BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH WORK MEETING August 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cuneo

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	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor and Council discuss the proposal received from the Borough of Beachwood for EMS services. Council reviews the documents provided by Beachwood. Mr. Saxton asks the concern if we do not come to an agreement, Mayor Cuneo confirms that the call will go to dispatch for available departments. Mr. Saxton comments that this is a lot of money without an explanation of the increased amount. Mr. Saxton suggests utilizing the same contract as previous years. Mr. Wieck claims that the EMS department came in previously and was asked to return with financials and call information. To this no response. It is typical for departments to bill insurance companies, are they utilizing this. Mayor Cuneo claims he believes they are not billing currently at the fear they would not be utilized out of fear of cost for residents. Mr. Wieck states this is why accounting is necessary to make this decision. Mayor Cuneo states the Brough's have a good standing relationship and will go back to original contract with one third of insurance and LOSAP.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Resolutions:

Bills Resolution 2025-85 Approval to pay Borough bills in the amount of \$1,066,679.23

Resolution 2025-86 Authorizing the adjusted bidding threshold

Resolution 2025-87 Extending gratitude to Bayville Antlers for their beautification project

Resolution 2025-88 Authorizing the NJ Fireman's Relief Association application for Brian Walters

Resolution 2025-89 Supporting the RevolutionNJ in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States

Resolution 2025-90 Designating Trick-or-Treat as Thursday October 30th, between 4-9pm.

Resolution 2025-91 Authorizing the proceeds of the 2025 tax sale from general account to utility accounts

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cuneo would like all budget requests to utilize the form from last year and talk with department heads, start thinking about wants and wishes.

Mayor Cuneo comments that during his walks he notices a lot of parking without permits. Chief Brown is present and advises he will let his department know. Mr. Polhemus suggests a designated no permit required area, Mr. Keesling suggests that no parking permit required for residents but require for out of town.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

Council President has no report for tonight.

J. KEESLING

Mr. Keesling shares an idea with Mayor and Council for an ordinance to encourage owner occupancy and stable neighborhoods. This is a draft and framework to be discussed. Mr. Wieck states the beginning of Pine Beach was summer homes, Mr. Keesling states there can be added edits to accommodate this. Mr. Keesling thanks the Public Works for the cleanup of brush.

R. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman thanks the Jersey Shore Blue Claws for providing accommodation for thirty Veterans to attend a baseball game, he thanks the support of Mayor and Council.

R. POLHEMUS

Mr. Polhemus shares the grant updates on the walking/bike path and to date have accomplished 4000 feet paid through multiple grants and will continue until entirety is complete. The grass and grading will be completed with the cooler weather.

J. SAXTON

Mr. Saxton has no report tonight.

PUBLIC WORKS

Seth Bortko, DPW, reminds everyone that bulk pickup is not until September 14th, Sunday night. He also shares Riverside will be closed tomorrow between Midland and Henely Ave for water repairs.

CLERK

Hannah Jacobus, Borough Clerk, shares the proposals for a new website. The Mayor and Council agree with the proposal and would like to move forward. The Clerk then updates the total number of badges 625, parking 390, and ramp 46 through July.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Kubilewicz-PBVFC President

Mr. Kubilewicz asks the Mayor and Council to reapproach the County Fire Marshal to conduct inspections for commercial properties. Mayor and Council agree to submit it.

Jane Cox- 901 Motor Rd.

Ms. Cox thanks the borough for the improvements on the walking path and asks for an update on the Merion Ave property. Mayor Cuneo says it is moving forward and on the agenda for the County Commissioners. Ms. Cox shares her frustration with the Borough website. Mayor Cuneo shares that the Borough has decided to move forward after receiving proposals for a website upgrade tonight in the Clerk's report.

Kathleen Anen- 729 Riverside Dr.

Ms. Anen claims that previous years a section of Riverside is blocked off for fireworks, Mayor Cuneo shares this was closed this year as well. Ms. Anen suggests no parking on Henley Ave. between Riverside Dr. to Lincoln Ave. for parade due to First Responder apparatus not being able to make the wide turn right on Riverside Dr. Mayor Cuneo agrees to notice before event next year.

Deb Rose- 329 Springfield Ave.

Ms. Rose asks if there is an update on "pot shop". Mayor Cuneo shares there is no updates on the license for recreational marijuana sales in the Borough of Pine Beach. Ms. Rose questions when this was voted on by Mayor and Council. Mayor Cuneo claims this was discussed extensively last year and adopted last September with a public hearing. Mr. Saxton comments that the Borough Council voted to adopt afet much research and the understanding that if a neighboring town decided to have licensing, we would feel the effects with no control and no revenue. This allows the town to regulate and approve licensing as well as

benefit from a successful business. Mr. Keesling states he was against this ordinance and still is for personal reasons.

Ms. Cox asks how it can be located near the school; Mayor Cuneo claims the state he decriminalized it and sets the regulations.

Jeanne Padget- 104 Motor Rd.

Jeanne asks if pocket park shrubs can be brought back for safety of poison ivy. Seth Bortko, DPW, claims they will take a look and trim when schedule allows. Mrs. Padget asks for a copy of the ordinance for the rentals, Mr. Keesling reminds that this is a draft, which will be shared if approved for introduction. Mrs. Padget shares that she bought a second home here after she had a summer rental because that loved the town.

Vanessa Wolfson- 800 Lincoln Ave.

Mrs. Wolfson asks if the Council could eliminate the Ordinance for marijuana sales, the Mayor explains an ordinance can be adopted by Council.

Mrs. Wolfson asks Mayor and Council if EBikes are allowed on the walking path. Mr. Polhemus sates this has been a topic as well as golf carts for our community, currently they must obey all traffic laws and be registered.

Scott Slickers- 510 Radnor Ave.

Mr. Slickers shares his appreciation for the walking path and shares a request to next improve the walking on Riverside Dr. Mr. Polhemus responds that infrastructure is a revolving project and every few years they will revisit to see if project fits grant opportunities.

Hearing no further public comments, Mr. Newman makes a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss collective bargaining and personnel matters, seconded by Mr. Wieck.

Resolution 2025-84 Authorizing an executive session for discussion of contract negotiations and personnel. Executive Session:

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

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 (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property (6) Public Safety (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)

Returning to public session, Mayor Cuneo asks if any further matters are to come before the Council. Hearing none, Mr. Newman makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wieck. All in favor.

Hannah L. Jacobus, Clerk Approved: 9/10/2025