

BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
WORK MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2022

The Mayor and Council met at a work meeting on August 8, 2022 in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. at 7:30 PM on August 8, 2022. 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 (LATE, ELECTRONICALLY)
MR. NEWMAN, MR. POLHEMUS (ELECTRONICALLY) MR.SAXTON, MR. WIECK

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NONE
NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Regarding the Boat Slip Ordinance, there is a conflict with the dates the boats have to be removed, November 1 and November 30 were conflicting in the ordinance. There could be a conflict with the boat owner's insurance, the November 1 date is the usual seasonal date and extending the insurance until November 30 is an additional insurance fee. As long as people show insurance covering the boat until November 30 the boat can remain until that date. Council agreed that November 30 was appropriate. Additionally, the Mayor would like to look at the fees, at present the fee is \$600.00 and he would like to see a fee with an escalating clause schedule either a certain percentage or fee unless the Council votes not to increase the fee that year. The Mayor mentioned that we do provide water there but not electricity.

Mr. Saxton asked what the fee is in other towns or marinas and offered to research the fees. This will be discussed at the next work meeting.

A Tax Appeal attorney is needed to handle a case and several tax appeal attorneys were contacted. Martin Allen is experienced and is willing to take the case on. We don't know how long the case will be and \$30,000 has been set as the maximum.

Mr. Keesling has joined the meeting electronically through ZOOM at this time.

DOT road work bids were received and Earle Asphalt was the apparent lowest bidder. We are looking to do the paving in September. Probably by the end of August they will start with some pipe work.

Regarding the repairs/painting of the water tower, we are waiting to hear back from the cell phone company. We went a letter out and are just waiting on that.

The Ocean Inc. project on Washington Ave. has its first veteran resident.

Sandy Rinderer contacted the Mayor regarding the Paddle for the Bay project, asking for assistance in

the rental of portable restrooms, the price for a town is considerable less than for the organization and the Borough will order the restrooms and the town will be reimbursed.

The reassessment has started and tomorrow the assessor will have a meeting to discuss any issues with the residents.

The Mayor will be meeting with the Sheriff concerning our police conversion to the Spillman System, and the problem that the state police do not have the e-citation working, possibly for 3 to 4 months, so the Court Administrator has to enter each ticket individually. There is a cost factor if we return to the Infocop system. Resident Al Vega, 130 Pennsylvania Ave. is a police officer in another town and uses the Spillman System and mentioned that the police officers utilize the last half hour of their shift to enter the tickets into the system.

The daughter of former mayor Stan Heatley offered to donate some old 16 MM films taken in Pine Beach and considering the town's 100th anniversary perhaps we would like to have them and convert them to DVD. If we did so, she would like a copy. He will get back to her that yes we would like the films and we will look into having them converted to DVD.

The Mayor has something for Executive Session

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

The Quality of Life Ordinance will have a public hearing on Wednesday.

Mr. Wieck asked for suggestions for a scout project in town. The Mayor suggested an on-going project the members of the Environmental Commission and Garden Club are working on a plan regarding plant growth along Riverside Drive, what to keep and what to get rid of. That may be something the scout can work on. It is a labor intense project at little cost.

The Centennial Celebration meeting is next Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Mr. Wieck invited all interested people to attend. There will be several events during the year 2025 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary.

S. COLETTI

Mrs. Coletti urged all to get outside and enjoy the summer.

J. KEESLING (electronically)

Mr. Keesling asked if there was a budget for the Centennial Celebration, and the Mayor responded that is part of the meeting next week, to see what we want to do and how we can do it. Mr. Keesling volunteered to work on the committee.

R. NEWMAN

Councilman Newman mentioned that he and Councilman Saxton met with the firemen recently and are trying to help the fire company with meeting state requirements especially the replacement of radios that worked but the county decided to go to a different frequency. The Borough supplied \$32,000.00 towards their purchase but they have an \$87,000.00 debt to pay for the equipment. The

county is also changing over the pagers, so that is another cost. Our small department has few resources and Mr. Saxton had some fresh ideas that might help. Mr. Newman thanked him for his input.

Mr. Newman mentioned a letter received from our Borough Engineer regarding the traffic problem on Pennsylvania Ave. Two important things were brought out in the letter concerning the traffic calming measures over by the school which can be done quickly, one is to continue the white line on Pennsylvania Ave. all the way to the Beachwood side. Another thing the engineer suggested was to plant a certain caliber of trees along the way, the County Forrester has suggestions about what trees to plant along that two block section. Those are two things that the engineer suggested that can be done soon. Also, going forward is signage. Mr. Newman stated that he has been paying more attention to other towns and there is a particular sign at crosswalks requiring you to stop if someone is in the walkway. The Mayor pointed out that speed bumps or speed humps cannot be placed on that road because it is considered a main thoroughfare with fire, police, school busses and ambulances going over it. Rumble strips can be placed there. Al Vega, 130 Pennsylvania Ave. thanked the Council for looking into the matter. He feels rumble strips won't help except to cause noise to the residents rather than reducing the speed. Mr. Saxton suggested a step-by-step approach to see what works.

R. POLHEMUS

The personnel Committee met with the Code/zoning officer and Mr. Saxton has some comments about it.

The Personnel Committee is continuing their efforts to have the discussion with the public works department union for contract negotiations and it is hoped to have the new contract before December 31 2022.

J. SAXTON

Mr. Saxton asked about progress on the Height Ordinance, and the Mayor responded that he has received an email from the Land Use Board Chair that she is in discussion with the attorney and engineer for recommendations and will get back to Council with their recommendations.

Washington Street Housing Status, now that the rentals have started, perhaps public works should keep an eye on the maintenance of the grounds.

Mr. Newman mentioned that the Fire Department is in need of financial assistance, and Mr. Saxton offered to work on a letter bringing out so many items that the fire company has to purchase and the expenses the volunteer fire company has. There is only a small percentage of people who send responses to the annual contribution letter. Some employers match donations, and that would help to increase the fire company donations. Mr. Saxton suggested a sign outside of the fire company, like a thermometer that could show the fund raising success. Mr. Kubilewicz, Fire Company President, spoke about increased efforts for fund raising, and that they also have a major project building a firehouse. Mr. Keesling asked if the fire company is looking to remodeling the firehouse, and Mr. Kubilewicz reported that the fire department members are still looking into remodeling the existing firehouse or building a new administrative building. They have contacted an engineering firm and they have produced schematics to see which project the fire company wants to do. Mr. Keesling asked if the fire company has a budget for the project and if they have the funds to cover it. There is a budget and they are trying to get it to fit in with the money they have. He added that if they renovate

the old building they don't have to do it all at once, with a new building it would require being completed. Mr. Keesling summarized things that the radios are a must have, the remodeling of the building is a like to have situation.

REVIEW OF THE AGENDA ITEMS:

Resolution 2022-73, Water Utility Billing Adjustment

Resolution 2022-74, Extending the grace period for tax payments to September 6

Resolution 2022-75, Increase in the bid threshold

Resolution 2022-76, Renewal of membership in the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Resolution 2022-77, Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Martin Allen as Special Counsel

Resolution 2022-78, Awarding a contract with Earle Asphalt for reconstruction of various roads

There were no questions on the resolutions

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE 2022-07-797

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DELETING CHAPTER 113 ENTITLED "NOISE" AND REPLACING CHAPTER 113 TO BE ENTITLED "QUALITY OF LIFE, NOISE AND NUISANCE"

This ordinance was introduced at a public meeting on July 13 2022 and published in the Asbury Park Press on July 20. It is posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and copies are available.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Brown was present and had no comments

FINANCE OFFICER

The Mayor spoke to the finance officer today and things are going well.

PUBLIC WORKS

CLERK

The Clerk pointed out that the Utility Clerk had only one adjustment for the water bills which shows that the new meters and process for the water department are working well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carmella Schaneman, 425 Huntington Ave. asked if there was any progress on putting a hand rail at the last steps on the Henley Ave. dock, and the Mayor replied that he received the estimate today and asked the public works supervisor to have them go ahead to install it. He does not know when it will be done.

Eric Hess, 921Riverside Dr. asked if the fire company goes door to door for donations, and they do not go door to door for donations. Mr. Hess mentioned that he runs a 503C organization and has raised a few thousand dollars that way. He feels it is far more effective than a letter. Mr. Kubilewicz answered that it is too man power intensive going door to door. Members of the fire department stuff

the envelopes and utilize the bulk rate. Mr. Wieck mentioned that when he was involved with the fund raising the firemen would only stop at the homes which did not send in a donation by mail. Mr. Saxton mentioned utilizing social media to get the fire company message out. Ms. Schaneman stressed that people need to know that the fire company is made up of volunteers and that it is helpful to have demonstrations about the equipment and what the firefighters do. Mr. Kubilewicz stated that they go to the school for fire prevention week and have demonstrations at Firefest. Covid has affected this the last few years but they intend to be involved again.

Mr. Kubilewicz stated that there are two events coming up in September, the town wide yard sale on the 10th and Firefest on the 24th. He also mentioned that the fire company is pursuing several grants, and one in particular has to be done by the town. It will be approximately \$47,000.00 for 10 complete sets of Personal Protective Equipment (helmet, pants, boots, jackets) and a washer and dryer for the equipment. It's a reimbursement grant with a local match so it will be difficult. He is hoping the fire company costs to make the plumbing and decontamination room count as a cash match. They are still working with the County American Rescue Plan for help with the radios. They are also working on a fire service grant, one eligible area is for pagers. The fire company had one coin toss to raise money specifically for pagers.

Mr. Keesling asked how much money the fire company has raised through their grant writing, Mr. Kubilewicz replied with information regarding grants for the air tanks, equipment and the forest fire grant. There was also a Firehouse Sub grant that was used for PPE. He subscribes to a service and gets information about fire company grants and applies for anything he can get.

The Mayor thanked everyone for coming out and reminded them that there is a meeting Wednesday night.

The Mayor asked for an Executive Session for Personnel and pending or anticipated litigation. A motion to go into executive session was made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mrs. Coletti. Mr. Keesling and Mr. Polhemus were excused as the executive session will not be done electronically.

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 work session resumed after the executive session with Mayor Cuneo, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Saxton and Mr. Wieck present

Mayor Cuneo announced that the Tax Assessor, Raymond Hall, will be present at 7:30 PM tomorrow to answer any questions about the Reassessment process. Residents have received a letter advising the public of the meeting.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was closed following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and a second by Mr. Newman. All were in favor.
