

BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
WORK MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2024

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on January 8, 2024 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

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
present	present	present	present	present	present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Newman asks for an update with the Borough Engineer on the Vista Park Pavilion, Mayor Cuneo invites him to come speak with Mr. Rohmeyer at the upcoming meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Saxton is working on the Cannabis Ordinance with our professional still, should be ready for a public hearing in February. Mr. Keesling asks if the Mayor and Council would consider a referendum. The Mayor responds that the Borough's voters have the majority for the state's referendum in 2020. This ordinance is going to address the permitting of license, not the legalization. The public will be notified and have two opportunities for public hearings to express opinions. Mr. Polhemus asks Chief Brown if he has heard of issues with the establishment in South Toms River, Chief Brown states he has not heard of ongoing issues. Mr. Polhemus mentions that this industry is approved by the state, it will be up for discussion at the up coming meetings. The public has elected the Council to make decisions for the best of the town.

Mayor Cuneo continues with a request to be cautious with the upcoming weather conditions.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

Committee assignments have been reassigned and adjusted based on recommendations. As soon as the current personnel matters are completed Mrs. McGee will join in new discussions. Thank you to all who participated and attended the Wreaths Across America ceremony on December 16th, there were about 25 people in attendance. Vista Park Memorial has been completed, now looking to complete fundraising for Troop #114 for the memorial plaque.

J. KEESLING

Mr. Keesling asks for an update on how far off the project is on funding, Mr. Newman states a meeting will be held for the updated figures. Mr. Keesling requests the Clerk to pull the election results from 2020. Mr. Keesling lets the Council know he is working on reaching out to grant writers to support the Borough in grant-funded projects.

L. MCGEE

Mrs. McGee started working on the annual Egg Hunt event and has submitted a purchase requisition to finance. The rabies clinic is March 2nd.

R. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman thanks everyone for the successful events throughout December, they worked out well. Mr. Newman thanks Patricia and John Wnek for joining him for the House Decorating Contest reveal and meeting some of the residents who entered the competition. A petting zoo will be incorporated into the Egg Hunt festivities. Thank you all for a wonderful Holiday Season.

R. POLHEMUS

Mr. Polhemus discussed an update with the USDA loans he held a discussion with a representative and will discuss further with Linda Covello, CFO. Hopefully we can get pre-qualified for some future major projects.

J. SAXTON

Mr. Saxton met with the Court personnel to discuss their most recent audit with the AOC. The Court staff stresses security but feels confident with our Chief of Police that we are covered. Some repairs are needed and will discuss further budgeting for these items with Linda Covello.

POLICE CHIEF

Requests an executive session to cover personnel and public safety items.

CLERK

Kellie Brady has joined the team today; she is eager to learn more about our Borough.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Kubilewicz reminds the Council that it is budgeting season for the County and to get the letter out for County Fire official.

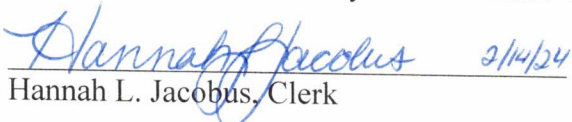
Mayor makes a motion to enter executive session for discussion on personnel, public safety, and contract negotiations. Motion is seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Executive Session:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach have determined that in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 10:4-12b, Closed Session to discuss (4) Collective Bargaining Agreement (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property (6) Public Safety (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation (8) Personnel) is necessary. The public will be informed of the discussion within forty-five days of the conclusion (NJSA 10:4-13)

The Council returned from the Executive Session and reopened the work meeting.

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

 2/14/24
Hannah L. Jacobus, Clerk