

BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
 WORK MEETING
 December 11, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach met on December 11, 2023 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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Coletti	Mr. Keesling	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
absent	present	present	present	present	present

THE FLAG SALUTE was led by Councilman Wieck.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor introduces the guest from the Pine Beach Preservation Society. Mrs. Saxton explains that the Historical Committee has put together a request for the Council to adopt a resolution for founder's day. Mr. Perlberg gives the historical details he found in his research behind the Founder's Day proposed as March 25, 1925. The Mayor and Council thank the PBPS- Historical Committee for their research.

MAYORS REPORT

The dip in the road on Riverside by the PB Yacht Club has been resolved over the weekend. On Friday there is a Board of Education Meeting in Toms River about a potential merger for Seaside Heights, there should be more communication coming through to Council from the school board representative in the future months.

Mrs. Coletti joins the meeting, 7:35pm.

The Mayor requests Mike Sedlak from Public Works to give a water tower update. Mike states the painting is completed, there is an addition to the top to hopefully prevent erosion of the paint. The next step is to fill and test the inside water quality, nearing the end of the road for this project. The Mayor thanks Mike for his hard work and the report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

Reminds the public about the end of the boat storage on Borough beaches. Public Works will be picking up any left on the beaches.

Saturday December 16th is Wreaths Across America, Pine Beach Council is holding a ceremony on the Bluff at Vista Park, 10am.

S. Coletti

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Tree Lighting Event, it was wonderful.

J. Keesling

Thank you to the residents who came out despite the weather to the Tree Lighting event. A special thank you to the Neman Family for all their efforts and donations to the event.

R. NEWMAN

Tree Lighting was a great success. Mr. Newman thanks Patricia and her family as well as Hannah for their help with the event. Also, he thanks Mike Sedlak for setting up and providing the power for all of his elements to the event. Thank you to Mr. Polhemus for the music, thank you to the First Responders for blocking the road and bringing Santa to the event. Thank you, Mrs. Coletti and family, for the stockings, and thank you to Bruce and Charlene Carney for making sure the tree was lit up. Mr. Newman states his friends from Cattus Island put on a great wreath and swag making demo, the turnout was great, we were able to host eighteen people.

Donations and suggestions or ideas are greatly appreciated for the 2024 Tree Lighting Event. Mr. Newman asks the Mayor if there are any updates on the pavilion project at Vista park, the Mayor says the engineer has been busy with the paving and road repairs.

Mr. Newman shares a full-size rendering of the Eagle Scout project plaque; donations can be submitted to Tropp #114.

R. POLHEMUS

Tree Lighting was outstanding this year, it truly takes a village to put on this event so thank you to all.

Sidewalks are almost complete, roads have been paved, and improvements to infrastructure all funded by NJDOT grants.

Mr. Polhemus plans to meet with the Borough's CFO to discuss the USDA low interest rate loans to see if we can fund some of these projects this way.

J. SAXTON

The Tree Lighting was amazing, lots of smiles on families faces.

The personnel committee has met with Public Works for budgeting in 2024, there wants and needs list for budgeting.

The first week of next year the Municipal Court will hold a safety meeting to review safety procedures.

Mr. Saxton requests the addition to Committee assignments for Cannabis committee. This committee will review applications and new legislature for this topic. The rough draft for the Cannabis Ordinance will be for first week next year.

REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-123 Bills Resolution

Resolution 2023-124 Authorizing payment for FY2023 Municipal Aid Improvements payment #1 to EARLE Asphalt in the amount of **\$296,041.18**

Resolution 2023-125 Authorizing the signing of "Schedule C" agreement for 2024

Resolution 2023-126 Tax lien redemption block 61 lot 15

Resolution 2023-127 Authorizing Guimar General Contractor payment #4 for **\$158,711.00**

Resolution 2023-128 Establishing the annual recognition for Founder's Day March 25, 1925

Resolution 2023-129 Authorizing the tax exemption of block 78 lot 49

Resolution 2023-130 Authorizing the cancellation of outstanding checks

Resolution 2023-131 Authorizing the transfer of appropriations

Resolution 2023-132 Hiring Police Department Class II Patrolman, Nicholas Bilinski

Resolution 2023-133 Authorizing the return of Escrow Funds for Engineering & Soil review

Resolution 2023-134 Authorizing the return of Escrow Funds from LUB

POLICE CHIEF

Request for an executive session to discuss matter of personnel.

CLERK

Professional Service contracts were submitted and opened 12/7. The Clerk's office has the originals for review.

The Auction is concluded for the surplus vehicles, the reports are in your files for review.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Kubilewicz comments that the ARP Grant submission has been completed. There is a hearing in the Senate to make these funds permanent. Mr. Kubilewicz thanks the Council for writing this letter and pushing for this cause.

Santa Run went well, the Fire Company collected lots of toys for the joint effort First Responder's toy drive.

Renovations for the Firehouse update, roof is complete, truss should be up soon. Mr. Kubilewicz wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday.

George Roksvag of Riverside Dr.

Mr. Roksvag asks Mr. Kubilewicz when the lame duck session for the senate is. Mr.

Kubilewicz states the time and date and where to find the meeting.

The Mayor requests an executive session for personnel. Mr. Polhemus makes a motion to close the public meeting to enter executive session, the motion is seconded by Mr. Saxton.

Mr. Newman makes a motion to end the executive session and enter back into the public meeting, Mr. Saxton seconded. All were in favor.

With no further business to come before the council, Mr. Newman makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

In compliance 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)


Hannah Jacobus
Municipal Clerk