

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 8, 2023**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a regularly scheduled meeting on March 8, 2023 in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. at 7:30 PM. The Mayor opened the meeting 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 (late), Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Wieck (late)

THE FLAG SALUTE was led by Mrs. Coletti

MOMENT OF SILENCE was offered by Mayor Cuneo, with special thoughts of family and friends.

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A MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2023 was made by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mr. Keesling, Mr. Wieck)

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of February 6, 2023 was made by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Polhemus

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mr. Keesling, Mr. Wieck)

A MOTION to accept the work meeting minutes, both open and closed of February 22, 2023 was made by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mr. Keesling, Mr. Wieck)

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS were approved following a motion by Mr. Newman followed by a second by Mr. Saxton.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mr. Keesling, Mr. Wieck)

**BILLS RESOLUTION 2023-26**, Approving payments of Borough bills in the amount of \$470,786.94 was moved by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Newman.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mr. Keesling, Mr. Wieck)

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Municipal Court, water and sewer utility, and building inspector reports approved as submitted were approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Saxton.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mr. Keesling, Mr. Wieck)

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 2023-27**, Calling for an immediate moratorium of offshore wind energy development pending a thorough investigation into the unprecedented death of whales was approved following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mrs. Coletti.

Mr. Newman has three sons who have worked at Island Beach State Park and this is the worse loss of whales they have encountered.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mr. Keesling, Mr. Wieck)

**Resolution 2023-28**, Awarding a contract for a public improvement project known as FY 2022, CDBG Pennsylvania Ave. concrete sidewalk improvements to AJR Masonry for the low bid of \$54,600 was approved following a motion by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Mr. Newman

Mr. Polhemus feels this is a great step moving forward and the improvements are partially paid for using grant funds. Mr. Saxton thanked Mr. Polhemus and the Clerk for following through on the improvement.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mr. Keesling, Mr. Wieck)

Resolution 2023-29, Authorizing various road closures for the Pine Beach 5K June 25, 2023 and the Independence Day Parade July 4 was improved following a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Mr. Newman welcomed the two fun events, the Pine Beach 5 K and the Independence Day parade. The two events are an important part of the Borough.

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

The Mayor called for a vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Mr. Keesling, Mr. Wieck)

There was no further business to discuss and the Mayor called for public comments.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Berger spoke about his son, a Boy Scout looking to do an Eagle Scout project in town. One of his ideas is to put fishing pole holders along the river or any other project the Council suggests. Mayor Cuneo suggested leaving his phone number and Mr. Wieck will get in touch with him. Mr. Newman mentioned that the Eagle Scout projects have made a lot of improvements to town.

There were no other public comments

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Saxton apologized for missing Monday's work meeting

Mrs. Coletti announced that the first meeting for the 2023 Independence Day Committee will be March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and the Centennial Committee will meet March 29 at 6:30. We are now incorporated.

The Egg Hunt is April 2 and the Bunny will be there available for pictures at 1:00.

The Free Rabies Clinic will be held March 18 from 9 to 10 AM at the public works garage.

Mr. Newman's family has worked on donating 5 to 6 baskets for the Egg Hunt prizes. He also volunteered to help with the Rabies Clinic on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Polhemus reported that the negotiations with the CWA for the public works contract looks good and he will have a version for the attorney, Council and the Mayor to review by the end of the week.

There is bamboo along property lines along the Pennsylvania Ave. walking path and it is an invasive species which is creating havoc on the walkway and Public Works has a plan to try to stop it.

#### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo received information from David McKenna, Environmental Commission Chairman concerning the DEP promoting bamboo usage.

St. Patrick's Day is coming and it is a day to have fun.

Daylight Savings time starts early Sunday morning, remember to turn your clocks forward and to check the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Spring sports start next week and the Mayor suggested to go out and watch the young athletes doing their best for their sport and school.

Public Works employees rented a brush hog and did a good job cleaning up along Riverside Drive this week.

The Herbicide applications for poison ivy at Pocket Park will take place Monday. It is being paid for through a grant with Save Barnegat Bay.

The water tower repair and painting is still held up and the Borough has filed a law suit against T Mobile to remove or deactivate the antenna so the work can be done.

Mr. Keesling and Mr. Wieck arrived at the meeting and is so noted in the minutes.

Mr. Wieck reminded all that the first July 4 meeting will take place on March 14 at 6:30.

The Mayor introduced Mr. Wieck to Mr. Berger so they could discuss the Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Keesling had no comments for the meeting.

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mrs. Coletti. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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