

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
REGULAR MEETING
February 11, 2009**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on February 11, 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. Cuneo, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Polhemus

Absent: Mr. Budesa, Mr. Sheehan

FLAG SALUTE was led by Council President Cuneo

Special Remembrance for recently deceased residents and also in special remembrance for the forty-eight brave Americans who lost their lives in service to their Country during the months of December, 2008 and January, 2009 was offered by Mayor Boyle.

Iraq, January 2009

Specialist Darrell L. Fernandez, Chief Warrant Officer Jr., Philip E. Windorski, Chief Warrant Officer Matthew G. Kelley, Chief Warrant Officer Joshua M. Tillery, Chief Warrant Officer Benjamin H. Todd, Sergeant Kyle J. Harrington, Private Grant A. Cotting, Private 1st Class Matthew M. Pollini, Staff Sergeant Roberto Andrade Jr., Airman Omar J. McKnight, Private 1st Class Ricky L. Turner, Sergeant Marquis R. Porter, Private Sean P. McCune, Staff Sergeant Justin L. Bauer, Staff Sergeant Anthony D. Davis, Lance Corporal Chadwick A. Gilliam

Iraq, December 2008

Private Benjamin B. Tollefson, Private 1st Class Christopher W. Lotter, Specialist Tony J. Gonzales, Master-at-Arms Seaman Apprentice Joshua D. Seitz, Major John P. Pryor, Staff Sergeant Christopher G. Smith, Specialist Stephen M. Okray, Specialist Stephen G. Zapasnik, Lance Corporal Thomas Reilly Jr., Lance Corporal Robert L. Johnson, Private 1st Class Coleman W. Hinkfent, Staff Sergeant Jonathan W. Dean, Staff Sergeant Solomon T. Sam, Sergeant John J. Savage

Afghanistan, January 2009

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Suggs, Milton E., Sergeant Wallace III, David W., Sergeant Johnson, Trevor J., Lance Corporal Brennan, Julian T., Specialist Dawson, Ezra, Staff Sergeant Robinson, Carlo M., Staff Sergeant Townsend, Joshua R., Lance Corporal Bennett, Daniel R., Major Mescall, Brian M., Specialist Hernandez, Joseph M., Corporal Parsons, Jason R., Specialist Essary, Keith Eric, Sergeant Rath, Joshua L., Lance Corporal Cassada, Jessie A., Lance Corporal Francesconi, Alberto

Afghanistan, December 2008

Corporal Gaffney Jr., Charles P., Private Meadows III, Colman J., Captain Yllescas, Robert J.

MAYOR BOYLE ANNOUNCED THAT COPIES OF ALL REPORTS ARE ON THE FRONT TABLE

MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting January 14, 2009 was made by Mr. Cuneo, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien.

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TREASURER'S REPORT 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

Absent: Mr. Budesa, Mr. Sheehan

REVENUE REPORTS was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Cuneo, seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mr. Budesa, Mr. Sheehan

BILLS RESOLUTION 2009-02-A, B, C, D,

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Cuneo reported on police activities for the month of January 2009. The officers responded to 329 calls for service. Chief Sgro attended the quarterly Emergency Management coordinators meeting and the national Incident Management System was discussed. Its purpose is to insure that all emergency response is a coordinated effort throughout the country.

Throughout the month there were issues with people being out on the ice. It's not safe and offices are removing anyone they find on the ice.

In addition, there were two letters sent to Chief Sgro concerning the professionalism and good work by Sgt. Brown and Ptl. Balista.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mr. Budesa, Mr. Sheehan

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 09-17, Authorizing Mayor to sign Municipal Alliance grant for 2009 was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Abatemarco, seconded by Mr. Cuneo.

Mr. Cuneo pointed out that our Alliance has been doing a great job, and our grant has been increased, while other towns have been reduced.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mr. Budesa, Mr. Sheehan

Resolution 09-18, appointing auditing firm of Hutchins, Farrell, Meyer & Allison for 2009 was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Cuneo, seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

Ms. O'Brien commented on the appointment for Auditor, as she felt the appointment was changed without justification. There have been no complaints about our existing auditor.

Mr. Cuneo responded that the positions were reviewed, the RFP was discussed, and he had a conversation with Mayor Boyle regarding the council majority recommendation, and was under the impression that the Mayor had indicated that he would include these recommendations in the Mayor's professional appointments.

Mayor Boyle disagreed, noting that he had sent an e-mail outlining his appointments, and in a subsequent conversation he had made no indication he would change his choice.

Mr. Abatemarco noted that appointments were discussed at Decembers work meeting.

Mayor Boyle agreed, and noted that the same objections that he raised in that meeting were discussed previously with Mr. Cuneo.

Mrs. O'Brien noted that the appointments were presented to the full Council as a done deal by the majority and asked to be more informed and to keep partisan politics out.

Mr. Cuneo apologized to Mrs. O'Brien

Mr. Abatemarco apologized to Mrs. O'Brien, and commented that it would be good to have a fresh set of eyes looking at everything.

Chief Sgro commented that past people did tremendous job, and that continuity does benefit the town.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Mr. Abatemarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mr. Polhemus

No: Mrs. O'Brien

Absent: Mr. Budesca, Mr. Sheehan

Resolution 09-19, Authorizing special legal services contract to Steven Secare was approved upon a motion made was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Cuneo, seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mr. Budesca, Mr. Sheehan

Resolution 09-20, Authorizing Municipal Engineer to investigate and prepare concept plans for Phase III of the Vista Park Improvements was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Cuneo, seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

Mr. Wieck asked which area would be investigated, and the Mayor indicated it is the dock area in front of Vista Park.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mr. Budesca, Mr. Sheehan

Resolution 09-21, Authorizing Lynn Bressman to serve as adult school crossing guard was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Cuneo, seconded Mrs. O'Brien.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mr. Budesca, Mr. Sheehan

Resolution 09-22, exemption of COAH developer's fee for fire damaged home was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Cuneo, seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Mr. Cuneo commented that this was done upon recommendation of our COAH counsel, as rules concerning Affordable Housing have been changing.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Mr. Abatamarco, Mr. Cuneo, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Polhemus

Absent: Mr. Budesca, Mr. Sheehan

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Abatamarco mentioned that residents should consider utilizing local businessmen for their services.

Mr. Cuneo urged all to support local sports teams, and that this weekend is Valentines Day, to do something nice for someone you love.

Mr. Polhemus commented that snow removal could be an issue, and people should remove trashcans from the street if there is a snowstorm.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Boyle thanked those present for coming.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Wieck commented that the attorney general is warning people that companies advertise for instant tax rebates, but it is really a loan. He also mentioned that many gold buyers have illegal scales.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM upon a motion by Mr. Budesca and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Charlene A. Carney, RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk