

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on September 9, 2020 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. 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. Budesza, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck

THE FLAG SALUTE was led by Council President Wieck

With reverence and respect, Mayor Cuneo offered the following:

**In remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001**

**With honor and respect, we remember . . .**

Those who died at the World Trade Center (Bell rings)

Those who died at the Pentagon (Bell rings)

Those who died on United Flight 93 in Pennsylvania (Bell rings)

The Mayor offered a Special Remembrance for recently deceased residents

The Mayor announced that as always, copies of all reports and resolutions are available on the front table.

A MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2020 was made by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Wieck

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

Call for all those in favor, 5 Ayes

1 Abstain (Mr. Saxton)

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of August 10, 2020 was made by Mrs. Coletti and Mr. Polhemus provided a second.

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

Call for those in favor, 6 Ayes

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

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

Those in favor, 6 Ayes

BILLS RESOLUTION #2020-78 Authorizing payment of the Borough bills in the amount of \$1,288,087.66 was approved following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and a second by Mr. Budesá

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

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

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Municipal Court, water and sewer utility, and building inspector reports approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Budesá and a second by Mr. Wieck

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

Call for those in favor, 6 Ayes

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2020-79, Salaries for non-contractual employees was approved following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and a second by Mr. Budesá.

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

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

Resolution 2020-80, Sale of Municipal owned property was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Sabate Russo, Pennsylvania Ave., asked what property would be sold, and the Mayor explained that these are undersized lots the Borough owns and they will be offered to adjacent property owners.

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

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

Resolution 2020-81, Honoring Coach Ponch Ruiz during October's Baseball Tournament was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and a second by Mr. Budesá.

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

Those in favor: 6 Ayes

Resolution 2020-82, Urging the state to provide representation from Monmouth and Ocean Counties to the State Board of Public Utilities was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

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

Those in favor, 6 Ayes

Resolution 2020-83, Support of Assembly Bill No. 4571, to assist eligible suburban and rural small business with rent payments during the COVID-19 pandemic was approved following a motion by Mr. Budesá and Mr. Wieck provided a second.

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

Those in favor: 6 Ayes

Resolution 2020-84, Encouraging the right of In-Person machine voting for the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 general election was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mrs. Coletti.

Mr. Newman feels strongly that we should have the right to vote by machine. As of now, the Governor's order allows only the visually impaired to use the voting machine, all others have to vote by mail or vote provisionally at their polling place.

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

Those in favor: 6 Ayes,

Resolution 2020-85, Urging Jersey Central Power & Light to reimburse customers who lost food and medicines as a result of power outages caused by storms such as tropical Storm Isaias

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

Those in favor: 5 Ayes

1 No, Mr. Budesá

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE 2020-10-773

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH COUNTY OF OCEAN, N.J., AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 22 ENTITLED "OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH

This ordinance was introduced on August 12, 2020, published in the Asbury Park Press on August 18, 2020 and posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building.

Mayor Cuneo called for the PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no questions or comments during the public hearing

The Mayor closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

Mr. Budesa made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-10-773, and Mr. Polhemus seconded.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE 2020-11-774

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 169 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH ENTITLED "WATER"

This ordinance will be published in the Asbury Park Press on September 23, 2020 and have a public hearing on October 14, 2020 at a meeting beginning at 7:30 PM

A motion to introduce Ordinance 2020-11-774 was made by Mr. Budesa and seconded by Mrs. Coletti

This being the introduction of an ordinance, there was no public comment. The public hearing will be October 14, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo welcomed the members of the public and invited them to comment

Arleen Vetter, 305 Springfield Ave. has been attempting to go into police headquarters and the door is locked. The Mayor explained that due to security the door is locked and she can stop in or call the Clerk's office or the police department and an officer will meet her there,

Carmella Schaneman, 425 Huntington Ave. asked about enforcement of the boat ramp and dock permits. She sees people there at all times crabbing and using the ramp without a permit.

The Mayor stated that the police have been patrolling regularly and issuing tickets. Early in the season the police walked the docks. If you see people without permits, you can call the police or the NJ Fish and Wildlife office. He has called Fish and Wildlife several times and they will send an officer.

Sabate Russo, 436 Pennsylvania Ave., commented that he knows the police are active on patrol, he parked by the monuments at Riverside Dr. and the police advised him that he needed a permit to park there.

There were no other public comments

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Newman feels our freedoms are being taken away by not allowing us to vote on the machines if we want to.

Mrs. Coletti added that we can stand in line for hours at motor vehicle services, and that we should be able to vote. Also, we have sold over 800 beach badges so there has been enforcement.

Mrs. Schaneman is concerned because the people keep undersized crabs.

Mrs. Coletti reminded all to take care when driving because it is getting dark earlier now and people are out and about.

Mr. Saxton suggested that we will all make our own decision regarding voting.

Mr. Budesá agreed that it important to vote.

He reflected on the September 11 attack, an outside country trying to bring down our country. He has concern for our future.

He thanked the audience and hopes to see them in October.

Mr. Polhemus feels our right to vote is essential, be it in person or by mail; it's all about our liberty. He hopes the resolution helps with the in person voting.

He urged anyone with any concerns in town to get in touch with the Mayor or council. The police are available to residents and will help with any type of concerns.

Mr. Wieck reminded everyone that this weekend is the Town Wide Yard Sale. Please drive safely. And he hopes all have a great fall.

## MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo reminded people that besides the town wide yard sale Saturday the fire department will have a coin toss.

School is open, the Toms River Schools are teaching remotely. Sports are starting the 14<sup>th</sup> with practice. The athletes will be social distanced.

The Department of Transportation grant for resurfacing New Jersey Ave. will have a pre-construction meeting and will be starting soon.

Last month residents came to the meeting and had concerns about speeding in town, especially when they are detoured while work is being done on Rt. 9. The police department and Sheriff's officers were enforcing in town and a lot of tickets were written. The sheriff is willing to send people in for enforcement when necessary.

The Mayor spoke with Ron Crocker, our representative from Jersey Central Power & Light spoke with the Mayor concerning rolling outages. He has assured us that there will be rolling outages during the evening hours and should not be a problem for school or business.

The Mayor urged all to enjoy the rest of the summer and to be safe.

There was no further business to discuss, and the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Wieck. All were in favor.