

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH  
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING  
January 4, 2024**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held the Annual Reorganization Meeting on January 4, 2024 in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. at 7:30 PM.

Mayor Cuneo read the STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE “OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT” P.L 1975 CHAPTER 231, notice of this meeting was sent to the Asbury Park Press and The Star-Ledger and posted on the bulletin board of the Pine Beach Municipal Building and Pine Beach Post Office and electronically through the ZOOM address listed on the Pine Beach Website. This statement shall become a part of the official minutes of this meeting.

The FLAG SALUTE was led by Mr. Wieck

A MOMENT OF SILENCE remembering long time resident Dominic “Don” Crowe.

**SWEARING IN OF MAYOR:**

**Lawrence W. Cuneo, 4-year term, 1/1/24 – 12/31/27**

Hannah Jacobus, Municipal Clerk swears in Mayor Cuneo in front of his family, friends, and public audience.

**SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Mayor Cuneo swore in Richard “Ritty” Polhemus, term 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2026 with his family standing with him.

The Mayor then swore Lori McGee into a term 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2026 as her family stood alongside of her in support.

Following the swearing in and congratulations the Mayor called for a Roll Call.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT:** Nomination of Barry Wieck for Council President was made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Saxton.

There were no questions or comments from the Council or members of the public.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes(motion)	yes	yes	yes	yes(second)	---

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the minutes of the December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting was moved by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Keesling. There were no questions or comments from the Council or members of the public.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
yes(second)	abstain	yes(motion)	yes	abstain	yes

Approval of the minutes of the Work Meeting of December 11, 2023 and December 26, 2023 both opened and closed session by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Wieck. There were no questions or comments from the Council or members of the public.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
abstain	abstain	yes(motion)	yes(second)	yes	yes

NEW BUSINESS:

With the Permission of Council Mayor Cuneo presents the following resolutions as a matter of consent: Resolutions 2024-02 through 2024-08

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Resolution 2024-02, Naming official Depositories
- Resolution 2024-03, Naming the Mayor, Municipal Clerk, Council President and Chief Financial Officer to sign checks
- Resolution 2024-04, Naming the Asbury Park Press and The Star-Ledger as official newspaper
- Resolution 2024-05, Regular Council and Work Meeting Dates
- Resolution 2024-06, Tax Assessor named as agent for taxing district
- Resolution 2024-07, Tax Collection Rate of Interest
- Resolution 2024-08, Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to issue petty cash checks

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Newman. There were no questions or comments from the Council or members of the public.

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

**RESOLUTIONS WITH RECORDED VOTE:**

**Resolution 2024-01, Professional Appointments**

- 1A: Municipal Attorney, Michael McKenna of Hering, Gannon and McKenna
- 1B: Municipal Auditor, Warren Korecky, of Suplee, Clooney & Co.
- 1C: Municipal Engineer, Mark Rohmeyer of Morgan Municipal
- 1D: Public Defender, Justin Shearer
- 1E: Bond Counsel, McManimon, Scotland, & Baumann
- 1F: Municipal Prosecutor, Steven A. Zabarsky, Barry Stieber, Brian K. Wilkie of Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky
- 1G: Alternate Prosecutor, Bonnie Peterson
- 1H: Professional Planner Mark Rohmeyer of Morgan Municipal
- 1 I Affordable Housing/COAH Attorney, Michael Jedziniak

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

**Resolution 2024-09 Temporary Operating Budget**

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

**Resolution 2024-10, Appointments by Mayor**

Acting Municipal Clerk	Hannah Jacobus
Deputy Municipal Clerk	Patricia Wnek
Utility Superintendent	Michael Sedlak
Emergent Deputy Court Administrator	Jessie Camporeale
Public Agency Compliance Officer	Hannah L. Jacobus
Affirmative Action Officer	Hannah L. Jacobus
Adult School Crossing Guards	Lynn Bressman
	Joseph Albano
Public Works Supervisor	Michael Sedlak
Zoning Officer	Gary Stocco

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

**Resolution 2024-11, Authorizing CMFO to issue checks for landfill and post office**

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

**Resolution 2024-12, Naming Richard Polhemus as Community Development Block Grant representative and Hannah Jacobus as alternate. Motion was made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck supported Mr. Polhemus in praising the job he has done in the past and offering his continued support.**

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

**Resolution 2024-13, Authorizing payment of Borough bills in the amount of \$99,659.00**

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

**Resolution 2024-14, Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer Hannah Jacobus**

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

**MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS TO LAND USE BOARD**

Class I Mayor	Mayor Cuneo	Term 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2027
Class II Employee	Patricia Wnek	Term 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024
Class IV Alternate	Al Vega	Term 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2025

**COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT TO LAND USE BOARD:**

Class III Council member	Barry Wieck	Term 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024
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MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

Dave McKeon  
Susan Pitch(alternate)

Term 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2026  
Term 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2026

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hearing none

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. McGee states it is an honor for her to be a Council member. She expresses that she has worked closely behind the scenes. She is hoping to do as good of a job as her mother and previous council Mrs. Coletti.

Mr. Saxton welcomes Mrs. McGee. He congratulates Mayor Cuneo and Mr. Polhemus on their re-election. He expresses his appreciation to the public present.

Mr. Keesling congratulates Mrs. McGee and welcomes her aboard. He also welcomes back the Mayor and Mr. Polhemus and wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Polhemus thanks his family for being present. He also welcomes Mrs. McGee to the Council and states he knows she will do an amazing job. He expresses that Mrs. Coletti will be very much missed. Congratulations to the Mayor on re-election and states it is an honor to work alongside of everyone on the Council. Pine Beach talks and communicates well, this makes Pine Beach different, in the future we look to uphold the same standard.

Mr. Newman thanks Sue for her twelve years of service to the Council. Mrs. McGee worked very hard on this campaign, Mr. Newman thanks and congratulates her. He then congratulates Mayor Cuneo and Mr. Polhemus on re-election. In 2024 the Council with Mr. Wieck as Council President will continue working as one team to make Pine Beach better. Happy New Year to all.

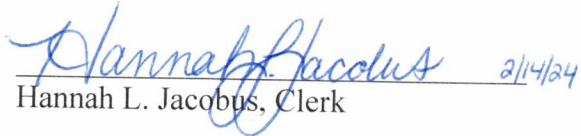
Mr. Wieck speaks on how Mr. Polhemus has worked very hard for the past years on Council and how he has an ability to figure situations out and get them across with the community always in mind. Mr. Wieck states that Mayor Cuneo has been a mentor for thirty years on Council and congratulates him on re-election. To Mrs. Coletti Mr. Wieck states that he knows this isn't a goodbye, she will just be changing seats and will be part of this community always. To all the people who volunteered their time this year, we wouldn't have gotten this far without our volunteers at each event, they make us look good. Happy New Year, excited to get to work for 2024.

Mayor Cuneo thanks everyone for coming out. For thirty years in an elected official position Mayor Cuneo learned a lot from past Council such as Bob Budesa and now to see Sue Coletti retiring from Council, he reflects on all the projects they accomplished together. Mayor Cuneo thanks his family; Lexi & Andrew who are here today, Kim who is not feeling well tonight, and Geoff, Hannah, and Wells in Maryland for their support. The Mayor speaks about how Mr. Polhemus has worked very hard for this town and always has a sense of calm and clear conscience. He then welcomes Mrs. McGee, he understands there is a big learning curve but asks her not to be afraid to ask questions. We as Mayor and Council are here for one reason, to make Pine Beach better.

Maor Cuneo looks back at last years accomplishments; road paving, infrastructure repairs, Borough Hall and Post Office parking lots paved, participation in the Save the Barnegat Bay

pollution sources for the water front, purchased corner lots, retiring our Clerk of forty years of dedication and her assuring a team she was confident to take over, purchased a new fire truck that is easier to get around town in, installed new recreation Pickleball courts, rehabilitation of our water tower, and many more accomplishments in 2023. Thank you to the public and Council for pushing these items forward and keeping the service the same. Happy New Year and let's get to work.

There was no further discussion and the Mayor called for a motion to close the meeting. Mr. Newman made a motion to close the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Saxton. All were in favor and the Annual Reorganization meeting closed.

 2/11/24  
Hannah L. Jacobus, Clerk