

Borough of Pine Hill
Council Meeting
March 3, 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-present, Councilman Robb-present, Councilman Burke-present, Mayor Green-present, Mr. Mallon-present, Mrs. Hendricks-present, Mr. Patterson-present, Mr. Cray-absent, Mr. Cardis-absent

Mayor Green asked Council if there were any matters to be discussed. Council had no matters to be discussed.

ORDINANCE #2014-913 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

First Reading

Mayor Green read the Ordinance

Motion to move Ordinance #2014-913: Councilwoman McCullen, 2nd Councilman Knott
Roll Call: 6 yes votes

RESOLUTION #2014-57 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL ESTABLISHING AND FIXING THE 2014 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE PINE HILL FIRE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.5B

Public Hearing

Mayor Green read the Resolution

Mayor Green opened the floor to the public.

Walt Davis – 1 Franklin Avenue

Mr. Davis asked about the Fire District Budget Resolution in regards to having a committee to make a new budget for the Fire District.

Mayor Green answered to review the budget.

Mr. Davis asked if Council was going to take a vote on the new budget tonight.

Mayor Green stated that it would be the intent; however that has to happen after the public hearing.

Mr. Davis asked if no one from the public speaks, then Council will be voting yes on the budget because they have already decided that this is the new budget.

Mayor Green reported that the recommendation from the Finance Committee is to reduce the budget by \$13,250.00. He stated that it will now be up to Council whether they accept that recommendation or modify it.

Mr. Davis asked if the Fire District Budget was ever put out to the public until tonight.

Mayor Green stated that budget that is here tonight is what was voted on February 15th. Mayor Green reported that the budget is the original budget that the Fire Commission adopted and then went to the voters on February 15th.

Mr. Davis commented that this hearing now is for the public to see what is involved with the new budget because the old budget was voted down and the other hearing is null and void.

Mr. Patterson reported that hearing was very important because that is when they went through all of the line items. The public hearing tonight is because the budget was defeated. He reported that the hearing tonight is so that this Mayor and Council as they are required by law because it is defeated within 30 days conduct a public hearing on whether or not they would just adopt that budget as it is presented which they could do or are they going to make a cut in the budget. He reported that they decided to make a cut in the budget for \$13,250.00.

Mr. Davis commented that he felt as a tax payment he should have the right to review the budget with the people who made the new budget up and so they can explain to him exactly what is going on as far as the allocations.

Mayor Green recommended to Mr. Davis that he go talk to the Pine Hill Fire Commissioner.

Les Gallagher – 49 East Cloverdale Avenue

Mr. Gallagher stated that he wanted to point at a clarification from his own understanding that the Fire District budget is the same like the School budget. He explained that the school puts it together, they advertised their meetings like the Fire Company did and that is where it is formulated. He commented as Mayor and Council all you do is look at it and see how much you think it should be cut. He reported that then it goes back to the Fire District and the \$13,250.00 gets voted on and they have to figure out where they are going to cut it. He stated that Mayor and Council do not do anything with the budget.

Mayor Green reported that they make a recommendation on it and it is entirely up to them.

Tom Hassett – 5 Sherri Way

Mr. Hassett stated just for the record he is not on the Commission nor involved with it. He reported that he was at their December meeting, the budget was there, it was advertised and it was available for anybody who wanted to come and review it. Mr. Hassett stated that he is a member of the Fire Company and he appreciates Mayor and Council supporting it.

Jim Wakeley – 22 West 2nd Avenue

Mr. Wakeley reported that the Pine Hill Fire District is its own separate entity.

Motion to close the floor to the public: Councilman Jaxel, 2nd Councilwoman McCullen
All in Favor: 5 yes Councilman Warrington Abstained

Motion to move Resolution #2014-57: Councilman Robb, 2nd Councilman Jaxel
Roll Call: 4 yes votes Councilwoman McCullen, Councilman Warrington Abstained

RESOLUTION #2014-58 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE
HILL AUTHORIZING THE PINE HILL YOUTH ASSOCIATION TO HOLD
THE ANNUAL OPENING DAY PARADE ON SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2014

Motion to move Resolution #2014-58: Councilwoman McCullen, 2nd Councilman
Warrington All in Favor: 6 yes votes

RESOLUTION #2014-59 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF
THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL

Mayor Green reported that there is no need to go into closed session.

Mayor Green made a motion to open to the public.

Fred Costantino – 270 Little Mill Road

Mr. Costantino stated that he want to thank the members of Council for their support of the
Fire Department and assure them that they are doing their absolute best.

Motion to Close to the Public: Councilwoman McCullen, 2nd Councilman Warrington
All in Favor: 6 yes votes

Council Reports:

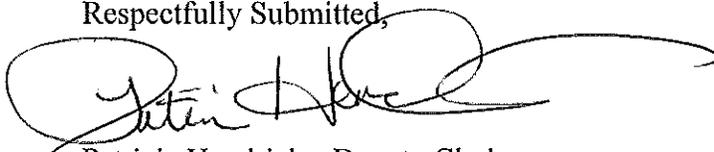
Councilwoman McCullen reported that Parks and Rec Commission met on Saturday. She
commented that she wanted to thank the members of Council for their anonymous in their
decision to support the Youth Association's annual open day parade.

Councilman Knott stated that he wanted to thank the MUA for helping out once again with
the snow removal. He commented that on April 12th at noon they are going to have their
Pine Hill Community Easter Event. He reported that if anyone would like to donate Easter
baskets for the Easter Event it would be much appreciated.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Warrington, 2nd Councilman Knott
All in Favor: 6 yes votes

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Hendricks, Deputy Clerk