

BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH

WORK MEETING

June 6, 2022

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach met at 7:30 PM on June 6, 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 Ocean Inc building progress and the Mayor explained that they cancelled the final inspection since the work wasn't complete.

Regarding the Land Use Board recommendation for building height, the Mayor is asking for a letter from the Land Use Board

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor discussed a request from some of the people who use the boat ramp to make a portion of the parking lot for trailer parking only so the boaters will be able to use the parking. The spots perpendicular to the water would be for parking

Mr. Saxton asked how many spots there are for trailers and the Mayor replied that there were 5 or 6, and some cars. He would like to see designated spots for the trailers

Mr. Saxton is concerned that there would be enough room to back down the ramp if cars are parked. It would work having parking as long as there is enough room to pull in and circle the area.

The Mayor has a resolution from the Mayor's association supporting S330 which restores the energy tax receipts refunds. The Mayor will get copies

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

Regarding a Quality of Life ordinance, a copy of Island Heights ordinance was distributed and be discussed at the next work meeting.

There was a Beach Clean-up this past weekend, volunteers cleaned from Hillside Ave. to East side of Yacht Club and several people cleaned Station Ave beach. Mr. Wieck suggested the parking spaces at Station Beach get restriped. 31 People volunteered. Also, the poison ivy was removed from the area near the Yacht Club.

S. COLETTI

Mrs. Coletti thanked Mr. Wieck for getting the machine to clean the beach at the Yacht Club. Everything is ready for the July 4 program and it will be printed and mailed soon.

J. KEESLING

Mr. Keesling asked who the liaison to the public works department is, and Mr. Wieck responded. He would like to do some work in the Municipal building. The Mayor and Mr. Wieck hope to work something out.

R. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman reminded everyone to get out to vote tomorrow's Primary Election

R. POLHEMUS

The Memorial Day service was very moving and he thanked the Mayor and Mr. Wieck for putting it together.

The Mayor mentioned that the lifeguard position has been advertised but there are no applicants. Mr. Newman mentioned that it is a problem all over to get a lifeguard.

The Cedar Ave bulkhead needs a board replacement.

Mr. Saxton asked to have the old business list at the top of the agenda to help keep them in mind. He mentioned that the handrails at Vista Park need repair. And he has an estimate of \$2380. Mr. Saxton suggested having a wooden handrail.

Regarding a procedure for Code enforcement to receive complaints and the court system overflow of phone calls from last month.

Code enforcement has established a procedure to take complaints, and the phone transfer was started last week.

Mr. Saxton asked for an Executive Session

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 8 TO REVIEW:

Resolution 2022-53, Payment of bills

Resolution 2022-54, Renewal of the Club License for the Pine Beach Yacht Club for 2022-2023

Resolution 2022-55, Renewal of the Distribution License for World Wine for 2022-2023

Resolution 2022-56, Authorizing the finance officer to issue a check for July 4 cash prizes

Resolution 2022-57, Authorizing the closing of the Boat Ramp due to safety concerns on July 4 or rain date for the Fireworks on the Toms River

ORDINANCES WITH PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE 2022-02-789

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT"

This ordinance was introduced on May 11, 2022, advertised in the Asbury Park Press on May 18 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2022-03-790

CALENDAR YEAR 2022 ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

This ordinance was introduced on May 11, 2022, advertised in the Asbury Park Press on May 18 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Picaro Covello explained the cap bank ordinance and it is good practice to do and then the money is available for the next 2 succeeding years.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Resolution 2022-58, Adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget

Mr. Newman is very concerned about the escalating costs of fuel and gas and the budget line item. Ms. Picaro-Covello mentioned that she can transfer funds if necessary the last two months of the year. The Mayor mentioned 15 years or so ago the Borough had to cut off spending due to raising expenses.

Mr. Saxton asked if Mrs. Picaro Covello could alert the council if the accounts are having a problem.

ORDINANCE 2022-05-795

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, ESTABLISHING MINIMUM-MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS ON SALARIES TO BE PAID THE MAYOR, COUNCILPERSONS, AND ALL OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH”, AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES.

This ordinance was introduced on May 23, 2022, advertised in the Asbury Park Press on May 27 and posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2022-06-796

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000.00 FOR THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF REASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

This ordinance was introduced on May 23, 2022, advertised in the Asbury Park Press on May 27 and posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building

Mayor spoke about the advantage of a reassessment being financially beneficial and avoids expenses of a complete revaluation. When there is a reassessment in town, property value goes up but all do and the budget is the same, usually 1/3 taxes go up, 1/3 down and 1/3 stays the same

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 2022-59, Authorizing financing of the Special Emergency Appropriation
Resolution 2022-60, Employment of Temporary Tax Assessor Assistants

Resolution 2022-61, Awarding a professional services contract to Martin W. Lynch of Lynch Appraisal Services

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 2022-04-794

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$515,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A \$315,000 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$196,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

This ordinance will be advertised in the Asbury Park Press on June 15 and have a public hearing on July 13.

POLICE CHIEF

The Chief was pleased to announce that the Pine Beach Police received accreditation recertification

The Chief mentioned that Officer Sarah Nelson was present at Leiter field in Berkeley at an event honoring past police and she did a fantastic job

FINANCE OFFICER

PUBLIC WORKS

CLERK

Clean Communities Grant was received in the amount of \$5754.24

No lifeguards have applied for work

Resolutions concerning the reassessment are in the works, the email from Mr. Hall is in your packet and the two employees will be paid \$21 per completed house, not to exceed a total of \$20,000. The Commercial appraiser will received \$8750 total, and our tax assessor will receive a \$15,000 stipend. The Lamp Post has an issue to resolve with the state before their liquor license can be renewed
The Trash can order is being delivered this week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Fire Company President John Kubilewicz announced that the coin toss and yard sale did very good financially for the fire company.

The Cornhole tournament is cancelled, The Mayor suggested to do it during fire fest and Mr. Kubilewicz thinks that it could be a manpower problem.

The new fire engine is still in the works and the company is waiting for a computer chip.
The Fire Company will have a 2nd coin toss July 2 and 3 hoping to raise funds for the new radios.

There were no further questions or public comments from Council or the audience. Mr. Polhemus made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, pending litigation and contract negotiations which were seconded by Mr. Wieck. All were in favor

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 (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 Executive session ended and the Council returned to the work meeting. There was no further business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mr. Saxton. All were in favor.
