

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
WORK MEETING
November 12, 2024**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on November 12, 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

Hearing none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Newman announces that Mr. Steve Willis, co-founder of *Hope Sheds Light*, is present tonight and invites Steve to discuss the valuable resources *Hope Sheds Light* has for our community.

Steve Willis shares that *Hope Sheds Light* is a family focused agency that provides resources, hope, support and love to anyone impacted by addiction. He shares his personal impact from addiction and shares they provide recovery for the whole family. The mayor and Council thank Steve for his impact on the community and encourage anyone in need of assistance to reach out to their 24-7 hotline.

Formal Action:

Resolution 2024-95 A motion from Mr. Newman to accept the resignations of PBPD employees, motion is seconded by Mr. Wieck. No comments or questions from Council or public. All in favor.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
Yes	Yes	Yes(motion)	Yes	Yes	Yes(second)

Review of Resolutions:

Bills Resolution 2024-96 Approval to pay Borough bills in the amount of **\$1,147,355.53**

Resolution 2024-97 Awarding contracts for the furnishing and delivery of gasoline fuel to Riggins, Inc through the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System

Resolution 2024-98 Authorizing advertising for professional service contracts for 2025

Resolution 2024-99 Approving the Mayor and Council review of the 2024 Best Practices Survey

Resolution 2024-100 Authorizing the appointment of Special Counsel for Tax Appeal, Martin Allen

Resolution 2024-101 Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Ocean County "Schedule C" agreement

Resolution 2024-102 Authorizing the Borough to join the National Joint Powers Alliance/Sourcwell State Contract

Resolution 2024-103 Authorizing the Department of Public for the purchase of 2025 Peterbilt 548 and Compaction rear loader full package through Sourcwell Contract #110223-THC

Resolution 2024-104 Authorizing the hiring of PBPD full-time officer, Matthew Cox

Resolution 2024-105 Authorizing the hiring of PBPD full-time officer, Evan Gisinger

Resolution 2024-106 Authorizing the promotion of Ptl. Christopher Juliano to the position of Detective for the PBPD

Resolution 2024-107 Authorizing the redemption of lien for block 60 lot 9

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 that the Borough has received its Affordable Housing unit numbers and will plan for future projects. He also advises that now is the time to get any needs, wants, wishes in to CFO for 2025 budget.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

Mr. Wieck advises that Saturday, December 14th at 10am at the Bluff will be the dedication of Wreaths to Pine Beach Service members and families for Wreaths Across America. If you have a family member you would like to have a wreath dedicated to or to support Wreaths Across America, please reach out to John Kelly or visit the Pine Beach Facebook for more information.

J. KEESLING

Mr. Keesling mentions that other adjacent towns have a Police Blotter and is wondering if this is something PBPD can facilitate. The Council disagrees and advises that they don't feel the need at the moment. Mr. Keesling advises that on Sunday he witnessed a resident blowing their property leaves into the adjacent Borough lot, the Mayor advises that this should be documented and given as a complaint to Code Enforcement or Mike Sedlak in Public Works.

Mr. Keesling takes a moment to thank all Veterans that have defended our Nation. He is also humbled and grateful to be re-elected for another term for Council, Mr. Keesling states his goal is to advocate for the residents and what they want Pine Beach to be.

L. MCGEE

Mrs. McGee wishes all a Happy belated Veterans Day. She touches on the presentation from Steve Willis and Hope Sheds Light and how powerful his message is. Addiction is something each family is effected by in some way.

Mrs. McGee thanks Fran and Doreen for re-staining the tables and benches at Cedar Ave Pavilion.

The Tree Lighting signs are up, and she is excited to attend the NJLM next week.

R. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman congratulated Mr. Saxton and Mr. Keesling on re-election and obtaining over 1,000 votes individually. Discussion is had about the Ocean County Recreation Equipment grant that the Borough was denied for. He hopes there is an opportunity to re-apply or look at additional avenues to obtain new playground equipment. A letter has been sent to the Sheriffs Department for the use of four stand lights for the Holiday Tree Lighting. Mr. Newman thanks the Public Works Department for helping do the mark outs for the Holiday decorations.

R. POLHEMUS

Mr. Polhemus brings to the Council's attention the growing usage of golf carts. The concern of safety enforcement for these vehicles without lights, turn signals, and careless driving. The Mayor states he will speak to the Chief about this issue arising.

The Personnel Committee is meeting with Lt. Morris on the Police Contract and will look to bring Linda Covello, CFO, in.

J. SAXTON
No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Francesca Nardo asks if the Council will be issuing violations for political signs that are still up. The Mayor advises that they will no longer be mandating the removal of signs due to First Amendment rights.

John Kubilewicz, PBVFC President announces that the Fire Co will have the Santa Run through town on December 14th. The Fire Co are selling their raffles tickets for Blue Claws Suite and general 50/50 and will be drawing tickets December 5th. The construction repairs are moving slowly, no updates. John announces there was elections for the Fire Company for 2025.

Chief (3800): Dave McKay

Asst. Chief (3810): Jay Sonnenfeld

Captain (3820): Vacant

Lieutenant (3830): Tony Jonin

President: John Kubilewicz

Vice President: Nick White

Treasurer: Doug Camburn

Secretary: Geoff Barger

Trustee (3-yr term): Tom Haskell

The Mayor and Council congratulate all the new officers.

A motion is made to enter an executive session for personnel by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Saxton. All are in favor.

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)

A motion is made to close executive session and re-enter the public portion by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Saxton.

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



Hannah L. Jacobus, Clerk

Approved: 12/11/2024