

BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH

WORK MEETING

April 24, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a work meeting on April 24, 2023 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: MRS. COLETTI, MR. KEESLING, MR. NEWMAN, MR. POLHEMUS, MR.SAXTON, MR. WIECK

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Resident Jonathan Cirlin would like to paint the wall by the Henley Pier as a community activity with volunteers. He will come up with a design to show it to Council.

A Kindergarten program to welcome young children entering school will take place May 15 in the morning at Walnut Street School. He suggested that perhaps a police officer could go to meet parents in this open house type of activity.

Mr. Polhemus mentioned that we currently have a close relationship with the Pine Beach elementary school.

Mr. Polhemus mentioned that we received a \$55,000 grant for recreation and we are looking to see if the funds can be used for a project already underway such as the Pickleball court. Mr. Newman suggested that maybe it could be used for the pavilion planned for Vista Park.

There were questions about the hours for having the Pickleball court open and Council decided 8 am until dusk daily weather permitting would be good. At night the police will have to lock it up. Chief Brown will look to have the officers open and close the courts on the weekends.

Mr. Wieck asked about installing a safety light on the concession stand and Mr. Newman suggested having a motion sensor light so the police could see if anyone is there.

Rules will be printed and a sign will go up on the fence.

Mr. Keesling asked who will determine if the court is dry enough to play on. Someone has to make the determination to unlock the gate. It was discussed that it would be the recreation council liaison, the Mayor or police. The Mayor mentioned that standing water would impact play.

Mr. Newman would like the rules to spell out what is expected of players on the courts.

There was discussion on simplifying the rules and removing so many of the rules that start with NO.

There was discussion of requiring a recreation badge to use the courts. The Mayor feels it is a way to keep the courts to local people. Mr. Newman pointed out that Pickleball is very active and some people try to hog the courts.

There was a vote to determine if badges will be required, and there were 3 Ayes 3 Oppose. The Mayor broke the tie and badges will be required in order to keep the courts available to the local people.

The sign will be prepared and the Mayor would like the courts opened for this weekend.

Recreation grant was received for \$55,000. We will find out what qualifies for spending down the money.

The Mayor has sent a letter to the County Fire Marshal about changing Fire Code Enforcement to be done by the Ocean County Fire Marshal's Office. Mr. Kubilewicz mentioned that this will help to have every business inspected and it will be local. The Fire Marshal would be available quickly in case of an emergency.

The Police Department will have assistance from Bright Harbor Health Care for behavioral health crisis utilizing a grant by the OC Prosecutor's Office

The Mayor expressed his sympathies to the Brethwaite family on the loss of Sam.

The Mayor requests an Executive Session to discuss Personnel

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

July 4 meeting is tomorrow night 6:30 to solidify the grand marshal and have a resolution for May's meeting. The last meeting was very productive since most of the committee have worked together for years.

S. COLETTI

Mrs. Coletti is working on the electronic newsletter. She will put the Pickleball rules in the newsletter and Earth Day is added to it.

J. KEESLING

Mr. Keesling feels the new sidewalk on Pennsylvania Ave. looks good and is an excellent job. The Spring Cleanup along the River is scheduled for May 7th with a rain date of the 13th.

R. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman passed out the Congressional Record which is supporting stopping the wind turbines in the ocean. Congressman Chris Smith is in favor of a moratorium until more information is available concerning the effect on the ocean fish and animals.

Mr. Newman discussed the idea of a centennial pavilion, since we do not have a community center and the pavilion would be a 3 season place to gather. It could produce revenue, it is a beautiful spot to have a wedding at the gazebo on the dock then have a reception in the pavilion.

Handouts showing possible models for the Centennial Pavilion were passed around and the pricing does not include site work or concrete pad. Electric could be underground from the field house and perhaps a nice barbeque could be put in. He would like to see a nice cedar 40 x 60' pavilion. If the pad is larger than the pavilion it will be more handicap accessible. The companies he has discussed it with suggested moving it a few feet away from the existing building would reduce the cost. The Cheynne model could be adapted to look like the field house. The Kingston model matches better but is more expensive. For a 20 x 40' pavilion the pad would be 22 x 42'. The pavilion takes 16 weeks to get and we need to put the pad in with the good weather.

Mr. Saxton congratulated Mr. Newman on a job well done. He wonders if a metal roof is possible. Shingles cost less money. One other option would be possibly a metal structure. With the 100th anniversary coming we need to work on this. Mr. Polhemus asked for a consensus to authorize the engineer to go forward with plans. The Mayor will check the recreation grant first to make sure it falls into the grant guidelines. Mr. Polhemus stated that it should be something that looks nice and is strong. Mr. Newman mentioned that if we have to bond for it we could look at a different design.

Mr. Newman asked if public works has received a purchase requisition to improve the outside lighting at the Municipal Building and it is unknown.

R. POLHEMUS

Mr. Polhemus is happy that the concrete portion of the walking path is complete. He thanked the engineer and office staff for their hard work to get the grant. The construction looks perfect, and Chief Brown mentioned that the contractor stayed late each night to be sure no one damaged the walkway.

Mr. Polhemus had a conversation with Mike Sedlak, the public works supervisor and utility superintendent, and Seth Bortko has completed his first class for a water license. It takes about 5 years to be qualified.

Public Works will be flushing fire hydrants about two daytime hours next week.

J. SAXTON

The Garden Club did some cleanup at Vista Park, and they bought mulch in the amount of \$300.01. The Mayor mentioned that we can get it for free from the county.

POLICE CHIEF

The police department is just finishing the Distracted Driving grant, and right now has issued roughly 200 citations.

Regarding the Bright Harbor program, we have two individuals in town with issues and this organization will have someone respond with the officer instead of the officer waiting for help. It's a good program that will help the community. If someone has to be transported to the hospital, the

Bright Harbor will provide the transportation. Mr. Polhemus stated that it's a win-win situation for Pine Beach to have trained help.

The Chief offered to have two officers go to the elementary school open house. The Mayor will speak with him later.

FINANCE OFFICER

PUBLIC WORKS

CLERK: Financial Disclosure Statements: 1 council member has not submitted the required financial statement to the state and has been notified. Additionally 3 employees have been reminded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Kubilewicz, President of the Pine Beach Volunteer Fire Company announced that the Fire Company will host an open house on May 6. Also, the fund drive letters have gone out.

They are still waiting for a portion of the equipment ordered utilizing the state grant and as soon as they are received he will give the paperwork to finance. He has looked at a lot of grants to fund the radios but they don't pay for items already purchased.

Joy Kubilewicz asked about the Pickleball courts and was advised that they are all open play. First come, first served with a time limit of one hour if anyone is waiting to play. Hopefully once the rules are printed it will open.

There was no further public discussion and Mr. Polhemus made a motion to go into executive session, which was seconded by Mr. Newman. All were in favor and the Mayor read the resolution to go into 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 (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 to open session and there was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mrs. Coletti and a second by Mr. Saxton. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.
