

Borough of Pine Hill
Council Meeting
March 19, 2012
Pine Hill Borough Hall
7:30 P.M

Mayor Green called the meeting to order. He asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

Roll Call: Councilman Warrington - present, Councilwoman McCullen- present, Councilman Knott-present, Councilman Shultz – present, Councilman Jaxel – present, Councilman Robb – absent , Mr. Patterson- present, Mrs. Bileci- present, Mayor Green-present, Mrs. Hendricks- present, Mr. Cray – present, Mr. Cardis- CFO

Mayor Green gave to a Proclamation to the 5th grade students at the Bean School.

Mayor Green gave a Proclamation to Perk's Local Market

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 12, 2012 – Regular Session:

Motion to approve: Councilwoman McCullen, 2nd Councilman Jaxel

Roll Call: 5 yes votes

March 12, 2012- Closed Session:

Motion to approve: Councilman Warrington, 2nd Councilman Shultz

Roll Call: 5 yes votes

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion to approve: Councilman Warrington, 2nd Councilman Jaxel

Roll Call: 5 yes votes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Clerk Hendricks read the Committee Reports.

Motion to approve Committee Reports: Councilwoman McCullen, 2nd Councilman Knott

Roll Call: 5 yes votes

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Green referenced the correspondence from the League of Municipalities regarding new OPRA decisions. He stated that he will keep Council informed of any new changes to the law.

Motion to approve Correspondence: Councilman Knott, 2nd Councilman Jaxel
Roll Call: 5 yes votes

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Green explained to Council that Clementon Day at Clementon Lake Park will be on Sunday, May 27. He stated that discount tickets will be available for sale as well. He asked Council what their thoughts were as to selling them at Borough Hall.

Councilwoman McCullen stated that we should work in conjunction with the Schools to take orders for the tickets to control the volume of requests.

Motion to approve:

Mayor Green explained to Council the need to establish rules and regulations for placing plaques at Veteran's Park. He asked for a Committee to be created with the following individuals to sit on the Committee: Mayor, Business Administrator, Councilman Warrington, Councilman Jaxel, and 1 or 2 individuals from the American Legion. The Committee will be tasked with drafting the policies and procedures for the plaques.

Motion to approve: Councilwoman McCullen, 2nd Councilman Shultz
Roll Call: 5 yes

RESOLUTION # 2012-53: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL TO APPLY FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2012-2013

Mayor Green read the Resolution. Mayor Green explained that Maguire Park was selected for the project. Councilman Warrington asked how the project was selected asked the reasoning for a road not to be selected.

Paul Cray explained that the funding has been cut and that we are only expected to receive \$44,000.00 this year and the funding would not be enough to cover the cost of a street.

Councilwoman McCullen stated that she was really excited to see that this project was selected because she worked on it for 8 years.

Motion to Move Resolution #2012-53: Councilwoman McCullen, 2nd Councilman Knott
Roll Call: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #2012-54: RESOLUTION TO CANCEL 2012 OPEN BALANCES LESS THAN \$10.00 FOR PROPERTY TAXES

Mayor Green read the Resolution.

Motion to move Resolution #2012-54: Councilman Shultz, 2nd Councilman Jaxel
Roll Call: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #2012-55: RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL FOR MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED BY THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL

Mayor Green read the Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #2012-55: Councilwoman McCullen, 2nd Councilman Jaxel

Roll Call: 5 yes votes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. John Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt asked a follow up question to if Planning Board member Robert Whip was able to serve as a Planning Board Member as well as a member of the MUA? Mr. Patterson stated that he will address the question after they go into closed session and will respond in open session for that question.

Mr. Schmidt also asked if Mr. Patterson had a chance to look into the decision regarding the Audubon case. Mr. Patterson responded that the decision had to do with the removal of a tenured Clerk for a shared service position. He stated that Pine Hill has the proper shared service agreement with Lindenwold for Tax Assessor.

Mr. Schmidt also asked questions regarding the Diana May case. He asked if Mr. Kaerney was still getting paid on that case. Business Administrator Bileci stated that she was not aware of any further billings from him.

Motion to Close to the Public: Councilwoman McCullen, 2nd Councilman Jaxel
All in Favor: 5 yes votes

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Jaxel reported that he attended a meeting for Municipal Alliance and that they are planning the Senior Luncheon. He also explained that Channel 19 was having problems and that we would need to pay for our share of software repairs.

Councilman Knott had no reports at this time.

Councilwoman McCullen explained that the Recreation Commission adopted a formal procedure for the use of the Borough's property. She explained that the procedure forms go to the Business Administrator, Police Chief as well as the Public Work's Director so that everyone is on the same page and were are able to identify who is using our fields and if there are any problems we will have all the information. She stated that Tom O'Donnell was appointed to the board and that his knowledge will be an asset to the Commission.

Councilman Warrington recognized the Fire Department and the article in the Courier Post regarding the Sleep in Program. He stated that Chief Greer implemented the program which helps to save the costs of 4 full time firefighters. He also commented on that he was in the Clerk's office last Friday and was able to witness both Pat and Jen display great customer service to a resident. He lastly commented on a letter from the police and fire chief regarding access to Bowen field for emergency vehicles. The issues is that there is limited parking for emergency vehicles at the field and that the Chief has recommended restricted parking to help remedy the problem.

Councilman Shultz stated that Economic Development met and had a lot of really good ideas. He explained that they are in the process of updating their marketing items and will be trying to implement more information via the website.

Mr. Paul Cray, Borough Engineer, stated that the Safe Routes to Schools has been submitted and we are waiting to hear what amounts will be awarded.

Mr. Cardis stated that he hopes the website is moving along since he would like to see the introduced budget posted on the site.

Mrs. Bileci reported that the new website will be live in 2 weeks. We are still in the process of transferring all information to the new site. She further reported that many changes are occurring within the Borough specifically with updating forms and creating more efficient record keeping.

Mayor Green reported that he participated in the Read across America in the schools and that it was a great event to be a part of. He also stated that starting Wednesday, April 4th, Borough Hall will be open on Wednesday evenings until 9 pm.

Mayor Green also announced that the Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 31st at the Pine Hill School gym.

RESOLUTION #2012-56: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL TO DISCUSS A MATTER FALLING WITHIN THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND TO DISCUSS THE STATUS INVOLVING DIANA MAY V. PINE HILL BOROUGH

Mayor Green read the Resolution.

Motion to move Resolution #56-2012: Councilman Warrington, 2nd Councilman Shultz

Roll Call: 5 yes votes

Closed session began at 8:30 pm.

Closed session ended at 8:45 pm.

Roll Call vote to return into open session:

Roll Call: 5 yes votes

Mayor Green opened the meeting to the public to address the Planning Board issue.

John Schmidt- Gloucester City, New Jersey

Mr. Patterson explained that the issue has been researched regarding the Planning Members and if they are able to serve as MUA members.

Mr. Patterson stated that a Class IV Planning Board member cannot hold another municipal office such as a member of the Municipal Utilities Authority. Therefore, the two Municipal Utilities Authority members on the Planning Board will be tendering their resignations.

Mr. Schmidt asked if there were any votes that they casted as Planning Board members that shouldn't have. Mr. Patterson explained that he would have to request that from the individual board.

Motion to close public participation: Councilman Jaxel, 2nd Councilman Shultz
Roll Call: 5 yes votes

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Warrington, 2nd Councilman Shultz
All in favor: 5 yes votes

Respectfully Submitted,


Jennica Bileci, RMC
Borough Clerk