BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH WORK MEETING October 7, 2024

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on October 7, 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 STARLEDGER 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 expresses that he experienced what some residents have brought to our attention over the last summer of the boat ramp being blocked for use by commercial trucks loading many vessels in a row. The council agrees to force commercial users to purchase a hitch boat ramp sticker for each vehicle to limit the number of trucks at the boat ramp.

Mr. Newman continues that the parking issue down at Vista field continues and the Mayor advises that the PBPD is issuing tickets for improper parking in the emergency vehicle lane.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cuneo announces that the Borough Engineer and the Environmental Commission chair Dave McKeon met with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to present the issue of erosion at Avon Beach. In hopes of working together with them on a long-term solution. Dave McKeon introduces himself and gives a recap of the meeting. The Council supports and encourages this project and will submit a letter to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineer to express this support.

Mr. Newman introduces Mr. Lenny Wilson from the Wilson Group. The Wilson Group is a leader in the area for support of Veteran recovery. They invest in people, communities, and Veterans. Please support their event on November 9 8-10m at Apple Bees in Toms River for a silent Auction, more information on their website www.wilsoninvestmentgroup.org

ORDINANCE REVIEW:

PUBLIC HEARING: Wednesday 10/9

ORDINANCE 2024-08-814

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF PORTIONS OF MONUMENT ROAD (PAPER STREET), FOR PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JEREY

Mayor asks the Council if they have any questions, no questions or comments from council.

Review of Resolutions:

Bills Resolution 2024-83 Approval to pay Borough bills in the amount of \$542,649.17 Resolution 2024-84 Designating Trick-or-treat as Wednesday October 30th, between 4-9pm Resolution 2024-85 Authorizing the Mayor to sign Deed of Easement for construction and maintenance of a shared-use path with Ocean County

Resolution 2024-86 Appointing Hannah Jacobus as Affordable Housing Liaison

Resolution 2024-87 Authorizing the Mayor to sign Shared Service Agreement with Ocean County Recycling center

Resolution 2024-88 Authorizing the Mayor to sign Shared Service Agreement with Somerset County for competitive pricing, fuel delivery

Resolution 2024-89 Authorizing the Mayor to sign Shared Service Agreement between Ocean County Prosecutor's Office for Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program (D.W.I.E.P.)

Resolution 2024-90 Authorizing the Mayor to sign Shared Service Agreement between Ocean County Prosecutor's Office for Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program (D.R.E.C.P.)

Resolution 2024-91 Appointing Nancy Westling as Clerk Typist

Resolution 2024-92 Authorizing the hiring for PBPD full time officer, Travis Squire **Resolution 2024-93** Authorizing the hiring for PBPD Class II officers Vincent Servis, Sean

Williams, and Matthew Cox

Mayor asks for any comments or questions for resolution reviewed, the Council did not have any comments or questions on the presented Resolutions.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor reviews an email he received in regard to online payments for water, sewer, and tax. The Mayor states that he spoke with CFO, Linda Covello, on the pricing and quote the Borough received and with Council approval we can move forward with the purchase of the online payment system. The Council supports the initiative and would like to move forward with the system before the peak payment season to train and get residents used to the new system.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

Mr. Wieck warns all to the seasons changing and getting darker much quicker, issues a warning for all walkers. Also, he updates that DPW and Rachel Linstra, QPA have found a 32-yard trash truck for purchase and will be coming up soon for Council review.

J. KEESLING

Mr. Keesling states he appreciates Mr. Newmans approach in bringing in resources to meeting for our community. Mr. Keesling also warns of it getting darker sooner and please be cautious of bike riders. Mr. Keesling takes a moment to thank Mr. Saxton for his thorough explanation of the WIPP system.

L. MCGEE

Mrs. McGee shares that she is on target for the Trunk-or-Treat event October 19th 1pm and also starting to get the ball rolling for the Holiday Tree Lighting, December 1st at 4:30pm for the lighting of the tree and earlier for the fun family activities.

Mrs. McGee asks for clarification on the Cannabis Ordinance and the status of applications. Mayor Cuneo updates the Council that a petition has been received by the Clerk and she is working on certifying the document and the signatures presented. Mrs. McGee expresses that she feels the community would have been better heard if they were present for the meeting and the hearings the Council held. Mrs. McGee stresses the importance of being present at the Council meetings, so the resident's voices are heard.

R. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman thanks Lenny Wilson for attending the meeting and sharing his resources with the Council. He hopes to have another asset to our community, the founder of Hope Sheds Light at the November 12th meeting.

R. POLHEMUS

Mr. Polhemus shares that there will be one full-time officer, and three class II officers hired on October 9. Commends the Police Department for getting the right individuals in place to make sure the community is kept safe. There is also a Clerk Typist, part-time, she will be offered the same rate the previous was offered as per CFO. The personnel committee will do a six-month review of the position. The Mayor informs the Personnel Committee that collective bargaining agreements are coming up for DPW and PD. Mr. Polhemus will reach out to the liaisons for both and arrange a meeting.

J. SAXTON

No report

The Mayor adds that with Council permission meeting in 2025 will begin at 6:30pm. To be approved later.

CLERK'S Report

The Clerk requests all 2025 Calendar updates be sent to her or Patricia's email address as well as newsletter information. Starting the new Clerk Typist and will work to get her up to speed on the daily tasks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Danielle Kessler of Ortley Beach

Mr. Kessler has been six years recovered from drug abuse and thanks the Council for having the resources of Wilson Group present at the meeting. Mr. Kessler works closely with Just Believe and Code Blue. He expresses his support of the Cannabis Ordinance and is surprised at the push back from the residents. Mayor Cuneo responds that this conversation of Cannabis sales in Pine Beach has been long over a year of work and effort with legal and zoning. This is a huge opportunity to collect revenue for the Borough. The Council has put work into ensuring the safety of the community with this Ordinance.

John Kubilewicz, PBVFC President expresses his regrets that it rained and cancelled the Fire Fest. The Fire Company is working with its sponsors to see if they will let them keep donation, roll over to the next event, or request a refund. The Fire Companies memorial service is Monday at 9am. There will be light refreshments after the ceremony.

A motion is made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Saxton to adjourn the meeting. All are in

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Approved: 11/19/2024

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