

BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
WORK MEETING
March 24, 2025

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on March 24, 2025 in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. at 6:30 PM. Council President Wieck 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

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

The Mayor called up Liam, the operations manager of New Logic Marine Science Camp for his presentation of the Pine Beach camp to potentially be held Summer of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Bills Resolution 2025-38 A motion is made by Mr. Newman to accept the mediation agreement with the Fair Share Housing Center and the New Jersey Builder's Association regarding the 4th round affordable housing decision, motion is seconded by Mr. Wieck. The Mayor comments that this gives us the chance to file out vacant land analysis. No further comments from Council or public, all were in favor.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
Yes	Yes	Yes(motion)	Yes	Yes	Yes(second)

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reminds the Council that the April 7th work meeting will be to discuss the budget for intro on April 9th. Public Hearing to follow on May 14th at the regular scheduled Council meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

Mr. Wieck shares with everyone that the Grand Marshalls for the 100th Anniversary Independence Day Parade will be Mrs. Sue Colletti and Mr. Robert Brown both have dedicated many years of service to the Borough, Mr. Wieck reminds people to come out to the parade and the next committee meeting will be held at 6:30pm Borough Hall April 16th.

J. KEESLING

Mr. Keesling thanks the Pine Beach Preservation Society for their long hours of time and the dedication of effort put into every event. As a reminder, with Spring here the walkers, runners, bike-riders will be out, take care of your co-residents. He shares a thank you to Linda Covello, CFO for her hard work into 2025 Budget. Mr. Keesling announces we are looking for 2025 Lifeguards for Station Ave.

L. MCGEE

Mrs. McGee thanks everyone for coming tonight. As a longtime resident of Pine Beach and a member of PBYC, she feels it is an honor to sit up on the Council celebrating the Centennial Year. She sincerely thanks the Pine Beach Preservation Society for their countless hours putting these events together. This year the celebrations committee has raised the bar even higher for the Borough events to celebrate as a community.

R. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman expresses the incredible honor to stand before everyone as we gather to celebrate a very special milestone in the history of Pine Beach, NJ. Celebrating 100 years of rich history, community spirit, and resilience. Mr. Newman continues with how the Borough has grown, evolved, and embraces new challenges. As we celebrate our past tonight, he encourages the Council to look to the future and the never wavering commitment to preserving the sense of community that makes the Borough of Pine Beach a special community.

R. POLHEMUS

Mr. Polhemus reacts to the many faces in the crowd and comments on how great it is to see a full room tonight as we celebrate. As one of Mr. Polhemus' projects this year, he and the Council are working towards lighting the walking path through solar lighting or traditional lighting methods, he encourages anyone with grant funding opportunities we may not be aware of to be brought to our attention. He again welcomes everyone to this week's celebrations.

J. SAXTON

Mr. Saxton welcomes Mayor, Council, distinguished guests, and community members to the Centennial Kickoff. He shares his gratitude to the Pine Beach Preservation Society and emphasizes keep Pine Beach the "Pearl on the Toms River". There will be a journal for sale of this years events as well as the deep historical events of Pine Beach to be sold towards the conclusion of this year's celebrations. Mr. Saxton thanks the Local, County, and State representatives for joining our celebrations, and welcomes them to Pine beach at any time.

CLERK

The Clerk thanks everyone for their hard work and taking time to attend tonight's meeting to share the celebration with us.

Mayor Cuneo comments that it is a true honor to be sitting here tonight and feels the town behind us tonight. He shares the great efforts by the Pine Beach Preservation Society and their President George Roksvaag here tonight, this is just the beginning. The Mayor then reads a ***Proclamation in Honor of The Borough of Pine Beach Centennial*** from the Office of the Mayor.

The Mayor welcomes the representative from Senator Chris Smith's Officer, Jeff Sagnip. Jeff reads a wonderful dedication to the Borough that was read on the floor of the Senate.

Mayor Cuneo then asks Senator Amato and Assemblyman Rumpf to speak. Dedicating a Proclamation from both of their offices to the Borough. Senator Amato, prior Mayor of Berkeley Township, claims Pine Beach is a hidden gem that he is sorry we ever broke away from Berkeley. Assemblyman Rumpf commemorates the "Pearl of the Toms River" and states Pine Beach is the embodiment of small-town America, hardworking people. He wishes our community continued safety and prosperity with his sincere congratulations on this Centennial milestone.

The Mayor welcomes Ocean County Commissioner, Jennifer Bacchione. Mrs. Bacchione shares that Pine Beach has one of the best Police forces. Notorious for keeping the streets safe and even issuing her husband, current Mayor of Berkeley Twp a ticket. She then congratulates the Borough for 100 years and dedicates the Borough with a Proclamation from the Board of Commissioners for Ocean County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Susan Pitch of 312 Grant Ave. shares that on April 30th at 2:15 the Environmental Commission of Pine Beach will be doing a tree dedication with the Pine Beach Elementary School 4th graders. All are welcome to join.

Chuck Laing, former Pine Beach resident of 50 years, states it is an honor to be here tonight and congratulates everyone. The Mayor and Council thank Chuck for being here tonight, it means a lot.

Dorothy Kulina of 901 Motor Rd. asks the Mayor and Council for clarification on the discussion of Ocean Gate and a shared service agreement for the Police Department. The Mayor clarifies that the intentions are not to get rid of the Pine Beach Police Department, we want our own Police Department, but he would be remiss as the Mayor of Pine Beach to not listen to Ocean Gate and Beachwood if it in anyway can benefit us. At

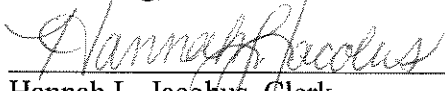
this point the Mayor & Council are listening to proposals, and it must benefit all. This big of a decision would be a vote and the Mayor assures he will not spend any money if there is no benefit. This idea was looked at 15 years ago and would cost more money, but we do have to look at these items in our positions. Miss Kulina states she loves our department, and the Mayor understands and states he is looking at the longevity and community police service.

Jim Rillo of 516 Pennsylvania Ave. asks the Mayor and Council to consider more than the bottom dollar for the Police Decision, he encourages this decision to benefit the Borough of Pine Beach, Mr. Rillo also congratulates everyone on this Centennial Celebrations.

John Kubilewicz, President of the PBVFC shares that the Fire Company is also celebrating their 100 Year Anniversary and will be celebrating with the PBPS in June as well as their golf outing, June 4th.

The Mayor thanks everyone for coming out tonight and asks George Roksvaag to step forward with the rest of the Preservation Society to cut the cake and start the celebrations.

Hearing no other comments, the Mayor looks for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Keesling makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion is seconded by Mr. Newman, all were in favor.



Hannah L. Jacobus, Clerk
Approved: 4/9/2025

