

BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH  
WORK MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on January 9, 2023 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. KEESLING, MR. NEWMAN, MR. POLHEMUS, MR.SAXTON, MR. WIECK

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor asked about Borough's e-mail address changes and there was no additional information.

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor has several items for Executive Session

The Environmental Commission has applied to Save Barnegat Bay and received a grant for remediation of the poison ivy at Pocket Park. The Borough has to fund it and get reimbursed... Mr. Wieck brought up that there is a big section of poison ivy east of Cedar Ave. also.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

A Presentation by Kevin Henn regarding electric vehicle charging stations was very informative. Mr. Wieck and Mr. Newman were at the League of Municipalities and met Mr. Henn. Mr. Henn discussed the process and advantage of having an Electric Vehicle charging station.

He is with a company called Charge Point and he had a model to show the process. Level 1, slow, Level 2, 40 amp circuit, DC fast charge Level 3. A vehicle can be charged in 30 minutes with the fast charge. You dictate the rate you want to charge. The payment service sends the money to you once a month.

Mr. Polhemus asked about durability of the charger and was worried about vandalism. There is a warranty service available, it comes with one year warranty and can be extended. A 5 Year warranty is \$15,000 for a Level 2 unit. Mr. Wieck asked if it could be partially solar and partially electric and yes it can. It can be run through a regular electric service. Most units are 7 KW per nozzle. A Level 3 unit is \$75,000 to \$100,000 for 1 nozzle.

There are grants available and money for vehicles and money towards the unit. The company can help get the grants. The lead time is 8 weeks for the small unit. Mr. Keesling asked about the cars staying after they are fully charged and charging a fee. Mr. Keesling has experience with the process, and mentioned the sun causes problems. Eric Hess asked what is the situation of adapters and if there

is a charge for them. Some vehicles are different and require an adapter. Mr. Henn was thanked for coming to the meeting. There is no action by Council at this time.

Committee Assignments have been distributed. Regarding the council assignment for Land Use Board there were no council members available so Mr. Wieck will consider the position.

The Centennial Committee meeting is Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30 PM

Mr. Wieck commented that there 4 boats on the beach west of Station Ave and he will speak to Mike from public works about removing all the boats on the beach.

S. COLETTI

Mrs. Coletti did some research on producing an e-mail newsletter for the town. She suggested each department in town to submit a section and have council and Mayor and Fire Company. She will try to get it out in February.

J. KEESLING

Mr. Keesling asked Mr. Wieck, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Polhemus and Mrs. Coletti, to help him to know what is expected with the committee assignments

R. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman thanked everyone who showed up to the reorganization meeting. The Councilmembers work together for the betterment of Pine Beach. He wished all a Happy New Year and asked for help for the fire company to raise money for the radios

Mr. Newman has one thing for executive session

R. POLHEMUS

Mr. Polhemus gave an update on the Community Development Block Grant. We are approved for funding for the walkway on Pennsylvania Ave., and we are fine tuning the project. We would like to improve the walkway with some lighting and perhaps this is the time to put in the infrastructure for the power. We would like to upgrade the walkway to concrete rather than asphalt... The roots from the trees have been pushing the asphalt up and this project will mitigate that for the area of New Jersey Ave. to Avon Rd... We are trying to get additional grant funding to extend the project.

J. SAXTON

Mr. Saxton has something for Executive session. He asked the clerk to check the miscellaneous revenue spread sheet as there is no income from the municipal court on January's report.

Council reviewed the Resolutions for the Council Meeting:

Resolution 2023-15 Redemption of tax lien on Block 31 Lot 24.01

Bills Resolution 2023-16

POLICE CHIEF, not present

FINANCE OFFICER, not present

PUBLIC WORKS, not present

CLERK

Letters are going out to the boat slip renters and 10 new 2<sup>nd</sup> trash can leases

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Kubilewicz, Fire Company President reported that they have updated the thermometer to show progress in the donation for the radios.. The County is still planning to help in some way.

The fire company received a \$27,000 grant from the DCA for equipment. The expenses must be done by 2 months from close of fiscal year or the grant may not be honored. He is in touch with the finance officer to hurry the purchases.

Mr. Kubilewicz reported that local vendor Accent Apparel came to the meeting Thursday gave the firefighters a donation of \$1,000.

A motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, contract and pending litigation was made by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

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 from the Executive Session and reopened the work meeting.

Mr. Wieck stated that he will continue to look into the electric vehicle charging stations. The Mayor brought up the expense and since this is not a vacation area he is not sure if it will be profitable. The council will look for other options.

Mr. Polhemus commented that the subject of electric vehicles is changing so quickly. He thinks that by the time the Borough has electric vehicles anything we do now will be outdated. It is best to explore the choices and options.

There were no further matters to be discussed and the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mr. Saxton and a second by Mr. Newman. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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