

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH  
WORK MEETING  
JUNE 24, 2024**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on June 24, 2024 in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. at 7:30 PM. Council President Wieck 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	absent	present	present

**CEREMONIAL**

Mayor Cuneo swore in the Municipal Clerk, Hannah L. Jacobus.

**Resolution 2024-66** A motion appointing Hannah Jacobus as Municipal Clerk for a three-year term is made by Mr. Keesling and seconded by Mr. Newman. The Council congratulated Ms. Jacobus and previous Municipal Clerk, Charlene Carney stated how proud she was of Hannah with her continued success as a Municipal Clerk.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Newman asked the Mayor if there were any updates on the playground equipment for Vista Park with funding from a grant. Mayor Cuneo responded that no updates, but the NJDOT project is working on replacing the dirt back at the field on Henley and Lincoln Ave.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Council reviews the 2023 Audit report provided, there was no comments or recommendations this year.

**RESOLUTIONS for approval:**

**Resolution 2024-62** Acknowledging the 2023 Audit

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

**Resolution 2024-63** Change order #1 for EARLE Asphalt FY23 NJDOT Improvements

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

**Resolution 2024-64** Authorizing #3 final payment EARLE Asphalt Company

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

**Resolution 2024-65** Accepting EARLE Asphalt Company maintenance bond and closeout documents

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

## MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor shares that the Borough Engineer and Mike Sedlak met with a representative from the DEP and they have given a list of items in need of updating, ordinances will be ready for intro at July meeting. The Pine Beach 5k went very smoothly despite the heat, great effort by all. There is a regatta at PBYC this Friday, the area will be busy, and a portion of Riverside will be closed for the event.

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

Mr. Wieck sent a sketch to the Borough Engineer for the lines to be painted at Vista park along Riverside to prevent parking in this emergency vehicle area. A copy of the Land Use Board recommendations will be sent out via email, please look it over and we will discuss at a later date. 4<sup>th</sup> of July meeting 6/26 at the Field House at Vista in preparation for the event. A new lifeguard started, Makai, he is working every other day at the moment. We are still looking for a second guard.

## J.KEESLING

Mr. Keesling expresses that he ran for Council to support our town and drive forward the voters' wishes. In recent events Mr. Keesling states he feels the Council has been biased and lacking support towards him. Mr. Keesling felt that the request for a third bulk-pickup was validated with the survey conducted and the timing of the vote was not done to intentionally leave out the absent members during the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Mayor Cuneo agrees that Facebook was not the right platform for posting this information as well as everything paid for by the Borough has tax implications, this however was placed in the 2024 municipal budget.

Mr. Keesling shares quotes for a display sign and proceeds with stating his donation of 1,000 flags for 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. In closing Mr. Keesling states that nothing he has done has been with ill intent, objections, or personal missions. He also warns that ignoring these social media platforms is a bad decision and is where our community is reaching out on decisions.

## L. MCGEE

Mrs. McGee reports that she is working hard for last-minute efforts for 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, looking forward to an amazing day.

## R. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman thanks the Ocean County Run Club for hosting a wonderful event, Pine Beach 5k, almost 500 runners. His family along with the McGee's gave out over 800 water bottles and additional items as well. The entire Borough including staff and volunteers came out to support the event and a High School South runner won the event. Continuing, Mr. Newman mentions that he is still looking for judges for the parade and to see Mrs. McGee if interested. There is a safety concern at Linden Ave for low wires. These were damaged in a storm months ago and still are on a temporary pole. The Clerk agrees to facilitate a request to Verizon to repair.

## J.SAXTON

*Formal Action:* Mr. Saxton makes a motion to rescind the vote that took place on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to add a third bulk pickup to the 2025 schedule. The motion is seconded by Mr. Newman. The vote is rescinded. Mr. Keesling makes a motion to table discussion until all members of Council are present, motion is seconded by Mr. Newman, no discussion is had.

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Yes(Motion)	Yes	Yes(second)	Absent	Yes	Yes

Mr. Saxton continues that the Cannabis Ordinance will have its introduction at the July 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. He joined the Land Use Board last week to meet and discuss any questions they had. Mr. Saxton is in discussion with the Municipal Court Judge Kerr over a new contract, this will be on for July.



FINANCE OFFICER

Linda Covello, CFO, states temporary tax bills went out, the school budget has not been set yet, when they pass their budget, we will get an amended tax statement.

CLERK

The Clerk reports that the lifeguard is working as many days as he can give us right now and is doing well. She then thanks the finance team and office staff; the audit came back with no recommendations, which is a reflection on the procedural put in place and everyone's hard work daily to follow these.


PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Kubilewicz, PBVFC president, states that there will be a coin toss on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The PBVFC is conducting their capital campaign and money is starting to come in.

Mayor Cuneo states that there is a need for an executive session to discuss personnel, a motion is made by Mr. Newman to enter an executive session, seconded by Mr. Wieck. All were in favor and no questions or comments were heard from Council or the public.

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)

Hearing no other comments the Mayor looks for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Newman makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion is seconded by Mr. Saxton, all were in favor.

  
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Hannah L. Jacobus, Clerk  
Approved: 7/10/2024