

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
WORK MEETING
April 8, 2024**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on April 8, 2024 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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Newman reminds the Council of a discussion at the February 12th Council meeting regarding a budget item for increasing the Borough's donation to the Pine Beach Volunteer Fire Company. Increasing the donation from \$4,300 to \$5,000 per year. Currently the increase for the Fire Company donation is \$4,500 for CY2024.

Mr. Newman makes a motion to increase the donation to the PBVFC from \$4,500 to \$5,000, an increase of \$700 from 2023. Mr. Saxton seconds the motion, all are in favor.

Mr. Saxton states he appreciated the opportunity to discuss the matter and feels that a percentage increase would set a precedent for the future.

Mr. Keesling requests the Fire Company to release their financials so the Council can see the struggles and understand their situation better.

John Kubilewicz, PBVFC President, states that their treasurer will get this over.

A motion from Mr. Saxton to amend the original motion is heard. Mr. Saxton motions for an amendment of a 10% cap on the donation increase, motion amendment fails with no second heard.

Mr. Newman amends the original motion. Donation to the Fire Company will be no larger than \$4,800 total for 2024, motion is seconded by Mr. Wieck. Mr. Keesling abstains his vote, would like to see the financial documents first.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Resolutions:

Bills Resolution 2024-34 Approval to pay Borough bills in the amount of \$--

Resolution 2024-35 Approving participation with the State of New Jersey in the Cops in Shops Summer Shore Initiative 2024

Resolution 2024-36 Appointment of Payroll Clerk, Patricia Wnek

Resolution 2024-37 Amendment to the emergency temporary operating budget Rights Act

Resolution 2024-38 In compliance with the Local Finance Board regulations the 2024 Municipal Budget will be subject to self-exam review

Resolution 2024-39 Governing Body certification of compliance with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Civil

Resolution 2024-40 Authorizing the 2024 Municipal Budget to be read by title only

Resolution 2024-41 99th Annual Independence Day Grand Marshal, F. Bruce Carney

Resolution 2024-42 Intro to Municipal Budget 2024

No comments or questions are heard from Council or the public present.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor has met with the Borough Engineer and the County Engineer last Friday on a remedy for the erosion of Avon Beach on Riverside Dr. The DEP is not entertaining the idea for bulkheading being added to this area and would like us to submit for living shoreline options.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

Mr. Wieck announces that the first Independence Day Committee meeting was productive, the theme was decided on. Please support the Resolution 2024-41 to adopt Pine Beach's Salute to Veterans as the theme and the Grand Marshall, F. Bruce Carney for formal action Wednesday night.

J. KEESLING

Mr. Keesling thanks CFO, Linda Covello, for sitting and discussing the budget further. Working with PBYC for a beach cleanup date.

L. MCGEE

Mrs. McGee asks if garbage can be installed between the bleachers at Vista Park on the basketball court. Mayor informs her that there was one located there, and it blows away and was vandalized often.

R. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman brings up discussion to implement the Playground inspection procedure for our DPW. He would like to see for the summer months a weekly inspection. After the MEL training video for elected officials, Mr. Newman was surprised that the crossing guard position is one of the most at risk employees. With Mr. Wieck trying to get the lanes narrowed to slow down traffic near out schools, this will protect children as well as our crossing guards.

Mr. Newman continues that discussion with Kevin Simon, OEM coordinator, and where the OEM office will be held are being had.

R. POLHEMUS

Mr. Polhemus discusses the OEM office being relocated to the Fire House. The PD needed to make provisions for the female locker room and other accreditation standards. The discussion is for a long-term solution.

Mr. Polhemus continued with a point of discussion on boosting infrastructure and looking into the grant opportunities. The Vista Park exterior outlets are not working and will need to be repaired, these are exposed and vandalized frequently, unfortunately.

J. SAXTON

Mr. Saxton updates the Mayor and Council that the Cannabis Ordinance is with legal department. The resolution for licensing and pricing will also be on for the same evening.

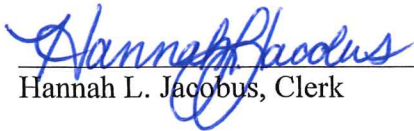
The Clerk reminds the Mayor and Council that Financial Disclosures are due April 30 as well as the Elected Official's training.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Kubilewicz, PBVFC President, states that the Funding drive for the Fire Co. is about to start and mailings will be going out. April 18th is Richard's Sub World fundraiser with portions of the proceeds going to the Fire Company. Annual Yard Sale is May 18th & 19th.

Charlene Carney of 333 Avon Rd. states that Avon beach is eroding rapidly and she hopes that there can be something done to save it. The Mayor states the water does come up very high to the fishing pavilion, the Borough is working on a remedy with the DEP and the County programs to save Avon Beach.

A motion is made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Saxton to adjourn the meeting. All are in favor.



Hannah L. Jacobus, Clerk

Approved: 5/8/2024

