

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
WORK MEETING
May 20, 2024**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on May 20, 2024 in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. at 7:30 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
absent	present	present	present	present	present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. McGee asks for clarification for the April 22nd meeting for the discussion on the additional bulk pickup. Mayor Cuneo explained that there was a motion and discussion for council and public comments. Motion was approved with roll call vote. Mrs. McGee voices her dissatisfaction that a Council member posted on Facebook that this was approved by the Council when she opposed this decision and finds it inappropriate for social media to post such topics.

Mr. Saxton brings attention to the April 22nd meeting as well, items that were not clearly put on the agenda were discussed and approved. The Mayor states that all Robert's rules were followed but he has been lenient on non-agenda items being discussed, moving forward all items to be discussed will be submitted for agenda items. Mr. Saxton continued stating that the decision to approve the third bulk pickup for 2025 was a polarizing matter and the Council should have considered the absent members of Council when moving this matter, he would like later to rescind this motion. Mr. Saxton would also like to include, for an upcoming meeting, guidelines for social media policy. He feels the Facebook post by a fellow Council member was disrespectful to the entire Council. The vote on April 22nd, in Mr. Saxton's opinion, was based on 123 Facebook votes for 965 residents of Pine Beach. This financial decision was made by three members of the Council and should have been tabled for a Council meeting where the majority are present or properly noticed.

Mr. Newman thanks Mr. Saxton for speaking in a polite and politically correct manner on the topic. Mr. Newman supports the guidance being placed for social media and supports Mr. Saxton's intention to rescind the motion for the additional bulk pickup.

Mr. Wieck states that he is not on Facebook and asks for a copy of the post, one is provided. Mayor Cuneo adds that he was approached by Mr. Keesling about this matter and expressed that the manner of the vote and sharing of this information on the platform is wrong.

Mr. Polhemus states that the Borough has voted the Council to make decisions for them, these decisions should not be based upon a Facebook poll but can be used to gauge what the residents are thinking but more importantly we should be encouraging people to attend these meeting to share their opinions and concerns. Mr. Polhemus apologizes that the vote on April 22nd for the motion of the third bulk pickup was felt as an infringement of Robert's Rules but feels consideration for the third pickup in January 2025 is needed.

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cuneo states that the riprap on Avon beach was installed by the County last Monday and Wednesday. The council has been provided with drone footage of the improvements. Mr. Polhemus asks if the riprap is intended to help the sand fill in in this area, the Mayor agrees this is the intention but without an extremely high tide to test this theory we will not know the results yet.

Mayor Cuneo updates the Council that the Admin for the County Commissioners has received the request letter for funding on the playground equipment and states this project would require us to go out to bid but the specs provided to the engineer will be reviewed.

Continuing, Mayor Cuneo speaks on the concern for Grant Ave condition. The engineer has provided an update that this will be repaired with our next NJDOT grant and will be coordinated with Berkeley Twp if they are interested.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

Mr. Wieck announces the Memorial Day Ceremony at the new Veteran's Memorial site at Vista Park is Monday May 27th at 1:00pm. The new plaque dedication will be held on this day as well.

Reminder that the Independence Day meeting will be held May 22nd at 6:30pm. Finalizing the program will take place then, things are running smoothly this year.

L. MCGEE

Mr. McGee proposes a Holiday activity being added to the Tree Lighting event, she would like a train ride to include the historical station here in Pine Beach with support of the Preservation Society and the 100-year anniversary celebrations. Mayor states that if it was budgeted for, please obtain approval and a purchase order from finance.

R. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman invites Kevin Simon, OEM to speak on the upcoming Hazard Mitigation plan in partnership with the County. Mr. Simon shares information with the Council as well as Public Works Supervisor, Mike Sedlak and Lieutenant Morris, PBPD. June 10th representatives from the County will be in attendance for further discussions.

The Pine Beach Preservation Society would like to obtain the Council's final opinion on the logo for the 100-year anniversary. The council provided the decision to the Deputy Clerk for correspondence to the PBPS representative and Kevin from Accent Apparel.

R. POLHEMUS

Mr. Polhemus states the Clerk has interviewed a potential Lifeguard for the season and we are planning on moving forward with the hiring at the June meeting for \$18 an hour pending the correct certifications are provided.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Sedlak asks for the approval and signature for the purchase of the generator so he can have it for the Memorial Day event. Mr. Polhemus provides approval. Mayor Cuneo asks Mike about the cloudy water reported over the past week. Mike responds that an air valve has been replaced and the cloudiness is air bubbles.

CLERK

Deputy Clerk, Patricia Wnek provides an update on the Lifeguard. She also brings to attention a potential recreation permit for Yoga classes, the Council advises the instructor must provide the permit as well as the correct insurance for the events. Mayor Cuneo would like to see the details of the plaque that has been requested to be placed on the Cedar Ave pavilion by Francesca Nardo for her husband.

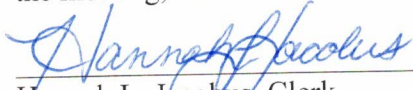
PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Newman states she is very excited for the addition to the Tree Lighting event, feels the train will bring more Holiday Spirit to the community.

A motion is made by Mr. Saxton to enter an executive session to discuss personnel matters, a motion is seconded by Mr. Newman. Following an executive session Mr. Newman makes a motion to re-enter public meeting and seconded by Mr. Saxton.

Mr. Newman requests to receive a quote and purchase a new flag for the memorial day service, Mayor Cuneo agrees a quote is needed as they are expensive and to process through Finance.

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



Hannah L. Jacobus, Clerk

Approved: 6/12/2024