

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

The Governing Body of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on April 12, 2023 in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave., at 7:30 PM. Council President Wieck 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. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent: Mr. Newman, Mr. Saxton

The meeting was opened with a flag presentation by Boy Scout Chris of Boy Scout Troop 114. The flag salute was led by Council President Wieck and Scout Chris.

Mr. Wieck offered a moment of silence with special remembrance in the passing of resident Patricia Kolb and the Johnson family

MR. WIECK ANNOUNCED THT COPIES OF ALL REPORTS ARE ON THE FRONT TABLE

A MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting March 8, 2023 was made by Mr. Keesling and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of March 6, 2023 was moved by Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Polhemus provided a second.

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of March 20, 2023 was made by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mrs. Coletti

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

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

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

BILLS RESOLUTION 2023-31 authorizing payment of Borough bills in the amount of \$684,535.94 was approved following a motion by Mr. Keesling and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Municipal Court, water and sewer utility, and building inspector reports approved as submitted 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.

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-30, memorializing the actions taken March 20 regarding authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with T-Mobile temporary cell tower was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and Mr. Keesling provided a second.

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

Resolution 2023-32 Adopting the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and a second by Mr. Keesling

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

Resolution 2023-33 Authorizing a Community Development Block Grant payment to T & M Associates for design of the walkway on Pennsylvania Ave. in the amount of \$1,898.50 was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and Mrs. Coletti provided a second.

Mr. Polhemus commented on the progress on the installation of the concrete walkway between Avon Rd. and New Jersey Ave. The contractor changed his schedule so the work could be done while the children were on spring break. It is an on-going plan to replace the asphalt walkway with concrete because it is more durable.

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

Resolution 2023-34 Opposing the State of New Jersey Proposed 2023-24 School funding cut for the Toms River Regional Schools Board of Education was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and a second by Mrs. Coletti.

Mr. Wieck added that the formula used for the funding is in error. This cost the Borough residents a lot more money.

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 1 Abstain (Mr. Keesling), 2 Absent

Resolution 2023-35, Supporting the statewide program “Distracted Driving 2023 Crackdown” was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

Mr. Wieck commented that distracted driving is the number two cause of accidents, not just texting, but eating and drinking coffee while driving also.

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

Resolution 2023-36, Supporting the statewide program “Click it or Ticket” seat belt mobilization was approved following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Keesling provided the second.

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

Resolution 2023-37, Authorizing the Mayor to sign the collective bargaining agreement between the Borough and the Communication Workers of America was approved by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mrs. Coletti

Mr. Wieck thanked the members of the Personnel Committee for all their hard work during the negotiations. Mr. Polhemus mentioned that this was a three month process and they struck a fair compromise that could fit in the Borough’s budget.

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

Resolution 2023-38 Amendment to the emergency temporary operating budget was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Keesling.

Mr. Polhemus stated that this is the standard procedure until the 2023 budget is passed.

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

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

Resolution 2023-39 Governing Body certification of compliance with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Civil Rights Act was approved following a motion by Mr. Keesling and Mr. Polhemus provided the second.

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

Resolution 2023-40, Amendment to the Municipal Court Judge's contract was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Keesling

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

Resolution 2023-41, Removal of Alternate Prosecutor David Bakardjiev, Esq. from professional appointments was approved following a motion by Mr. Keesling and Mr. Polhemus seconded.

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

Resolution 2023-42, Awarding a contract to Unlimited Builders Construction LLC for Community Development Block Grant improvements totaling \$15,860.00 for Block 17 Lot 5, 6 & 7 was approved following a motion by Mr. Keesling and seconded by Mr. Polhemus

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

Resolution 2023-43, Awarding a contract to Stanley Construction & Roofing, LLC for Community Development Block Grant improvements totaling \$12,230.00 for Block 74 Lots 30, 32 & 34 was moved by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

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

Mr. Wieck called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 2 Absent

Introduction of Ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2023-01-804
CALENDAR YEAR 2023
ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A.. 40A:4-45.14)

A motion to introduce Ordinance 2023-01-804 was made by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

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

Council President Wieck announced the ordinance will be published in the Asbury Park Press on April 19 and have a public hearing on May 10 at 7:30 PM.

Resolution 2023-44, Introduction of the 2023 Municipal Budget was approved by motion of Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Keesling.

The Chief Financial Officer for the Borough, Linda Picaro-Covello was present. Mr. Polhemus thanked her for the fine job she has done for the Borough. She has provided Council with a breakdown of the budget that is very helpful. Mr. Keesling added that Mrs. Picaro-Covello is very professional with her work.

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

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

There were no further agenda items and Council President Wieck opened the meeting to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Star Scout Chris is hoping to improve the community in some small way. Scout Master Thomas Goddard expressed his pride in Scout Chris striving to make things better.

Mr. Polhemus explained that this was a formal Council meeting and that during the work meeting things are discussed in length. The Council has two work meetings a month and have the opportunity to discuss things so the formal meeting agenda runs smoothly. All of the meetings are open for public discussion

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Coletti commented on the nice weather and urged all to slow down when driving while people are out and about. She also thanked everyone for their help during the Egg Hunt.

Mr. Keesling invited everyone to come out the first Saturday in May for the beach cleanup. He also thanked the CFO for doing a great job on working out the budget.

Mr. Polhemus also thanked Ms. Picaro-Covello for the excellent work she has done since taking over the finance office. She is always ready to explain things and offer guidance. He welcomed Scout Chris and wished him well pursuing his Eagle Scout Award. It is nice to see young people getting involved.

Mr. Wieck thanked the finance officer in providing s budget that provides for some improvements to the town and keeps within the limits of the budget cap. He also thanked the Municipal Clerk for her help in putting the meetings together. The Council members all have full time jobs and depend on the employees to keep the Borough running smoothly.

There were no other comments or questions and Mr. Wieck called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Polhemus made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Coletti seconded the motion and the meeting was closed.
