

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 2021**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on October 13, 2021 in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave and electronically on ZOOM. 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: Mr. Budesa, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

THE FLAG SALUTE was led by Council President Wieck

THE MAYOR OFFERED A MOMENT OF SILENCE with special remembrance for recently deceased residents Marie Ousterman, Robert Heffner, Theodora Murro and Leigh Amber Harrington.

The Mayor announced that copies of all reports are located on the front table and available to the public.

A MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2021 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: 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes of September 7, 2021 was made by Mr. Budesa 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

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of September 20, 2021 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, 5 Ayes, 0 Opposes, 1 Abstain (Mr. Polhemus)

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS were approved following a motion by Mrs. Coletti 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 2021-95 Authorizing payment of Borough bills in the amount of \$780,845.35 was approved following a motion by Mr. Budesca and seconded by Mr. Polhemus

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

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

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Municipal Court, water and sewer utility, code enforcement, public works and building inspector reports were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

Mr. Newman commented that the report shows a lot of code enforcement activity and is very informative. Mr. Saxton thanked Mr. Budesca for bringing Mr. Stocco to Pine Beach.

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

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2021-96, Trick or Treat October 31, Annual curfew October 23 through November 8 was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and a second from Mr. Newman.

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 2021-97, Authorizing the Mayor to sign an amended Interlocal Service Agreement with Lacey Twp. for finance office services was approved following a motion by Mr. Budesca and Mrs. Coletti provided the second.

Mr. Saxton commented that this agreement for the financial office has worked out very well for Pine Beach.

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 2021-98, Acknowledging and accepting the 2021 Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual and authorizing the Employee Handbook to be distributed to all employees 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.  
The Mayor called for a vote, 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2021-99, Authorizing the 2021 salary increase for non-contractual employees was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and Mr. Budesá provided a second

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 2021-100, Authorizing the Mayor to sign a settlement of pending administrative litigation was approved following a motion by Mrs. Coletti 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, 6 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Mayor Cuneo called for the INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

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 October 20, 2021 and will have a public hearing in the Municipal Building on November 10, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

This being the introduction of an ordinance there is no public discussion.

Roll call, yes, Mr. Budesá, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sabate Russo, 436 Pennsylvania Ave. commented on the salaries for the Mayor and Council on the Salary Resolution, they do a lot of work for so little pay and he thanked them for all they do.

John Amon, 734 Springfield Ave., spoke about a situation he has concerning complaints about a gazebo in his yard. It was on the property when he purchased the house yet he had to get a survey to present to the zoning officer, and there was concern about the electrical work.

Bill Smith, 721 Riverside Drive spoke about the on-going problems with the occupant at 717 Riverside Drive. During court last week charges were merged and the owner plead guilty to a Borough ordinance and the occupant plead guilty to the Board of Health complaint. Additionally the yard has to be cleaned up by the November 3 court date. They have additional complaints for the November 3 court. The occupant continues to

bring in loads of scrap with the three occupants of the home helping to unload. This is clearly disregarding the Judge's orders. The police did stop the truck but as soon as the police left they continued working to take the scrap off the truck.

The Mayor suggested calling the police when the trailer comes in, the police will be able to document the situation.

Colleen Moran, 713 Riverside Drive commented that the situation at 717 Riverside Drive has not stopped, the scrapping continues and there are toxic smells from the fire pit and they continue to operate the transfer station. The house is for sale but the occupant continues to operate the scrap yard.

The Mayor commented that the occupants will continue to be charged with complaints if they don't stop.

Mr. Budesá added that the fines will be increased with more complaints and could possibly include jail time. After the court date the Judge can fine them per day if they do not cooperate.

Mr. Amon asked if the EPA has been advised of the violations, and yes, the DEP and other groups have been brought in.

Mr. Russo commented that he knows people in town that have gone to jail for this type of behavior and disregard of the Judge's orders. The property is zoned residential so the business is not permitted.

Brian Clouser, 606 Buhler Court was concerned that the occupant at 717 Riverside Dr. has a very loud truck and he hears it going down the street.

The Mayor mentioned police are aware of the situation and that the blue truck is now off the road.

Mr. Clouser referred to Resolution 2021-96 concerning the curfew for children and that adults have to be accountable. He would like to see a curfew for noise. He has a safety sensitive occupation and needs rest. He is also concerned about a neighbor's property construction and if there is proper electric at the pool. He was advised the construction is overseen by Berkeley Twp. Construction Department and Code violations are through our Code Enforcement Officer Gary Stocco. Mr. Stocco is a Certified Code Enforcement Officer and utilizes the International Property Maintenance Code and Borough ordinances.

Jack Healy, 302 Station Ave. mentioned that the State Motor Vehicle is involved when excessive traffic summons are issued to an individual.

Jennifer Smith stated that the occupant at 717 Riverside Drive is burning in the fire pit again and she was advised to call the police when she sees such action. She agreed that the Code Enforcement officer has been very thorough.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Saxton apologized for his casual dress, he was running late. He thanked everyone for coming. Code enforcement has been working since July and has accomplished a lot.

Mr. Budesá mentioned that for the longest time no one came to the meetings, it is great to see people here. Hopefully the issue at 717 Riverside Drive will go away; he has full faith in the court system.

He reminded everyone to get out and vote on November 3.

Mr. Polhemus thanked the people for coming to the meeting, and feels that when people come out and let the Council know their thoughts the Council can be proactive in quality of life issues.

He reminded all that it is getting dark early now and people are still out and about so be careful driving.

Mr. Newman thanked the people for coming and voicing their concerns. Council will do what they can to help. He mentioned that Ocean County has changed the radio frequency for emergency services and the Fire Company and police must purchase new radios. The Borough has purchased a new fire truck and it will have a radio base but the fire company needs to replace all of their portable radios. He is looking into options for the fire company since the multi-band is so expensive, approximately \$4,200.00 and there are two band and single band radios at a lower cost. There are different needs for certain officers and fire fighters. He has two sons in the fire company and he respects the need to keep them safe and have the best equipment possible.

Mr. Newman suggested having a Home Holiday Decoration contest to encourage people to light up for the holidays. He is sure some people will donate prizes. The Borough has the Annual Tree Lighting at the Municipal Building on December 5

Colleen Moran, 713 Riverside Drive asked about the Fire Company funding and the Mayor explained that the Borough provides insurance, vehicles, gasoline, and a donation. This year the Borough purchased a new fire truck. Ocean County is changing to a high band frequency on January 1, 2022 and the estimate the Fire Department received is \$166,000 for the radios and pagers. Unfortunately a small percentage of residents donate to the fire company and last year the fund raising was curtailed by the pandemic. Mr. Newman mentioned that other towns have a separate Fire Tax, the Borough does not. The Fire Company has applied and received grants in the past. The volunteers are required to have continuing education and spend many hours training including the 180 hours for the basic firefighter class. They are available 24 hours a day to answer calls. The Borough does provide a Length of Service award of \$750.00 per year for members who maintain active service each year.

The Fire Department attempted to organize a Farmer's Market, but had difficulty getting vendors.

Mrs. Coletti thanked everyone for attending Fire Fest, which the Pine Beach Yacht Club and Pine Beach Volunteer Fire Company sponsored. There were fewer sponsors and vendors but had a very good turnout of residents. She thanked all for their support.

The Fire Company worked hard sponsoring the yard sale to raise money and plans on continuing to do it.

She urged all to be careful driving in the early evening; it is getting dark out early while the children are still out.

Mr. Wieck mentioned that Trick or Treat is November 31 from 1 to 8, so please be careful of the youngsters out in costume. If you wish to participate in Trick or Treat, put the porch light on.

#### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting and expressing their views.

He reminded all to be safe during Trick or Treat time and keep in mind that children will be outside and excited.

The Election is coming up soon; he hopes all will be an active citizen.

The recent coin toss by the Fire Company was successful, the four-way stop signs helped to keep them safe and people donate.

The Mayor received two e-mails with compliments to the town. One concerned the roadwork being done on Cedar Ave., how courteous the workers were and that they did an excellent job.

Another e-mail concerned the new four-way stop signs from a person who is not a Borough resident but who drives through town on a regular basis. He feels it has slowed down traffic and is much safer.

Concerning sports, the Mayor urged all to support the Intermediate and High School young athletes. They work hard for their school.

The Mayor wished all a safe and happy fall season.

There was no further business or public comments and the Mayor called for an adjournment. Mr. Saxton provided a motion to adjourn, Mr. Newman seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.