the Code of Pine Beach will be reviewed by Council. Mr. Saxton asked for the definition of a meeting, and Mayor explained it is all advertised meetings.

Mr. Keesling asked the Mayor to read the ordinance, and the Mayor read the section concerning Absence from Meetings. The ordinance was adopted March 13, 2013. Mr. Saxton mentioned that this could be discussed in executive session, and Mr. Keesling was ok with it. He then went off the Zoom meeting.

It's up to the council to do nothing, censure, or act on dismissal. Council elected to hold off and consider for the November 9 meeting.

Mr. Polhemus suggested waiting until the following November meeting, since the Mayor will be away on the 9<sup>th</sup>, as will Mr. Saxton.

The Mayor announced that the pickle ball courts will be paved this week. We have to look for striping and painting, nets and fencing. Mr. Polhemus suggested contacting Eagleswood Twp. since they just installed pickle ball courts. The Mayor mentioned that they will require 10 foot high fencing and we will accept quotes and do take donations.

The Council reviewed various ordinances set to have a public hearing on November 9:

**ORDINANCE 2022-12-802**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 175 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH ENTITLED "ZONING AND SUBDIVISION"**

Increasing fees for zoning applications, no change for Land Use Board applications at this time.

Public hearing on November 9, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the municipal building

**ORDINANCE 2022-13-803**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH ENTITLED "LAND USE PROCEDURES"**

Public hearing on November 9, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the municipal building

Increasing the Land Use Board Education Fee to be \$50 for all applications

Mr. Keesling returned on zoom.

Mr. Saxton asked about having a land use book for the Land Use Board review available.

The Mayor explained that the education class fee for new land use board members has gone up and it is a requirement that they attend in their first year of service.

The Mayor reviewed the public hearing on 2 more ordinances scheduled for November 9:

**ORDINANCE 2022-10-800**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF BLOCK 3.01 LOT 1 TO THE COUNTY OF OCEAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH 40A:12-13(b)(1)**

Public hearing on November 9, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the municipal building. This donation will be part of the Ocean County Open Space Inventory adding to the planned "Rail Trail".

**ORDINANCE 2022-11-801**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A THIRD-PARTY DISBURSEMENT SERVICE AGENT FOR PAYROLL AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES.**

The Borough utilizes a third party payroll company and the auditor suggested an ordinance was necessary. Public hearing on November 9, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the municipal building

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK**

The Centennial committee meeting was held last Wednesday. The committee is working on the charter for the non-profit organization. The next meeting is on January 18 at 6:30. Committees were set and at the time of the charter we will have to name officers.

Mr. Wieck is the safety officer in town and has reported the following recent actions:

1. Public Works employees removed dead trees at Walling Field and cleared the area for the pickle board court.
2. New benches were built for the Cedar Ave. pavilion, and bait stations were provided for fishermen by the Boy Scouts.
3. The New Jersey Avenue Pavilion wall was painted by local artist and it faces the river and pier. The brush in the area was cleared.
4. Pocket Park was cleaned and trimmed by the Pine Beach Garden Club.
5. The bike and walking path vegetation was cleaned and trimmed from Hillside Ave. to the school, making it safer for the students walking to school and the residents.

**S. COLETTI**

Mrs. Coletti attended the Clean Community meeting in Lakewood and is happy to report that the town will be getting back the inmates for cleaning the roadways. One thing that is commented on was that every town has trouble keeping the dog waste bags in the stations. The Mayor mentioned that we have new dog waste stations with smaller bags. Hopefully that will discourage people from taking all of the bags out.

**J. KEESLING**

Thanked the Mayor and council for encouraging him to attend meetings

**R. NEWMAN**

Mr. Newman asked if the CFO has taken any concern about the state health care being raised. The Mayor stated that it is outside of the budget cap. The cost will be determined. Mr. Newman mentioned that there is a 20% raise in medical benefits, based on the state requirements.

**R. POLHEMUS**

Mr. Polhemus has been in contact with CWA representative and the Clerk's office has complied with their request for information. The personnel committee has met with the CWA today, Mr. Newman, Mr. Saxton, a Public Works employee, and Mr. Polhemus met with representatives of the CWA. The union is actively lobbying the state for reimbursements to the towns for some of the costs. The meetings will continue and they hope to meet Nov. 15 to work with negotiations. The existing contract expires on Dec. 31.

**J. SAXTON**

Mr. Saxton mentioned that the CWA contract representative will keep the Borough in the loop for their negotiations with the state.

**POLICE CHIEF**

Not present

**FINANCE OFFICER**

Not Present

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Not present

**CLERK**

The Best practices Inventory is being worked on and will be ready for the November 9 meeting. Mrs. Carney passed the name of a youth volunteer to Mr. Newman, with the thought that the Tree Lighting would be a good opportunity for this young man to help the town.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Heather Price is a new to town and is concerned about speeding and traffic on Springfield Ave. The Mayor mentioned that it has been an issue and one thing that was done was adding speed strips on the curve where Prospect Ave crosses Springfield Ave. to discourage speeding. The Mayor will speak to the police chief to see what more can be done. Speed bumps are not allowed on any major route. Since Springfield Ave. is a county road, the Mayor suggested she call the County Engineer and sheriff.

Mr. Healy supported Mrs. Price and her concern for the speeding, and complained about speeding on Station Ave. also.

The Mayor mentioned that our number of traffic tickets is up, and the officers have been motoring speeding. There was discussion about having movable signs in the middle of the road to see if they will help.

Mr. Kubilewicz, Fire Company President mentioned that unfortunately the camera at Springfield Ave and Motor Road doesn't have the resolution to capture the license plate numbers of people going through the stop sign.

The Fire Company Memorial Service on Sunday was well attended and he thanked council for their attendance.

The Fire Company is still receiving donation envelopes for the radios daily. They have also been approved for a matching grant from the forest fire service for \$5000 for the pagers, which represents about half the cost.

The thermometer sign indicating the success of the fund drive is being worked on and will be placed outside the firehouse for all to see the progress in reaching their goal for the radios.

There was no further public discussion and no Executive Session requested.

Mr. Newman moved to close the meeting and Mrs. Coletti seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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