

Borough of Pine Hill
Council Meeting
April 7, 2014
Pine Hill Borough Hall
7:30 P.M.

Mayor Green called the meeting to order.

Deputy Clerk, Patricia Hendricks delivered the Sunshine Law and the awareness for the town.

Roll Call: Patricia Hendricks, Deputy Clerk
Councilman Warrington-present, Councilwoman McCullen-present, Councilman Knott-present, Councilman Jaxel-absent, Councilman Robb-present, Councilman Burke-present, Mayor Green-present, Mr. Mallon-present, Mrs. Hendricks-present, Mr. Patterson-present, Mr. Cray-absent, Mr. Cardis-absent

Presentation: Police Department Recognition

Councilman Warrington thanked everyone for coming out. He stated that this is the second time that they have done this and that it is a great opportunity to acknowledge and recognize the great work of our Departments, Police Officers and Mutual Aid Officers.

Chief Winters said Good Evening to everyone. He commented that as Councilman Warrington said this is our second time doing this award and recognition ceremony. He reported that it represented 2013. Chief Winters presented the awards and recognition.

Proclamation – Distracted Driving 2014 Crackdown

Mayor Green read the Proclamation for Distracted Driving 2014 Crackdown.

Approval Minutes: March 3, 2014
March 17, 2014 Close Session

Mr. Mallon reported to Mayor Green that the March 3rd minutes on page two, paragraph three the date in reference in the first and third line should be February 15th not February 5th.

Motion to approve: Councilman Knott, 2nd Councilman Robb
All in Favor: 5 yes votes

Mayor Green reported that the next order of business is the discussion on the 5th Avenue Playground. He stated that for those of you who may not be aware on West 5th Avenue there is a small playground and the property belongs to the Camden County Diocese and St Edwards Church. He commented that they leased it to the Borough for a dollar back approximately in 1997. He stated that the Borough entered into that agreement to have a constructive playground for the children and at the time the school was open. He commented that since then it has become in disarray. He reported that it would cost approximately between \$50,000.00 and \$75,000.00 to replace all of the equipment needed in the playground. Mayor Green commented that the playground also has no parking and very low use. He stated that it is entirely up to council on what they will do but it cannot stay the way it is because it is becoming a Borough safety hazard for the children.

Councilman Robb commented that he was not sure that the Borough could do this with all of the repairs that are needed. He stated that he is familiar with the area and it is a small area.

Councilman Warrington said I agree. He reported that they have talked about this off and on for several years. He stated that it does not get a lot of use, there are equipment repairs and it is a safety issue for the town. He commented that the Borough does not have the money and if the Borough puts it back to the Diocese they can hopefully sell it.

Councilman Knott commented that he agrees.

Mr. Patterson stated that if the Borough is in a lease with the Diocese that they should have a resolution discontinuing the lease.

Mayor Green commented that they will place the resolution on next week's agenda.

RESOLUTION #2014-70 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL
ADOPTING A SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE AS PART OF THE BOROUGH
OF PINE HILL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY MUNICIPAL
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Motion to move Resolution #2014-70: Councilman Robb, 2nd Councilman Burke
All in Favor: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #2014-71 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A
SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)
(Distracted Driving 2014 Crackdown)

Motion to move Resolution #2014-71: Councilman Warrington, 2nd Councilwoman
McCullen Roll Call: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #2014-72 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL
AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING
AGREEMENT WITH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
COMMISSION

Motion to move Resolution #2014-72: Councilman Knott, 2nd Councilman Robb
Roll Call: 5 yes votes

Mayor Green made a motion to open to the public.

Walt Davis – 1 Franklin Avenue

Mr. Davis reported that last meeting he asked some things that he was unable to get all the answers to in five minutes. He asked if anyone would have a problem with him emailing the Borough with any questions he may have.

Mayor Green stated that it may depend on the questions.

Mr. Davis said yes, but does anyone have a problem with him sending an email with a question or something that should be done or something like that.

Mr. Green said no.

Mr. Davis stated that he asked about some information from the Fire Department regarding salaries and it was denied. He asked if that was the only avenue he has to get that information.

Councilman Warrington asked if he was sure that it was denied.

Mr. Davis stated that he did get a letter but the he did not remember exactly what it stated.

Councilman Warrington commented that Mr. Davis might want to revisit the letter.

Mr. Davis stated that he would double check it.

Councilman Warrington commented that there may be some fees associated with copies.

Mr. Davis commented that he is aware of the fees. He reported that he believed that it stated he had to be specific on something happening at the Fire Department. He commented that what he asked for was out of bounds; which was salaries and expenses of the Fire Department.

Councilman Warrington stated to Mr. Davis that there are legal requirements to having to be specific with questions.

Mr. Davis stated that he would go back over it and check to be more specific. Mr. Davis asked who the Public Works Superintendent is now.

Mayor Green replied John Greer.

Mr. Davis asked who the Code Enforcement is.

Mayor Green replied John Greer.

Mr. Davis asked who the Fire Chief is.

Mayor Green replied I believe John Greer.

Councilman Warrington commented John Greer.

Mr. Davis asked if they were all paid positions.

Mayor Green stated that the Public Works Superintendent/Code Enforcement is a paid position.

Councilman Warrington stated that Fire Chief is a volunteered position.

Mr. Davis commented that he would find that out when he gets the information. Mr. Davis asked if they are appointed positions and if so by whom.

Mayor Green stated that they are appointed positions by Mayor and Council.

Councilwoman McCullen reported that the Public Works Superintendent and Code Enforcement is a combined position.

Mr. Davis asked if when the positions were combined was the same salary used.

Mayor Green reported that the savings was approximately \$2,000.00.

Motion to Close to the Public: Councilman Warrington, 2nd Councilman Knott
All in Favor: 5 yes votes

Mayor Green asked if there were any Council Reports. There were no Council Reports.

Mayor Green reported that this coming Saturday is the Pine Hill Opening Parade at 9:30 at the Middle School. He commented that the Easter Egg Hunt is 11:30 at the Middle School.

RESOLUTION #2014-73 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF
BOROUGH OF PINE HILL

Mayor Green read the Resolution

Motion to Move Resolution 2014-73: Councilman Warrington, 2nd Councilman Knott
Roll Call: 5 yes votes

Closed Session began at 8:40 pm.
Closed Session ended at 9:02 pm.

Roll Call vote to return into open session:
Roll Call: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #2014-74 RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHRYN MERKH AS
THE ACTING TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL

Motion to move Resolution #2014-74: Councilman Warrington, 2nd Councilman Knott
Roll Call: 5 yes votes

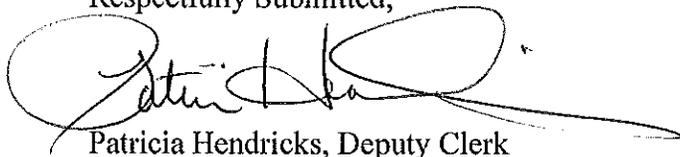
RESOLUTION #2014-75 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PINE
HILL AND THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 1014
FROM JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016

Motion to move Resolution #2014-75: Councilman Warrington, 2nd Councilman Robb
Roll Call: 5 yes votes

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Warrington, 2nd Councilman Knott
All in Favor: 5 yes votes

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Hendricks, Deputy Clerk