

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 14, 2009**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. at 7:30 PM.

Mayor Boyle 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 OBSERVER REPORTER AND THE ASBURY PARK PRESS, 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: Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesca, Mr. Cuneo, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Sheehan (arrived late 7:35 pm)

FLAG SALUTE was led by Council President Cuneo.

Special Remembrance for recently deceased residents Helen Bartlett, Vera Needham and the Davella family.

MAYOR BOYLE ANNOUNCED THAT AS ALWAYS COPIES OF ALL REPORTS ARE ON THE FRONT TABLE AND AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE TO REVIEW.

MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2009 was made by Mr. Cuneo, seconded by Mr. Budesca.

- 3) Ayes
- 2) Abstain
- 1) Absent

TREASURER'S REPORT and REVENUE REPORTS were approved upon a motion made by Mr. Cuneo, seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesca, Mr. Cuneo, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Polhemus  
Absent: Mr. Sheehan

BILLS RESOLUTION 2009-10 -A, B, C, D, were approved upon a motion made by Mr. Cuneo, seconded by Mr. Budesca.

POLICY, ALLOWING FIVE MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE BILLS RESOLUTION

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesca, Mr. Cuneo, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Polhemus  
Absent: Mr. Sheehan

Mr. Sheehan arrived.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

For the month of September 2009, the police department responded to 355 calls for service.

On September 9<sup>th</sup> we participated in a practice exercise to prepare for a drill involving the Oyster Creek Nuclear Plant. The actual exercise will be conducted by the State OEM and evaluated by FEMA during the month of October.

On September 15<sup>th</sup> Chief Sgro attended a demo meeting regarding the new electronic ticketing system. The State of NJ Administrative Office of the Courts is attempting to roll out a new E-Ticketing system to law enforcement. This system will streamline the process of issuing motor vehicle summons by allowing license and registrations to be scanned and printed electronically and that information will automatically print out on a summons. This will also improve efficiency for the courts as the information will be electronically submitted to them, thereby eliminating the need for a clerk to physically enter the summons. It will also eliminate errors and issues of handwriting legibility.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> all the officers in the department attended our 2<sup>nd</sup> semi-annual firearms qualifications. This is required by state law to insure that the officers remain proficient in the use of their firearms. As Pine Beach does not have our own range facility, we conduct our training at the Berkeley Twp. Police Range.

Finally, school is now open, fall is here and Halloween is fast approaching. I would like to remind everyone to use extra caution on our roadways as the children are out and about. Also remember as we approach winter that the temperatures tend to drop at night and can cause black ice. This in combination with the leaves on the ground can make for slippery roadways.

Police, municipal court, water and sewer utility, building inspector, public works reports approved as submitted upon a motion made by Mr. Cuneo, seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

#### ROLL CALL:

Yes: Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesca, Mr. Cuneo, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Polhemus  
Mr. Sheehan

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 09-84, Refund of taxes was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Budesca, seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

Mayor Boyle mentioned that these are two more tax-exempt properties. Mr. Rohan asked how many properties in town are tax-exempt, and the Mayor explained that some tax-exempt properties are disabled veterans. Mr. Rohan asked how many group homes there are, and the Mayor replied three. Mr. Rohan asked if there is a limit to these types of facilities in town, and there is not.

#### ROLL CALL:

Yes: Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesca, Mr. Cuneo, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Polhemus  
Mr. Sheehan

Resolution 09-85, Tax sale, water and sewer fees collected was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Budesca, seconded by Mr. Cuneo.

Mr. Budesca noted that there seem to be more homes involved in the tax sale, and Mayor Boyle replied that this reflects the current economic times.

#### ROLL CALL:

Yes: Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesca, Mr. Cuneo, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Polhemus  
Mr. Sheehan

Resolution 09-86, Water account adjustments was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Polhemus, seconded by Mr. Cuneo.

#### ROLL CALL:

Yes: Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesca, Mr. Cuneo, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Polhemus  
Mr. Sheehan

Resolution 09-87, Authorizing Mayor to sign agreement with Ocean County for FY 2010-966 request was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Cuneo, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Sheehan  
Abstain: Mr. Budesca

Resolution 09-88, endorsing the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009 was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien.

Mr. Silva asked what the money would be used for, and it was explained the ballot question asks if the state should bond for \$400,000,000 for the purposes as set forth in the title.

Mr. Rohan asked if the Council has plans to apply for Green Acres funding for the three lots being returned to the town. The environmental company has been pursuing grants. Mr. Rohan suggested that since the three lots were already approved for building, he would like to see them built on and on the tax rolls. He knows several companies who could work efficiently to clean the lots up.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Budesca (reluctantly), Mr. Cuneo (reluctantly), Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Sheehan  
No: Mr. Polhemus, noting he just read the question, and feels this is not the economic time to ask for more money.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Abatemarco thanked everyone for coming and expressed his condolences to the Bartlett family.

Mr. Budesca suggested enjoying the cool weather and attending South events.

Mr. Cuneo remarked that the Halloween Curfew is in effect and that drivers should be careful because kids are running around all over. He asked everyone to support the sports teams; Vista Park is very busy and our students participate in many activities.

Please come out to vote November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the firehouse. The town historically has a great turnout and residents exercise their freedom to vote.

Mrs. O'Brien wished everyone a Happy Halloween, and she mentioned that we are fortunate to have people involved in the election process.

Mr. Polhemus urged all to enjoy trick or treat and be careful because it gets dark early. We will be changing the time soon.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Boyle is pleased to announce that we have received a DOT grant of \$160,000.00 for roadway improvements to Hillside Ave.

The Pine Beach Vol. Fire Co. will sponsor a remembrance ceremony on Saturday at 11 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fred Wiedeke stated that he represents Benjamin and Christine Mabie and they have heard that Council is considering allowing Pocket Park to be a park for dogs to enter the water. They have two young children and are concerned because they are two houses away. The animals wouldn't be on a leash and although some dogs are well behaved, it is potentially dangerous. He expressed their concerns for water bacteria, noise and time frames and limited parking in the area. There will be dog owners from all over town, and will be increased traffic and liability to the town. He believes many neighbors have concern also.

Mr. Silva has six dogs and he is against the use of Pocket Park for a dog park. People would come from all over and he is concerned about the town's liability. He's also concerned about increased fecal problems.

Mr. Silva asked if there are plans to fix the Avon Rd. pavilion. The Pine Beach Pride Club has volunteered to remove it and suggested putting a new structure at the Avon Rd. parking lot.

There being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM upon a motion by Mr. Budesca and seconded by Mrs. O'Brien.

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