

BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH

WORK MEETING

March 21, 2022

The Mayor and Council of the borough of Pine Beach held a work meeting on March 21, 2022 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, MR. NEWMAN, MR. POLHEMUS, MR.SAXTON, MR. WIECK

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Saxton asked about the progress with the height ordinance. Mr. Keesling replied that the land use board has not had a meeting to further discuss the issue.

Mr. Saxton was concerned about the Ocean Inc. delays in the completion of the building. The Mayor would like to speak on this matter during an executive session. Mr. Newman asked Mr. Kubilewicz about the number of fire calls to the building, and he answered there were 3. Mr. Keesling was concerned about the lack of the units being utilized

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Ocean County Engineer has conducted a review of a complaint from improvements previously made to Prospect Ave. and the data showed reductions in traffic volume as well as reductions in speeding and accidents, so they are not proposing any modifications at this time.

Ordinance 2022-01-788, Flood Damage Prevention will have a public hearing April 13. It has been sent to the neighboring communities, County Planning and State DEP for their review.

Ordinance 2022-02-789, Noise Control model ordinance contains the information approved by the DEP but needs an enforcement agency named on page 11 section 2.

AFA Alumni Flag Raising ceremony April 22 at 5 PM, proposal includes a gun salute. The Mayor mentioned that we have an ordinance in town about firing weapons. The Police Chief would want to inspect the weapons before they fire them. Mr. Saxton measured the distance from homes and that if the guns are on the ramp at the pier they would not be within 200 feet of the homes. Mr. Polhemus has dealt with veterans groups and the shells fall to the ground so it is best they stay off the pier and then cleanup. Council decided it would be OK to have the salute as long as they are the required distance from the homes. The Chief offered to inspect the guns first.

The Paddle for the Bay event is in August, they request to use various beaches in town to launch kayaks, paddleboards, etc. including the beach at the boat ramp but not the ramp. They are also requesting parking in all of the Borough lots. If they launch from Windy cove they will shuttle people and use the parking lot at the school and Hillside Ave. parking lot. Many people will park at the

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Avon parking lot and are requesting no fees for that day. Mayor feels it will be well organized but hectic during the time they are doing it.

Review of Resolution 2022-31 authorizing employment of Seth Bortko in the public works department and Resolution 2022-31 authorizing employment of Cassidy Kyle as a Class 2 police officer.

Also, the appointment of Raymond Hall as Tax Assessor

The Mayor explained that we have to do the complete reassessment of property in 2022 and it will cost between \$30,000 to \$50,000 to complete.

THE FOLLOWING FORMAL ACTION TOOK PLACE:

Resolution 2022-31, Authorizing employment of Seth Bortko in the public works department was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mr. Wieck

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, motion carried.

Resolution 2022-32, Authorizing employment of Cassidy Kyle as a Class 2 police officer was approved following a motion by Mr. Saxton and a second by Mr. Newman

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

The Mayor called for a vote, 6 Ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, motion carried

Resolution 2022-33, Reappointment of Raymond Hall as Tax Assessor was approved following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Polhemus seconded.

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

The Mayor called for a vote, 6 Ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, motion carried

The Mayor suggested review of the state approved model noise ordinance. Mr. Keesling had several comments. Mr. Keesling asked how many noise complaints we have had other than dog barking and the Chief replied 75 to 80 calls per year. Mr. Keesling mentioned how complex the model ordinance is and that the decibel ratings themselves seem unrealistic.

Mr. Wieck stated that this model ordinance came from the DEP and is enforceable. Mr. Polhemus asked how it will be enforced. Mr. Wieck checked with the health department, and they only enforce industrial sound and not residential areas.

In order to send someone to the 3 day course, then every year attend a 1 day refresher course to be certified and to purchase a decibel meter is a big expense to the town.

Mr. Polhemus feels that if we enact a sound ordinance it should be one we can enforce and be effective but it must be reasonable.

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Mr. Wieck suggested that there is a nuisance ordinance in other towns and will get a copy of the one for Seaside Heights. Mr. Keesling feels the Borough could produce an ordinance tailored to the Borough's needs.

The Mayor feels that if we pass an ordinance it has to be one people can understand. With this one, even kids jumping and screaming in a pool could be considered a violation. Mr. Keesling suggested a common sense rule. Mr. Polhemus agreed that the council should create an ordinance that the police can enforce to keep peace and quiet. The Mayor mentioned that the barrier island towns have quality of life ordinances.

Mrs. Coletti agreed that it is difficult to understand. Mr. Polhemus added that this ordinance does not meet the dynamics of Pine Beach and suggested we pursue a quality of life ordinance. Mr. Keesling asked Chief Brown if he had any experience with the noise issue and the Chief suggested a certain time of the day for construction or landscaping workers starting. The main calls the police department gets are those two starting too early in the morning.

Mr. Saxton mentioned that we looked into this because of a neighborhood dispute, and the Borough shouldn't get involved with a neighbor dispute.

The Mayor suggested we will just hold off on the noise ordinance and look for something more related to quality of life.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

There will be a July 4 meeting April 6 at 6:30; we will meet with ideas for grand marshal and theme

S. COLETTI

Regarding the April Egg hunt the eggs have been ordered should be here by April 5. She would like to use a Megaphone to make the announcements at the field.

J. KEESLING

Mr. Keesling recognized Eric Hess in the audience as a young man interested in civics. It's good to see young people wanting to be involved.

MR. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman spoke about the Saturday Rabies Clinic. It was a very rainy day and the public works yard had flooding conditions. He feels it is a safety hazard, every entrance was flooded and could be a huge trip and fall hazard. We have to improve drainage, replace the gutters and we need concrete aprons to be up to standards. The hand tools in public works shop is in poor condition and they need appropriate equipment. They should purchase commercial grade tools. They should make a list to operate in a proper safe and efficient manner. There are 2 companies with state bids and their names were given to Mike. The building should be brought to safety standards.

R. POLHEMUS

Mr. Polhemus asked if the public works department is getting everything ready for the summer season. We have an AED machine which the police supply and he suggested checking the battery and pads. The cost of building a Rest Room at the beach is prohibitive and we will be bringing in a portable potty. It makes economic sense. Mr. Keesling suggested purchasing a portable potty, but the

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Mayor mentioned that then we need to clean and maintain it. It is only used for 2 ½ months. There was discussion of screening the potty, but it must be accessible for the handicapped and for the truck to service it.

The Beach cleanup is scheduled for June 4

The Land Use Board approved the redevelopment of an area in town several years ago, they approved 8 condo units, one of which is moderate to low income. There is now activity towards construction.

J. SAXTON

The Pine Beach School has given us permission to allow Clean Ocean Action to go on to the school property to check the storm drains. The Mayor met with group and at this time they aren't looking to go on the school property.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Brown was present and reported that tomorrow the police department will go live with the new county communication system and he thanked council for support. The technology allows the police department to move forward. It's good for the officers and residents and is paid for by the county

FINANCE OFFICER

PUBLIC WORKS

CLERK

We have had the beach badges, parking and ramp permits since March 1. Sales have been steady, we have sold the following:

Beach Badges 110, Parking permits 95, ramp permits 10, including the \$1,000 commercial permit
Six boat slips at Avon Rd. have been rented by residents who paid \$600 each.

The rabies clinic was held despite inclement weather and 31 animals were inoculated. Thanks to Councilmen Wieck and Newman (and Newman family) and Patricia Wnek the process went smoothly. The office was open for 2 hours and 12 dog licenses and 6 cat licenses were sold. For the month of March 90 dog licenses and 16 cat licenses have been issued. There is a \$10 late fee starting April 1.

The office staff has been very thorough in working with several land use items, including researching the condominium approvals, there are two new homes going up on full size lots and inquiry about building on an undersized lot.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Eric Hess mentioned that he would like to see less of the portable potty, he would like it to be screened.

Regarding the noise ordinance, he asked if the discussion is about the outside noise, even if the speaker is inside. The Mayor replied that it would be the volume level of the noise outside.

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Mr. Kubilewicz, Fire Company President, asked about the town providing help with their budget new He also mentioned that the new fire engine will not be ready until June now.

Motion to go into executive, Purchase/lease or acquisition of property was made by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Keesling.

The Mayor read the 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 (4) Collective Bargaining Agreement (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property (6) Public Safety (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 open session, and there was no further business to discuss. A motion to close the public meeting was made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Wieck. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.
