

## BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH

### WORK MEETING

January 23, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a work meeting on January 23, 2023 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 (electronically on ZOOM), MR. NEWMAN, MR. POLHEMUS, MR.SAXTON, MR. WIECK

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Regarding the Pickleball Courts the prices have been received. With council's permission, the mayor would like to contact Nickolaus Construction. and Carl's fencing. The price will include painting and striping and the nets from Nickolaus.Construction and the fence from Carl's fencing. The Clerk will contact purchasing with the prices. Mr. Saxton mentioned placing a camera in the area for security and it was thought to be a good idea. Additionally, signs are needed.

The Environmental Commission received a grant to try to eradicate the poison ivy in pocket park. That will be done soon.

The Mayor has one thing for executive session.

#### COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

Next 100 anniversary committee meeting is March 29 at 6:30. The organization is starting to work with committees and he is meeting with a committee on Wednesday. Hopefully we will have our legal work completed soon so we can start fundraising

#### S. COLETTI

Mrs. Coletti is working on the newsletter, thanks for everyone for sending the articles. The Staff will assist with the on line process.

#### J. KEESLING

Mr. Keesling was on ZOOM. He submitted a newsletter article to Mrs. Coletti. He will meet with Mr. Saxton regarding council liaison duties.

#### R. NEWMAN

The County Forester contacted Mr. Newman regarding a dead tree along Riverside Dr. that a resident called about. The forester looked at it and determined that it is not in the county right of way. Public Works went to the location and took care of the problem.

Regarding the Fire Department, Chris Smith's office contacted Mr. Newman and assured him that if there was any type of grant available such as the firefighters assistant grant he will do all he can to help the fire company. His staff suggested help with a grant writer to get a bigger project. The Chief will put up a wish list and will apply. Mr. Kubilewicz, President of the Fire Company has applied in the past and will try again. Chris Smith will write a letter of support. Once the grant is written and submitted the grant number will be supplied to Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith is known for help to the emergency services.

Following the Celebration meeting last week, Mr. Newman reviewed information he had about pavilions. He had a book showing pavilions. He found a pavilion that could be attached on the front of our existing building and we could possibly rent it out. It would then have the existing kitchen area and bathrooms available. He also suggested to change the bathroom system having direct flush toilets to stop vandalism. Perhaps there could be a small pavilion closer to the river.

There were a lot of good ideas at the meeting. We will work together and create a plan to make it better for our entire town.

#### R. POLHEMUS

As a follow up about a resident who has a high tech filtration system in his house and was concerned about the filter being discolored within 6 months of installation, Mr. Polhemus spoke to his daughter, an engineer with experience with water systems. There is an anticorrosion sludge in the water which provides protection to the pipes. The purification system collects it. Our testing is done with high standards and the water has good quality.

The Personnel Committee met with CWA concerning the public works contract and they are close to agreement for a contract.

Mr. Polhemus has one topic for executive session.

#### J. SAXTON

Nothing

POLICE CHIEF  
FINANCE OFFICER  
PUBLIC WORKS

#### CLERK

The Clerk reported that the office has notarized 39 newspaper legal ads and provided free affidavit of publications for them, saving the Borough \$1,395.00. Also, cat and dog licenses and beach badges are for sale.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Mayor thanked the audience for coming out to the meeting

John Kubilewicz, President of the Pine Beach Fire Company mentioned that Feb 2 is swearing in of officers at 7:30. It will be done at the beginning of the meeting by Mayor Cuneo and the Council is invited to attend.

The requisitions for equipment have been handed in to the finance officer for the NJ American Rescue plan grant in the amount of \$27,000. Three quotes were included. The fire company is anxious to get the equipment ordered. so they can meet the deadline for being reimbursed.

Unfortunately, the County is using the stage the date of Fire fest so we will need something to set up the band.

The pager order has been received and the Fire Company will receive a \$5,000 grant from the NJ Forest Fire Service.

The \$27,000 grant is a one-time opportunity and Mr. Kubilewicz asked the Mayor to advocate to the Mayors Association to make this type of grant a permanent part of the state budget. He has asked many firefighter organizations for their support.also. This is equal to 1/3 of the Fire Company's operating budget.

And Mr. Kubilewicz had a message from his wife Joy. When the fence is put in at the Pickleball court to leave space from the end line.

There was no further public discussion and Mr. Polhemus made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and pending or anticipated litigation 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 (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 returned to the work meeting and had no further discussion. Mr. Polhemus made a motion to close the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Newman. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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