

BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH

WORK MEETING

July 11, 2022

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a work meeting on July 11, 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. NEWMAN, MR. POLHEMUS,
MR. SAXTON, MR. WIECK

Absent: MR. KEESLING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Mayor spoke to the OCEAN Inc. administrator about the affordable housing apartments on Washington St. and was advised that they are waiting for the DCA to approve the residents.

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Regarding the Avon Rd. dock, a piling snapped and one boat was removed. The tenant is looking for a refund of the slip fee and the Council approved a prorated refund of the lease fee.

Mr. Saxton asked if we would repair the piling and the Mayor suggested there was a problem because there is just one piling. Hopefully a company will be working in the area and be able to help.

The Independence Day Parade and field games were successful; it was wonderful day, so many people who enjoyed the day. He thanked all who worked on it and all who came.

Regarding the vacant Alternate Public Defender position, resident Jilian McLeer has applied for the position. Council approves.

The Mayor will appoint Karen McDonnell to the Land Use Board for an unexpired 4 year term

Mrs. Vega wrote to our school board representative regarding the speeding on Pennsylvania Ave. near the school. Mr. Newman has tried to work towards having better safety there and hopes to have the problem worked out before school starts.

The Mayor has something for executive session

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

Regarding the new Quality of Life ordinance, the draft is in the council packet as Ordinance 2022-07 and is open for discussion.

The Mayor would like to have the restricted hours for yard work changed, he feels 6 PM is too early for the property owners, Mr. Saxton suggested sunset or dusk. Since the yard work is weather

dependent there could be times that due to inclement weather people would need to be working outside later to catch up.

Mr. Saxton asked if Mr. Wieck has checked with the code enforcement officer regarding the ordinance.

S. COLETTI

Mrs. Coletti thanked office staff personnel for taking over her job duties July 4. They volunteered and stepped right in to help.

J. KEESLING

R. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman reported that they passed out 600 bags of chips and 300 ice pops at the July 4 event, it was probably the biggest fire equipment parade ever. He thanked everyone for working together, and expressed how proud of the town he is.

Last month residents came in to speak about the speeding on Pennsylvania Ave. and discussed installing speed bumps and various ways to slow traffic. Mr. Newman has made it a point to see how traffic is controlled at various schools, and many schools he passed have flashing yellow lights. Driving down Washington St. in Toms River he noticed that bad pavement does slow traffic. He is concerned about speed bumps and is worried someone can hit it and veer off perhaps going on to the sidewalk. He came upon a 3 way stop sign on a college campus and felt it helped with speeding. A DOT approved stop sign is \$54 to \$55 and then posts and screws. He feels a good location would be when you come down Pennsylvania Ave. at Monument Rd. to install a 3-way stop. He is concerned that Speed Bumps could cause an accident.

The Mayor will want to speak to the principal of the school, and perhaps move the crossing guard to the Monument Rd. area. Mr. Newman added that there is a problem and Council needs to address it. Mr. Saxton suggested installing a rumble strip and asked if flashing lights would be invasive in the school area. Mr. Newman mentioned that they are on a timer and go through the school crossing time.

Public Comments regarding the speeding on the 100 and 200 blocks of Pennsylvania Ave. followed.

Al Vega, 130 Pennsylvania Ave. spoke about the 10 families on Pennsylvania Ave. 2 more on Monument who are very concerned about the speeding along Pennsylvania Ave. The 3 way stop sign is a good idea but when school lets out there will be some congestion. If there is a Rt. 9 detour it could also be a problem.

Regarding Rumble strips, they make a loud noise and will affect the quality of life of the residents. Installing flashing lights seems like good ideas but won't solve the problem.

Mr. Vega feels that speed bumps are common and cause your vehicle to reduce speed. He feels speed bumps are the only way to go. A letter has been sent to the school board representative to ask if the Board of Education to assist with the cost.

The Mayor concluded that the residents in the area would prefer the speed bumps before everything else. Mr. Vega spoke about the location for the speed bumps which would be impacted by the

homeowner's driveways. He also mentioned that the town doesn't need DOT approval to install them on the local road.

Erik Schulwitz, 220 Pennsylvania feels speed bumps really slow the people down. He is concerned that putting in stop signs will cause congestion for the people leaving school such as teachers and parents.

Mr. Vega mentioned that the stop signs could cause an issue with cross work and controlling the ferry lanes.

Lorin Falana, 236 Pennsylvania Ave. mentioned that cars are exiting the school and children are coming across Pennsylvania Ave. are controlled by crossing guard.

The consensus of the people living along the 100 and 200 blocks is that speed bumps will be the most effective means to keep traffic moving but not speeding.

Mr. Polhemus mentioned that there is much discussion about the merits of a speed bump stop signs and flashing lights for risk management. The residents that live there are searching for an effective way to slow people down by creating an effective disturbance to the pattern. There are several different options cost wise and council will investigate the best options. He mentioned that he has seen that other towns have a flashing school zone sign.

Mr. Vega agrees during school hours the signs are effective, but the speeding problem is constant. He commended Mr. Newman for taking the time and effort to do research on the issue.

R. POLHEMUS

Mr. Polhemus reminded everyone that that children are out on their bikes and to watch out for them. Recently a resident had a stranger come up to their open garage door and take a bicycle. He reminded all that if you see something suspicious to call the police.

J. SAXTON

Mr. Saxton mentioned that he was going through the bills list, and asked if the e-citation system for the police entering tickets has been started. The Court Administrator is overwhelmed and hopefully the state police will speed up the process. The Mayor explained that the town went on to a new electronic system for handling police reports but are awaiting to have the electronic tickets approved by the state police. In the meantime the police officers are manually writing tickets and the Court Administrator has to manually enter them into the computer.

Mr. Saxton stated that the July 4 celebration went flawlessly.

This is the first time he heard of this traffic situation and feels that working together is the way to solve the problem. He went on to thank Mr. Newman for his research and work to find options.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES TO REVIEW: Mayor Cuneo went over the resolutions and ordinances with Council.

Resolution 2022-68 Authorizing a road closure of Avon Rd. between Lincoln Ave. and Radnor Ave. on August 6, 2022 from 2 PM to 10 PM.

Resolution 2022-69 Authorizing the CMFO to issue a check in the amount of \$12 to correct the Municipal Court change fund

Resolution 2022-70, Professional Services appointment of Julian McLeer as Alternate Public Defender

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE 2022-04-794

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$515,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A \$315,000 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$196,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

INTRODUCTION of quality of life ordinance 2022-07-797

No questions

POLICE CHIEF

FINANCE OFFICER

PUBLIC WORKS

CLERK

We have sold a total of 357 dog and cat licenses 2022

368 dog and cat licenses 2021

2022 Beach Badges 630, Parking permits 420, ramp permits 62

2021 Beach Badges 741, Parking permits 420, ramp permits 48

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Al Vega, 130 Pennsylvania Ave. stated that the July 4 celebration was great and that his daughter helped and enjoyed volunteering.

Carmella Schaneman, 425 Huntington Ave. mentioned that the Henley Ave pier needs a hand rail added to the last step. It will be looked into.

John Kubilewicz, fire company President, mentioned that the Fire Company is recruiting for firefighters and EMTS and a special class of membership entitled corporate affiliate who would be willing to help with fund raising, marketing, grant writing, IT or web designing. He invited anyone who is interested to stop by any Thursday evening when the firehouse is manned. He also mentioned that only 1/3 of the citizens of the town support the fire company during the annual campaign.

There was no further public discussion or comments and the Mayor called for a motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation and contracts.

Mr. Saxton made a motion to move into executive session which was seconded by Mr. Newman

Resolution to go into 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 is necessary. The public will be informed of the discussion within forty-five days of the conclusion (NJSA 10:4-13)

The work session resumed following the brief executive session.

Mr. Saxton mentioned the old police car being stored in tow yard could possibly be placed by the school as a deterrent. The Mayor will call the board of education representative tomorrow to find out about shared expenses or ideas to slow the traffic. The Mayor also suggested going through the road department at the county to get information on what can be done to reduce the speeding.

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting was closed following a motion by Mr. Saxton and Mr. Newman provided the second. All were in favor and it was closed.
