

BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
WORK MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2022

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a work meeting on February 22, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Avenue. 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

ROLLCALL: PRESENT: MR. KEESLING, MR. NEWMAN, MR.SAXTON (VIA ZOOM),
MR. WIECK
ABSENT: MRS. COLETTI, MR. POLHEMUS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor asked all to review Resolutions 2022-21 concerning Municipal Court Personnel and 2022-23 Exemption from meetings due to medical absences

The Mayor discussed Ocean County assuming ownership of the local portion of Motor Road and Station Ave including Riverside Drive. The county has agreed to include those roads in the County ownership and there will be a formal resolution at the March 9 meeting. We have a DOT grant and part of it is on the portion of Motor Rd. that will be turned over to the county. We had difficulty maintaining Riverside Drive during snow storms and they have more equipment and manpower to treat and remove snow. This proposal has been in the works for three years.

Mr. Saxton mentioned that the Environmental Commission should be advised that the county is taking care of the roadway and that the DOT is improving drainage pipes on Motor Road.

Mr. Keesling asked for the history of the proposal and the Mayor felt its maintenance issues, they have better equipment for snow removal, the drifts in certain areas are difficult. They do the pre-snow treatment and this will connect the County roads. They will also take care of signage.

Residents on the end of Prospect Ave. by the boat ramp asked for rumble strips to be placed on the area near the boat ramp entrance to slow down drivers. It has received authorization from finance under the Borough's Schedule C Agreement and both sides of the road will be striped. This will slow people coming down that stretch off Springfield Ave.

This is the time to concentrate on the 2022 Budget, and council members should check with department head's needs, wants, and wishes for the budget consideration.

One thing that has to be put into the budget is the revaluation of Borough properties. Because of the pandemic this has been put off for three years.

Mr. Newman asked how the revaluation works and the Mayor explained that we hire a private company, by law they have to physically go into a certain percentage of homes. People are always nervous about a reassessment, home values have gone up but this is a fair and equitable process to have people paying their fair share. We need a certain amount of dollars for the budget and it will be divided by the new values. The tax rate changes, some people see an increase in taxes, many stay about the same, and some even have a decrease.

The Mayor would like to offer undersize lots to contiguous property owners, in years past it has been offered. The minimum price for the lot is based on the assessed value.

The Mayor completed his report and asked Council to consider formal action for two resolutions:

Resolution 2022-21, Approving appointment of Jessie Camporeale as the Deputy Municipal Court Administrator and salaries for the positions in the Municipal Court was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Saxton.

Mr. Newman thanked Mr. Saxton for his hard work and stated he is a good addition to the personnel committee.

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

The Mayor called for a vote, Yes: Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Saxton (via ZOOM),
Mr. Wieck
Absent: Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus

Resolution 2022-23, Authorizing Medical Absence exemption from meetings for Mrs. Coletti was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and Mr. Wieck provided a second.

Mr. Newman commented that Mrs. Coletti hopes to get medical clearance to attend meetings next month.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes (Mr. Saxton via ZOOM), 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain
2 Absent (Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus)

This concluded formal business and the Council returned to the work session reports.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

The July 4 committee meeting will take place March 16 at 6:30 PM in the municipal building. Perhaps there will be discussion about possible changes in the games, and the committee will have a meeting each month.

Concerning the Egg Hunt, Mrs. Coletti will work on the orders with Hannah, We have a volunteer for the Easter Bunny and Mr. Wieck hopes we will go back to having the eggs laid out on the side of Vista Park. Last year due to COVID we simply gave out packages of eggs.

S. COLETTI was absent.

J. KEESLING,

Mr. Keesling was concerning about the audio portion of the ZOOM meeting and asked if there a potential having the sound from the computer in speakers. Mayor asked Mr. Keesling to come up with an idea to improve our video and speakers and costs.

R. NEWMAN

The Public Works supervisor has been in touch with Mr. Newman, he is collecting resumes for a laborer position and personnel committee will meet with some applicants.

R. POLHEMUS was absent

J. SAXTON

Mr. Saxton mentioned that there was Organizational chart in folders several weeks ago, and asked Council members to look at the organizational chart and be sure to make comments to Hannah.

He is continuing an “Open Items list” of items that require attention:

1. Height ordinance had been discussed to amend the ordinance to specify where the height is measured. The Mayor mentioned that the Land Use Board discussed it and decided they are not doing anything with it. Mr. Keesling added that the Land Use Board discussed that it would be the front set back where it is measured from.
2. Regarding the Borough WIFI network our wireless network is not able to handle the number of people for court sessions and needs additional security. The change is not too expensive and a requisition has been sent to the finance officer.
3. Regarding Ocean Inc. progress they are still waiting for other subcontractors to come in, to repair the water damage. They passed the electric inspection but the lights haven't been on yet

The Mayor spoke regarding adding noise ordinance and he hopes council looks at that

Mayor mentioned to Mr. Wieck that he forwarded him information regarding the Surf Riders offer to help with a beach cleanup and Mr. Wieck will work on dates.

POLICE CHIEF

Not present

FINANCE OFFICER

Not present

PUBLIC WORKS

CLERK

Final Notices have been sent to residents who haven't paid for their second trash can and also a notice notifying dog and cat owners who haven't purchased their pet license for 2022 about the free rabies clinic

We have not received authorization from the DEP concerning the flood plain ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

There were no requests for an Executive Session:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Wieck.

All were in favor.
