

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 10, 2023**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on May 10, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. The meeting was called to order by the Morris family children.

The Mayor 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: Present Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling(via ZOOM electronically), Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

THE FLAG SALUTE was led by Council President Wieck

MAYOR CUNEO OFFERED A MOMENT OF SILENCE to remember family and to honor the men and women who protect our freedom.

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

A MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2023 was made by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Wieck.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of April 10, 2023 was made by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Saxton

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of April 24, 2023 was made by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS were approved following a motion by Mr. Saxton and a second by Mr. Polhemus.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

BILLS RESOLUTION 2023-45 Authorizing payment of Borough Bills in the amount of \$1,058,871.15 was moved by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mrs. Coletti

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

Roll Call: Yes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Municipal Court, water and sewer utility, and building inspector reports were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mr. Saxton.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED AN APPOINTMENT TO THE LAND USE BOARD:

Class IV member Albert K. Vega unexpired term ending 12/31/2025

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-46, Police Department promotion of Sgt. Morris to Lieutenant was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Wieck

Councilman Newman thanked Sgt. Morris for his professionalism during a recent Newman family emergency. Mr. Polhemus feels we have a great police department, and how well they are working together. He is happy to see a promotion from within the department.

Mr. Saxton mentioned that Lt. Morris started his career in Pine Beach and appreciates what he does in town and for the department.

Mr. Wieck commented on Lt. Morris' positive attitude towards everyone and his community policing.

The Mayor stated that this is the first time ever to have a police Lieutenant position in the Pine Beach Police Department.

Roll Call: Yes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

At this time the Mayor called Sgt. Morris and his family forward to be sworn in as the first Pine Beach Lieutenant. Following the swearing in Lieutenant Morris thanked the Council for their support.

There was a brief recess so the Morris family and friends could leave the meeting for further celebration. Resolution 2023-47, Announcing Grand Marshals for 2023, Bob and Linda Budesa was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and Mrs. Coletti seconded.

Mr. Wieck stated that Bob served on the Council for 30+ years and has participated in many activities and committees over the years. And Linda was right beside him. There is no one who deserves this honor more than Bob and Linda.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2023-48, Approving Change Order #1 for Guimar Contracting water tower rehabilitation was approved following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2023-49, Authorizing road closure August 5, 2023 for CRABFEST was approved following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Saxton.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2023-50, Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal agreement with Berkeley Township for Animal Control services 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2028 was moved by Mr. Wieck and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2023-53, Authorizing the refund of \$75.00 for a cancelled home inspection was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mrs. Coletti

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 2023-01-804

CALENDAR YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mayor Cuneo announced that this ordinance was introduced at a public meeting on April 12, 2023, was published in the Asbury Park Press on April 19 and is posted on the Borough bulletin board. Copies are available free of charge.

MAYOR CUNEO CALLED FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2023-01-804:

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

Roll Call: Yes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Mayor opened the public hearing on the 2023 Municipal Budget.

The Chief Financial Officer, Linda Picaro-Covello was present to answer any questions, but there were no questions on the budget. The Mayor closed the public hearing on the budget.

Resolution 2023-51 Resolution to amend the 2023 Budget was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and Mr. Wieck provided the second.

The Mayor explained that this is just a financial issue moving some figures in the water utility budget.

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

Roll Call: Yes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

Resolution 2023-52 Adoption of the 2023 Municipal Budget as amended was moved by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Newman.

Mr. Newman thanked the finance officer for her hard work and professionalism. Mr. Wieck joined him in thanking her for a job well done.

Mr. Hess asked about the outstanding balance line, and Ms. Picaro-Covello explained it concerns the bonds, notes and surplus.

There were no further questions or comments from Council or members of the public and the Mayor called for a vote.

Roll Call: Yes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2023-02-805

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ROADWAYS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$492,120.00 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$251,120.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$239,500.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

This ordinance will be published in the Asbury Park Press on May 17 and have a public hearing on June 14, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building

A motion to Introduce Ordinance 2023-02-805 was made by Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Newman provided a second.

Roll Call: Yes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

ORDINANCE 2023-03-806

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, ESTABLISHING MINIMUM-MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS ON SALARIES TO BE PAID THE MAYOR, COUNCILPERSONS, AND ALL OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH” AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES.

This ordinance will be published in the Asbury Park Press on May 17 and have a public hearing on June 14, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building

A motion to introduce Ordinance 2023-03-806 was made by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Wieck.

Roll Call: Yes, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Keesling thanked the CFO for her hard work. Council appreciates all that she does. Mr. Keesling looks forward to the July 4 Parade and honoring Bob and Linda Budesza.

Mr. Polhemus congratulated Lt. Morris, this change is significant. It allows for a strong Chain of Command in the Police Department. He wished all a Happy Mothers Day and mentioned that Memorial Day is a special day to remember our veterans.

Mr. Newman mentioned a plan to have a third Veterans Memorial placed on the bluff. His family will donate 100 red bricks for it and Mr. Wieck stated that he has spoken to two Boy Scouts who are willing to work on the project.

Mrs. Coletti is happy for Lt. Morris and having the additional position will be good for the town. She hopes that people enjoy the Pickleball court. She urged all to be careful driving, especially along Riverside Drive. People are out walking and biking and enjoying the warm weather.

Mr. Saxton feels that Lt. Morris will do a fine job and that we are lucky he stayed in Pine Beach. He hopes to see everyone at the Pickleball court adding that his paddles arrived yesterday.

Mr. Wieck announced that the next July 4 meeting will take place May 17 at 6:30 in the municipal building. They hope to finalize the program. On May 24th the 100th anniversary committee, the Pine Beach Preservation Society will meet at 6:30 in the Municipal Building and hopefully form committees. Everyone is invited

The Memorial Day Service is at 1 on May 29 on the bluff at Vista Park.

Resident Sam Brethwaite passed away two weeks ago, and Mr. Wieck had known him since 1965. He was the Borough's Zoning Officer and the Grand Marshal. His daughters have stayed in Pine Beach

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor thanked those attending for coming out. The police promotion provides a line of succession with all duties covered.

High School sports are going on, he hopes everyone takes time to go to the fields and see the young athletes. Our Memorial Day service is at 1 o'clock on May 29 at the Vista bluff. It gives us a chance to honor those who have defended our country. Mr. Newman has provided a new American Flag at Vista.

Mother's Day is Sunday, a day to thank our mothers for all they have done for us.

Our Municipal Budget follows the accounting practices. It is amazing that it is only \$17,000 more than last year with no services cut. The employees are taken care of.

The Mayor urges all to go home and take care of their families.

With that, there was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mr. Saxton and a second by Mr. Polhemus. All were in favor.