

BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH

WORK MEETING

May 23, 2022

The work meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach took place on May 23, 2022 in the meeting room of 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. POLHEMUS, MR.SAXTON, MR. WIECK

ABSENT: MR. NEWMAN

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Saxton brought up the following matters that remain unfinished:

1. Height Ordinance, the Mayor explained that the height ordinance was discussed with the Land Use Board and they recommended to keep the measurement the same, define the measurement will come from the street the front door faces. And for corner lots the side of the house that the front door faces. Mr. Saxton would like to clear up an ambiguity and the Mayor agreed.
2. Regarding Ocean Inc. completion, the Mayor spoke with them and they are waiting for the CO inspection.
3. Regarding the Quality of life ordinance. Mr. Saxton discussed the history; with the code enforcement and that instead of requiring criminal complaints to be signed a municipal ordinance can be enforced through the Borough Ordinance. The zoning officer is willing to work with council for the ordinance. The mayor mentioned one resident brought up some points also. We want to get it done right. Mr. Wieck will speak with the zoning officer.

NEW BUSINESS

Formal Action to Review and vote on:

ORDINANCE 2022-05-795

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, ESTABLISHING MINIMUM-MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS ON SALARIES TO BE PAID THE MAYOR, COUNCILPERSONS AND ALL OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH" AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES

This ordinance will be published in the Asbury Park Press on May 27 and have a public hearing on June 8 at 7:30 PM.

A motion to introduce the ordinance was made by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Wieck

ROLL CALL: YES, MRS. COLETTI, MR. KEESLING, MR. POLHEMUS, MR.SAXTON, MR. WIECK  
ABSENT, MR. NEWMAN

ORDINANCE 2022-06-796

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000.00 FOR THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF REASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

This ordinance will be published in the Asbury Park Press on May 27 and have a public hearing on June 8 at 7:30 PM.

A motion to approve introduction of Ordinance 2022-06-796 was made by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

ROLL CALL: YES, MRS. COLETTI, MR. KEESLING, MR. POLHEMUS, MR.SAXTON, MR. WIECK

Resolution 2022-52, authorizing a salary increase for the Deputy Municipal Clerk and Clerk/Typist

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

ROLL CALL: YES, MRS. COLETTI, MR. KEESLING, MR. POLHEMUS, MR.SAXTON, MR. WIECK

ABSENT, MR. NEWMAN

This concluded the formal action of the meeting and the work session resumed.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor has some items for executive session

Regarding the repairs and painting of the water tower, we are still not able to do the painting, one cell company wants us to provide an alternate tower with our cost of \$170,000 and the other will power antenna down The attorney is working on the situation now.

#### COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

Quality of Life Ordinance

Memorial Day Service Monday, May 30 at 2 PM at the bluff at Vista Park

The Fire Company and police will be there to honor our lost men and women in uniform.

Mr. Polhemus asked if the electric will be accessible for the PA system, and it will be.

#### S. COLETTI

The July 4 program is ready for the printer

Mrs. Coletti asked if the beach is ready and it is still not ready. No lifeguards have applied.

The Mayor suggested there is a swimming area by the Farragut dock and perhaps in the future we could have a second lifeguard station there.

Mr. Clouser asked about the area, and the Mayor suggested having a lifeguard there would prevent the youth jumping off the dock. Mr. Clouser offered to call the police when he sees them doing it.

J. KEESLING

Nothing

R. NEWMAN, absent

R. POLHEMUS

J. SAXTON

Mr. Saxton spoke about the Municipal Court phone call process and he would like to have an outgoing message stating that the caller should email her. He spoke with the court administrator and she is very satisfied with the updated computer network.

There was discussion concerning the court phone when court is in session. The Court Administrator mentioned that the phone system in South Toms River texts her when a phone call comes in. We will recommend email to get a hold of her. Mr. Wieck asked what arrangements are made for people with no computer, and the court has regular business hours once a week for people to come in person

Regarding enforcing the Ordinance Policy, Mr. Saxton would like to change the way ordinance complaints are handled. In Toms River you cannot create an anonymous complaint.

He spoke of caution on employees signing complaints and will see if the committee can come up with a policy so a complaint can be signed.

Mr. Keesling asked how many local complaints have been issued, and Mr. Saxton replied that there are 15 in court.

Regarding the Borough Emails, employees are sharing email, 2 or 3 people share an email in finance. He suggested changing the email system. The Mayor replied that the Borough is maxed with email accounts, and Mayor suggested asking for the cost to have additional ones.

The Code enforcement and zoning officer reports were not in the Council package. They were sent by email.

Mr. Saxton would like an Executive Session

POLICE CHIEF

FINANCE OFFICER

PUBLIC WORKS

CLERK

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brian Clouser, 606 Buhler Court spoke about the quality of life ordinance, and the Mayor replied that he will get more information to put a more concise one together, and council have reviewed Mr. Clouser's suggestions. Mr. Clouser has had to call the police for late parties at his neighbor's pool. He has called the police and it is repeated week after week. The people constantly doing this have no respect and as soon as the officer leaves the noise starts up again. He hopes the town can improve the ordinance to allow enforcement so it can be peaceful in his home. Noise continues all night, Mr. Keesling asked about the results when the police visit, and Mr. Clouser stated that a short time after the police leave the noise and comments come back up.

Mr. Clouser mentioned that the noise starts at 10:30 pm and has gone to 6:30 am.

Mr. Polhemus would like to have an ordinance in place with teeth in it that the police can enforce. But cautioned that it has subjectivity about noise. The training and equipment for measuring noise is too costly to measure it to be recorded in decibels.

Mr. Polhemus suggested if the police have numerous complaints they should have the power to enforce and shut the noise down.

The Mayor assured Mr. Clouser that the council is working on the quality of life ordinance.

There was nothing else to discuss from the public.

The Mayor asked to go into executive session to discuss personnel, pending litigation and contract negotiation and Mrs. Coletti made the motion to go into executive session and Mr. Keesling seconded. All were in favor.

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 (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation (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 came out of the brief executive session and returned to the work meeting.

Mr. Keesling asked that the council be supplied with the prior ordinance or resolution when an item is on the agenda.

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mr. Saxton and a second by Mr. Wieck. All were in favor.

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