

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 9, 2023**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach met on August 9, 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: Present: Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Keesling, Mr. Newman, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck  
Absent: Mr. Polhemus

THE FLAG SALUTE was led by Council President Wieck

THE MAYOR OFFERED A MOMENT OF SILENCE with special remembrance to those in the military serving to protect us.

MAYOR CUNEO ANNOUNCED THE SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY MADERA

The Mayor swore in Officer Madera while his family and the Pine Beach Police Officers looked on.

Officer Madera thanked his family for their unconditional support on his journey to become a police officer and also thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve Pine Beach. He is happy to be here.

Mayor Cuneo called the Municipal Clerk to come forward and presented her with a Proclamation honoring her for her 42 plus years of dedicated service to the Borough and wishing her well in her retirement. Mrs. Carney was surrounded by her family as the proclamation was read.

The Council and members of the public spoke highly concerning Mrs. Carney's dedication and service to the Borough and wished her to enjoy her retirement.

Mayor Cuneo has been on Council for thirty years and feels that Mrs. Carney has always done the best for the town and has been ready to assist the Governing Body.

Former Mayor Russell Corby was Mayor for twenty years and stated that Mrs. Carney's career was dedicated to serving the community.

Former Mayor Christopher Boyle served on Council for sixteen years and thanked Mrs. Carney for all her hard work for the town.

Mrs. Carney thanked all for their kind words and thanked her family for their support.

There was a brief break so the families could leave the meeting.

The meeting resumed and the Mayor announced that copies of all reports are on the front table.

A MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2023 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: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of July 10, 2023 was made 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: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS were approved as submitted 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: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

BILLS RESOLUTION 2023-80 Authorizing payment of Borough bills in the amount of \$874,312.93 was approved following a motion by Mr. Keesling and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

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

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

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Municipal Court, Water and Sewer Utility, and Building Inspector reports approved as submitted following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and a second by Mr. Newman.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-81, Extending the grace period for the tax bills to August 22, 2023 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: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2023-82, Authorizing the refund of taxes to a tax exempt veteran was moved 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: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2023-83, Authorizing sale of property on-line through GovDeals 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, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2023-84, Acknowledging Comments and Recommendations of the 2022 Audit was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Saxton.

Mr. Saxton thanked the CMFO Linda Covello for doing the fine job with the Borough's finances.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2023-85, Hiring of lifeguard Molly Collins was approved following a motion by Mr. Keesling and a second by Mr. Wieck.

Mr. Wieck commented that he is happy that we have a fully certified lifeguard and he hopes all can enjoy the beach. Mrs. Maloney asked about the lifeguard schedule and Mr. Wieck explained that she is in the process of leaving a job and will set the schedule soon. The website will be updated once we have a schedule.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2023-86, Authorizing a pro-rated rental for a boat slip for the remainder of the season was approved following a motion by Mr. Saxton and a second was provided by Mr. Keesling.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2023-87, Tax Sale funds transferred to Sewer and Water accounts was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and followed by 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: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2023-88, Naming Stephen Schreiber as the Municipal Engineer and Planner was approved following a motion by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Newman.

This engineer has been involved with the Water Tower project.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2023-89, Authorizing the Mayor to sign the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” grant 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: 5 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

There was no more official business to discuss and the Mayor thanked those in the audience for coming to the meeting. He then opened the meeting to public comments.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jesse Dedreux was concerned about the safety of children on Pennsylvania Ave., and that people are parking on Linden Ave. and walking to the school to pick up the children instead of driving through the ferry lanes. People are walking across his lawn on the way to and from school. He requested putting speed bumps on Pennsylvania Ave., and the Mayor explained that last year residents on Pennsylvania Ave. came to meetings to discuss the traffic situation and after talking to the DOT it was discovered that speed bumps cannot be placed on a public road. It has been suggested to paint lines in the road narrowing the roadway as a way to slow down traffic. Mayor Cuneo suggested that Mr. Dedreux speak to the school principal about the problem. Last year the police spoke to people about the parking situation. The Mayor further explained that the police officers go to the area by the school when they can. Perhaps the council could extend the No Parking signs to Linden Ave.

The police do go to Pennsylvania Ave. when they can and signs have been placed indicating the school crossing.

Mrs. Maloney spoke about the continued speeding on the 200 block of Prospect Ave. The Mayor has been in touch with the County about removing the rumble strips and painting the narrowing lines at the stop sign. This brings the curb line closer to the middle of the road. The speed limit on that portion of Prospect Ave. is 25 MPH.

Mrs. Mallon commented that the traffic on Linden Ave. has increased and is going faster. She is concerned for the children who walk to school or ride bikes and scooters.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Saxton mentioned that it is bitter sweet that this is the Clerk's last meeting and great that a new officer has been sworn in.

Mrs. Coletti will miss Mrs. Carney and welcomes the new police officer.

Mr. Keesling congratulated Officer Madera for his new position.

Mr. Newman welcomed Officer Madera and hopes he will serve Pine Beach for a long time. He stated that Pine Beach is a great place to live. He has four sons and they are trying to all be living in town. Pine Beach is all about traditions.

Mr. Wieck grew up in Pine Beach and enjoyed the small town neighborhood. The number of homes has grown. Reflecting on the problem Mr. Dedreu x spoke about; the young people just don't have the respect for property. We will work with the school to correct the problem.

#### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The water tower is scheduled for repairs and painting after Labor Day. The contract was signed 2 ½ years ago but T Mobile was not willing to remove their antennas so the work could be done. The job is weather dependent so hopefully things will run smoothly.

Please be cautious when driving, people are out enjoying the summer biking and walking their dogs.

It's nice that a new police officer is sworn into the department.

For sports, Vista Park is busy with soccer teams practicing. It's fun to watch these young athletes.

Schools will be open before our next meeting, please support our local athletes.

The Mayor thanked the retiring clerk for taking time with the school children, giving them water and candy on their way home from school and showing them that the Borough Hall is a safe place to come to if they ever need help.

There was no further discussion and Mayor Cuneo called for a motion to close the meeting. Mr. Newman motioned to close the meeting and Mr. Saxton seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

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Submitted by Charlene Carney  
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