

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 14, 2023**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held Regular Council Meeting on June 14, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. 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: Present: Mr. Keesling (electronically and late), Mr. Newman, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck  
Absent: Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Polhemus

THE FLAG SALUTE was led by Council President Wieck and followed by a mention that today is Flag Day.

THE MOMENT OF SILENCE offered by Mayor Cuneo with a special remembrance of recently deceased resident Robert Bennett.

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

A MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2023 was made by Mr. Saxton 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: 3 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Polhemus)

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of May 8, 2023 was made by Mr. Wieck and Mr. Saxton provided the second.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Polhemus)

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of May 22, 2023 was made by Mr. Newman and it was seconded by Mr. Saxton.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Polhemus)

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mr. Wieck.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Polhemus)

BILLS RESOLUTION 2023-55, Bills List authorizing payment of Borough Bills in the amount of \$348,117.44 was approved following a motion by Mr. Saxton 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: 3 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Polhemus)

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Municipal Court, water and sewer utility, and building inspector reports approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Newman 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: 3 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Polhemus)

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-56, Water use restrictions June 21 through September 23 utilizing “Odd-Even” method of outside watering was approved 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: 3 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Polhemus)

Resolution 2023-57, Authorizing cash for July 4 prizes was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and Mr. Saxton provided a second.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Polhemus)

Resolution 2023-58, Authorizing the closure of the Municipal Boat Ramp at 4PM on July 4 to provide for emergency access of the ramp was made by Mr. Newman 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: 3 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Polhemus)

Resolution 2023-59, Allowing the Pine Beach Volunteer Fire Company to sell beer and wine at Vista Park during Fire Fest September 23, 2023 was approved 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: 3 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Polhemus)

AT THIS TIME MR. KEESLING JOINED THE MEETING BY TELEPHONE.

Resolution 2023-60, Requesting reimbursement of \$33,101.50 from the Community Development Block Grant CT-1523-22 for construction of the handicapped concrete walkway along Pennsylvania Ave. was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Saxton.

Mr. Newman commented that the contractor did a very nice job and hopes he continues to do work in town.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Polhemus)

Resolution 2023-61, Requesting reimbursement of \$12,230.00 from the Community Development Block Grant CT-1523-20 for Rehabilitation of a single-unit residential home was moved by Mr. Newman 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: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Polhemus)

Resolution 2023-62, Renewal of the Club License for the Pine Beach Yacht Club for 2023-24 was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Keesling.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Polhemus)

Resolution 2023-63, Renewal of the Liquor License for World Wine and Liquor for 2023-24 was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman 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: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Polhemus)

Resolution 2023-64, Authorizing a refund of the boat slip lease fee to Michael DelBuono was approved following a motion by Mr. Keesling 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: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Polhemus)

Resolution 2023-65, Requesting reimbursement of \$15,860.00 from the Community Development Block Grant CT-1523-20 for Rehabilitation of a single-unit residential home was moved by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Newman

Mr. Saxton feels it is very nice that we can help residents in Pine Beach receive needed repairs. Mr. Newman agreed that it is great that we were able to help people.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Polhemus)

Resolution 2023-66, Special Item of Revenue for Local Recreation Improvement Grant in the amount of \$55,000.00 was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and Mr. Wieck provided a second.

Mr. Newman mentioned that the Borough has eighteen months to move forward on this grant. We will research and get ideas for infrastructure improvements such as improving the walking path at Vista Park. Our engineer did a great job in the grant application. The recent addition to the Borough's recreation opportunities with the Pickleball court has had an amazing result.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Polhemus)

Resolution 2023-67, Special Item of Revenue for Storm Water Assistance Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and Mr. Saxton provided a second.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Polhemus)

Resolution 2023-68, Authorizing the Mayor to pursue the purchase of vacant property to add to the Borough's Vacant Land Inventory was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mr. Wieck.

Mr. Newman stated that the Mayor is thinking outside of the box, being proactive in protecting the town. Mr. Walters asked where the property is and it was explained that lots were along Motor Road.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Polhemus)

Resolution 2023-69, Renewal of the Liquor License for the Lamp Post for 2023-24 was approved following a motion by Mr. Saxton and Mr. Wieck provided the second.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Polhemus)

PUBLIC HEARING 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 was introduced at a public meeting on May 10, 2023, was published in the Asbury Park Press on May 17 and is posted on the Borough bulletin board. Copies are available free of charge.

MAYOR CUNEO OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2023-02-805:

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

The Mayor closed the public hearing on the ordinance and called for a motion.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2023-02-805 was made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Wieck

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Polhemus

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.

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MAYOR CUNEO OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2023-03-806:

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

The Mayor closed the Public hearing on the ordinance and called for a motion

Mr. Saxton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-03-806 which was seconded by Mr. Keesling.

ROLL CALL: Yes, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck  
Absent, Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Polhemus

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments and the Mayor moved on to Council Comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Keesling had no comments

Mr. Saxton hopes all enjoy the nice long days and get outdoors.

Mr. Newman thanked everyone for attending the Memorial Day Ceremony. He thanked the Saxton family for beautifying the Veterans area at Vista Park. The Newman family provided the new flag. Also, Mr. Keesling provided a new flag at the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Motor Rd.

Mr. Saxton mentioned that resident Brian Clouser helped with the gardening around the flag pole.

Mr. Newman is glad that the lights on the outside of Borough Hall are replaced; it is an important safety issue at Borough Hall. He also mentioned that the Recreation Grant will be used for the betterment of the community. The Pickleball courts are an example of the Council being successful in working for the residents of Pine Beach.

Mr. Wieck commented that on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> a July 4 meeting will take place at 6:30 and a Preservation Society meeting will take place at 7 at the Municipal Building. All are welcome to attend.

#### MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Cuneo thanked those in the audience for attending the meeting and being interested in the town. He commented how nice it is to have the daylight and to see so many people out and about. He urged all to be careful driving to look out for walkers and bicycle riders.

The Mayor also urged all to be safe in the water and to call the police if they see people jumping off the docks before someone is injured.

The Toms River Schools are finishing the school year and the Mayor Congratulated the seniors on their graduation. They excel both academically and in their sports.

The Pine Beach 5K is coming up the last Sunday of this month and the Borough will be hosting the July 4 Celebrations.

We are still looking for lifeguards and without them we can't open the beach. There is no swimming if there is no lifeguard.

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mr. Saxton. All were in favor.