

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 12, 2023**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a Regular Council meeting at the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave at 7:30 PM on July 12, 2023. 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: Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck  
Absent: Mr. Keesling

THE FLAG SALUTE was led by Council President Wieck

Mayor Cuneo offered a MOMENT OF SILENCE celebrating summer time in this Great Nation and offering our hearts and prayers to those who are serving in the military.

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

A MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2023 was made by Mr. Wieck and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Keesling), 1 Abstain (Mr. Polhemus)

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of June 12, 2023 was made by Mr. Saxton and Mr. Polhemus provided the second

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Keesling)

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes of June 26, 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: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Keesling)

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS were approved following a motion of 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: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Keesling)

BILLS RESOLUTION 2023-70, Payment of Borough Bills in the amount of \$1,137,724.53 was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and a second by Mrs. Coletti

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

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

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Water and Sewer Utility, Public Works, and Building Inspector reports approved as submitted were 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: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Keesling)

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Newman discussed the goal of putting a pavilion at Vista Park and presented Council with a picture of the pavilion at Barnegat Light as an example of a different style then discussed previously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO THE LAND USE BOARD: Mr. Polhemus made a motion to appoint Brandon Zisa to a 2 year Alternate position with the term of 2023 – 12/31/2024 and Mr. Wieck seconded the motion.

The Mayor stated that this is the first time in 20 years there is full membership on the Land Use Board.

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Keesling)

#### RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-71 Accepting temporary rules for the Pickleball courts was approved following a motion by Mr. Wieck 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: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Keesling)

Resolution 2023-72 FY 2024 N. J. DOT Municipal aid roadway improvements, Lincoln and Radnor Aves. was moved by Mr. Newman 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: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Keesling)

Resolution 2023-73 Bikeway path grant application was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and Mr. Saxton seconded.

Mr. Newman stated that this grant will be a way to continue the bike path.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Keesling)

Resolution 2023-74 Authorizing the Mayor to sign an interconnection agreement with Beachwood water department during the time of rehabilitation and painting of the Pine Beach water tower was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and Mrs. Coletti provided the second.

Mr. Polhemus is happy that the project is now under way. Work will start in September. This agreement will insure the residents will have water during the rehabilitation of the water tank. The work will include the inside and outside of the water tower. The Mayor added that the Borough will still be drawing water from our system but won't have the tower in use for storage. Beachwood has helped us in the past.

There were no other questions or comments and the Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent

Resolution 2023-75 Non contractual employee 2023 salaries was approved following a motion by Mr. Saxton 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: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Keesling)

Resolution 2023-76 Authorizing the Mayor to sign the consent letter with T Mobile to update its wireless equipment for a fiber upgrade with certain conditions was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Joyce Maloney asked if this work will have any effect on the T-Mobile customers service, and the Mayor mentioned that while T Mobile is removing the antenna from the cell tower they will do this upgrade to their system.

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

The Mayor Called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Keesling)

Resolution 2023-77 Authorization to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for Municipal Court services with the Township of Lacey was moved by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Newman

Mr. Newman explained that this arrangement will give the Borough time to keep the Municipal Court running and make decisions on the direction for the efficient running of the office.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Keesling)

Resolution 2023-78 Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Temporary Lease Agreement with T-Mobile to install a temporary tower while the Borough's water tower is being painted was approved following a motion by Wieck and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

The Mayor explained that this approve the use of a temporary tower in the public works compound while the water tower is being worked on.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Keesling)

Resolution 2023-79 Appointing Anthony Madera as a full time police officer effective August 1, 2023 was approved by motion of 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: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Absent (Mr. Keesling)

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo opened the Public Comments thanking the people for coming to the meeting.

Mrs. Maloney and neighbors are requesting the Borough to remove the rumble strips on the road at the 200 block of Prospect Ave. They have not deterred the speeding and are too noisy The Mayor will discuss this with the Police Chief. The Chief did advise the Mayor that accidents are down 65% at the corner of Motor Rd. and Prospect Ave. Mrs. Maloney added that it affects the quality of life and shakes the house when trucks go over them. She suggested putting in speed bumps but the Mayor explained that they are not permitted under the DOT standards. Mr. Lynch pointed out that the road is only 750 feet long, but the Mayor explained that it is considered a throughway. Mrs. Henbest added that people are not happy with the inconvenience of the noise and the rumble strips have not made a difference with the speeding.

Mr. Polhemus understands the problem and they were installed for the safety of the people. The Borough can look into removing the rumble strips. The Mayor mentioned that the rumble strips were put on the street at the request of the residents some time ago.

Mr. Olsen added that the cars and trucks going over the rumble strips at night sound like a thunder storm. He offered his driveway for the Police to help with enforcement. The Mayor asked the residents to be patient and the Council will discuss the situation and can use the County to remove them.

Mr. Saxton suggested that the residents speak to Chief Brown about increasing the enforcement at that location. The Mayor mentioned that if they know a regular time that someone does speed in the area to let the Chief know.

Mr. Calabrese brought up a situation he has with loading his motor home. He is asking permission to bring the motor home to his driveway to pack and unpack it. The Mayor went over the established agreement that Mr.

Calabrese can bring the motor home to his home to be packed or unpacked but must give notice prior to bringing it in and it must be removed from the driveway within 24 hours. He was also cautioned about vehicle traffic safety as he pulls it in and out. Mr. Calabrese brought up difficulty with his truck but the Mayor cautioned that it is a court matter and not to be discussed.

Mrs. Wuss brought up a situation involving her juvenile son and feels the police are targeting him. He has been stopped by the officers for jumping off the dock at the Farragut pier. She stated that the other children ran off and did not get stopped by the officers. She has been given a ticket to appear in court over the situation. The Mayor explained that it dangerous to jump into the shallow water from the dock and the youths have been warned about the danger. He recently saw a young person on the roof of the gazebo and jump into the shallow water. This is dangerous and not permitted by the code and the enforcement is for the safety of the children. The matter will be settled in court.

There was no further public discussion and the Mayor called for Council comments

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Saxton feels the July 4 Celebration was very successful, the committee started months in advance and worked well together. There was a great crowd at the field and it shows that the town is growing and there were plenty of children.

Mr. Saxton is concerned about the safety of the children jumping off the dock into shallow water. Our goal is to protect the children.

Mrs. Coletti thanked everyone who helped with the July 4 celebration. It was a good day and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. She also hopes the youngsters will stop jumping into the shallow water.

Mr. Polhemus thanked all for coming to the meeting and expressing their concerns. It is important to move forward with communication. He also thanked everyone from the Borough and Fire Department for making the day so successful. He has seen kids grow up in town and come back for the yearly event.

Mr. Polhemus thanked the Mayor for his help in continuing the bikeway project. The Community Development Block grant provided funding for a part of the walkway improvement and we would like to repair the entire walkway. He would also like to see it illuminated to promote safety.

Mr. Newman commented that the public works supervisor is in the process of receiving quotes to provide security lights at the Pickleball courts. The light is out over the front door and side of the Municipal Building and they will be fixed.

The July 4 celebration was a big success. The Budes family provided hot dogs for everyone, and there were 352 ice pops given out, 980 bags of chips, 570 bottles of water, 60 ring pops, and 150 pinwheels. He is proud of such a small town having such a big patriotic celebration.

Mr. Wieck commented that every year the committee gets together and everyone does a little part, it shows great cooperation and hard work.

The year 2025 marks the town's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Pine Beach Preservation Society had a tent at the field and made contact with many residents who have offered to help make a successful celebration. The next meeting of the Pine Beach Preservation Society is August 21 at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

## MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor thanked all for coming to the meeting. Now, with the kids out of school there have been a lot of activities in town, the Pine Beach 5K, Regatta, July 4 events are the kick off for the summer.

We had a phenomenal July 4 celebration with many generations enjoying old fashioned fun.

The state tries to promote shared services agreements and we have many of them for Mutual Aid, Water, First Aid, and Finance to name a few. They help provide professional services to the residents.

The Mayor went on to explain that he has a paper to sign for the purchase of two undersized lots on Motor Road. They have signs on them and debris. They were purchased through affordable housing funds and added to our vacant land inventory. The Ocean Inc. affordable housing project has six units and four have been rented.

The Mayor wished all a safe summer season and completed his comments. There were no more public or council comments and the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mr. Newman and Mr. Saxton provided a second. All were in favor and the meeting was closed.

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