

## BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH

### WORK MEETING

March 22, 2021

A work meeting of the Mayor and Council took place on March 22, 2021 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: MR. BUDESA (via Zoom), MRS. COLETTI, MR. NEWMAN, MR.SAXTON, MR. WIECK

ABSENT: MR. POLHEMUS

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Barnegat Bay Initiative is something that came up with the Environmental Commission. They are doing a study to find where the sources of contaminants in the river are. They are looking for people to participate with it and they will teach them how to take water samples. They are connected with the health department. They will apply for a grant to clean up the findings.

Regarding the ordinance prohibiting any Cannabis businesses in the Borough, the reason that this is on the agenda is that there is a time limit to pass the ordinance. If we don't do the ordinance by August no sale of cannabis products in town can be rejected.

Mr. Budesa agrees, and he thought the law itself doesn't take place by August. Although we could raise revenues right now it's better to put it aside to have more control over it. Mr. Saxton brought up discussion about the possibility of allowing a retail store as a revenue source for the Borough. This idea could be an amendment in the future.

A resolution concerning Senate Bill 3454 regarding underage marihuana notification and police enforcement was discussed. The County Chief's Association is concerned about not being able to contact parents concerning juvenile use of alcohol and marihuana. Mr. Wieck mentioned that they are charging the individual police officer personally if they do the notification. Mr. Newman is very concerned about the police having their hands tied.

The Stormwater Management amendment concerning additional definitions has been discussed by the land use board, has been reviewed by our attorney. A draft copy of the ordinance was supplied by the attorney.

Regarding the Municipal Alliance funding, the Mayor received a note asking if the municipal alliance program would resume, but there is no guarantee that the money will be approved

There are only limited programs and the possible funding is not certain. Council made the decision last year to not participate. Programs we did in the past were not in line with the guidelines.

The Avon Dock is being repaired; the decking was put on today. Mr. Saxton mentioned that there is still one piling that is rotted.

Regarding the 2022 Budget, the Mayor and finance officer worked on the budget, right now we are looking at a raise of just under 3 cents. This will provide everything we did last year. This does not include school or county taxes.

The Mayor mentioned that letters went out concerning people who have not paid for their 2<sup>nd</sup> trash cans and a date certain that they will be removed if not paid for.

#### COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

The Rabies Clinic will be held Saturday at the public works garage from 9 to 10 am. Mr. Wieck will be at the garage at 8:15. Animal licenses will be sold at Borough Hall from 9 to 11 am

Saturday the Eagle project will be started at the Hillside Ave. parking lot and continue until Sunday plantings.

On Wednesday, March 24, Independence Day celebration committee will meet.

Concerning EMT funding, Mr. Wieck spoke to Senator Connor's people and the Senator doesn't think that the funding will be for fire company volunteers. just first aid squad members.

Mr. Wieck mentioned that he wasn't sure about the reason the senior baseball field is named Walling Field and he saw the obituary for Mr. Walling and now understands the history.

#### R. BUDESA

#### S. COLETTI

The Egg Hunt will be held Sunday at 1:00 PM at Vista Park. Masks and social distancing are required

The eggs haven't been delivered but are expected any day. We have small gifts for each age category. It is at 1:00 and the Bunny will be at the firehouse 12:45 and come to the event on the fire truck.

#### R. NEWMAN

There is a large amount of housing sales and with new people in town and he is concerned about the new residents doing things without permits.

The Mayor explained that the ordinances are all on line. The Mayor added that the zoning officer does drive around and check the neighborhood.

Mr. Newman also reported that the stand for the Bunny is decorated for the holiday and will be at the field.

#### R. POLHEMUS, absent

J. SAXTON

Mr. Saxton spoke about the possibility of imposing a tax on sale of cannabis as a possible revenue source for the Borough.

POLICE CHIEF  
FINANCE OFFICER  
PUBLIC WORKS  
CLERK

We have sold 83 dog licenses and 7 cat licenses since the post cards to unlicensed dog and cat owners went out 3 weeks ago. We expect a large turnout at the rabies clinic since there have been many phone calls about it and we did not have one last year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kubilewicz mentioned that the purchasing agent has advertised for the purchase of the mini-pumper and the equipment is being priced.

The spring yard sale applications are now at the Borough Hall and at the post office. The application includes a question if the people are interested in having a fall yard sale.

No Executive Session is required. There was no further business to discuss, and the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mr. Wieck. All were in favor.

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