

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Kennedy called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm with a Salute to the Flag.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT** – Adequate notice of this meeting was given by emailing The Retrospect and Courier Post on January 6, 2020 and posting on the bulletin board at Borough Hall.

**ROLL CALL** – Recorded as present was Mayor Kennedy, Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Kennedy

**MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION:**

**Minutes**

- Recessed Meeting of December 16, 2019 held January 3, 2020 - the motion to approve by Commissioner Clark was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, with Mayor Kennedy, Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Kennedy in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- Reorganization Meeting of Friday, January 3, 2020 – the motion to approve by Commissioner Kennedy was seconded by Commissioner Clark, with Mayor Kennedy, Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Kennedy in favor, none, opposed and no abstentions.

**Resolutions**

- **#022-2020 - APPOINTING AUTHORIZED AGENT TO REPRESENT THE BOROUGH FOR TAX APPEALS**

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 1988, the New Jersey Tax Court rendered a decision in the case of Easthampton Township v. Miamon & Smith, 9 N.J. Tax 602; and

**WHEREAS**, the Camden County Board of Taxation has advised the Mayor and Borough Commissioners of the Borough of Pine Valley that this opinion may have an impact on the ability of the Tax Assessor to file complaints in the New Jersey Tax Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Commissioners of the Borough of Pine Valley would seek to avoid any difficulty in that regard and would want our Tax Assessor to act as the Borough of Pine Valley's agent in all tax appeal matters before the Camden County Board of Taxation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Pine Valley, that THERESA STAGLIANO, CTA, Tax Assessor, be and she is hereby appointed authorized agent for the Borough of Pine Valley to appear and act as agent in all tax appeal matters before the Camden County Board of Taxation in which the Borough of Pine Valley is a party for the year 2020.

- The motion to approve with noted correction by Commissioner Clark, was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, with Mayor Kennedy, Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Kennedy in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

- **#023-2020 - APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Pine Valley, that payment for the annexed bill list dated January 21, 2020 in the amounts indicated below is hereby approved:

Current Account	\$33,806.79
Payroll Account	<u>\$ 2,461.35</u>
TOTAL	\$36,268.14

- The motion to approve by Commissioner Kennedy, was seconded by Commissioner Clark, with Mayor Kennedy, Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Kennedy in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

**OFFICIAL REPORTS**

- **Finance Reports** – CFO Dean Ciminera said the general bank reconciliations are all done for 2019. There were no over-expenditures and all the payroll taxes are paid for 2019.
- **Police Report** – Captain Rauer had nothing to report, the new shift work is working. The Police vehicle has been received and being driven daily. So there are two police cars altogether

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

- **Special Legal Counsel** – with regard to the matter with the New Jersey Civil Rights Commission, the Club has submitted the responses requested by the State via their attorneys. The Borough submitted its responses on November 27<sup>th</sup> and has received nothing back. The Club did not renew the Security Contract and discussion is being held with Legal Counsel to review new revenue sources to offset the change such as occupancy and event taxes or fees, reverse tax appeals, referendums. Tax appeal and construction department costs are also being looked at in order to be able to submit a budget that is balanced. Pine Hill is working to cover emergency calls when there is not shift coverage. It is only short term through February 15<sup>th</sup> costs may not allow long term. The Borough is to get back to Pine Hill around February 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss. It is a work in progress and the department is working for resolution for the three-hour shortfall of 24 hours, with 3:00 am to 6:00 am is the gap. CFO Ciminera spoke to the Auditor regarding how to account for and extra tax revenue or other types of revenue that may be produced and that is being looked at. Mayor Kennedy said everything is on hold until the next meeting so he can confer with Counsel. Borough Administrator Mather referenced a 1988 Special Item of Revenue letter approval, and if any other new Revenues would have to pass through this State approval for Revenue. That thinking will be reviewed. There was discussion of that Special Item of Revenue may go back to 1985. In 1989 there was indication from the Auditors that the Special Item of Revenue approval no longer needed to be sought with the budget submittal every year. Mayor Kennedy asked that they material be scanned and forwarded to Mayor Kennedy and CFO Ciminera. There may have to be special meetings held to accommodate timelines. There was discussion of whether the Borough could purchase the public access venue.
- **Annual Club Contracts** – Borough Administrator Mather said that the Trash contract and the MOU with the Club were also returned by the Club unsigned. There was discussion of whether the Borough resolutions should be rescinded, to which it was confirmed that the Borough will have to wait and see what steps it needs to take.
- **Windows 10** – Municipal Clerk Amadio mentioned that the Borough is currently running Windows 7 as its operating system, and the time to update to Windows 10 is rapidly coming to a close, so a time should be set up to maintenance the computers.

**FLOOR OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** – Mayor Kennedy opened the meeting to the public, but not hearing any comments or questions, closed the meeting to the public.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The next Borough Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Pine Valley will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2010 at 4 pm at the Borough Hall.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** - The motion to adjourn at 4:34 pm by Commissioner Clark, was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk