

**PINE VALLEY BOROUGH
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Mayor Michael B. Kennedy Presiding**

CALL TO ORDER-FLAG SALUTE

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 Tuesday, December 15, 2020 held January 5, 2021 - the motion to approve by Commissioner Clark, was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- Reorganization Meeting of Tuesday, January 5, 2021- the motion to approve by Commissioner Clark, was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

• **RESOLUTIONS**

• **#007-2021 - APPOINTING MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**

WHEREAS, the appointment of a Municipal Public Defender is necessary and required by the Borough of Pine Valley in its Municipal Court arrangement with the Borough of Berlin; and WHEREAS, the name of Glen J. Leary, who serves as Municipal Public Defender for the Borough of Berlin, has been submitted to serve as the Municipal Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, Glen J. Leary, is a person authorized by law to practice this recognized profession in the state of New Jersey; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Pine Valley, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Glen J. Leary, 1510 Blackwood Clementon Rd, Blackwood, NJ 08012 is hereby appointed as the Municipal Public Defender for the Borough of Pine Valley, County of Camden and State of New Jersey for the year 2021.

- Captain Rauer explained that the matter of Mr. Leary’s availability for appointment had been cleared up and he is willing to accept the appointment.
- The Motion to remove from table by Commissioner Kennedy, was seconded by Commissioner Clark, with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- The motion to approve by Commissioner Clark, was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

• **#025-2021 - APPOINTING AGENT TO REPRESENT THE BOROUGH OF PINE VALLEY FOR TAX APPEALS**

WHEREAS, on March 20, 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 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 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.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Commissioners of the Borough of Pine Valley, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Theresa Stagliano, C.T.A., Tax Assessor for the Borough of Pine Valley, be and 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 Borough of Pine Valley is a party for the year 2021.

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

• **#026-2021 - 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 19, 2021 in the amounts indicated below is hereby approved:

Current Account	\$55,138.32
Payroll Account	<u>\$ 10,958.11</u>
TOTAL	\$ 66,096.43

- The Motion to adopt by Commissioner Clark, was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

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OFFICIAL REPORTS

- Finance – CFO Ciminera discussed an email to amend the cancelled appropriations, and that he has been on the phone with the Auditor to wrap up the AFS and ADS. The surplus is lower than anticipated, and the surplus will have to be upped. There was discussion that the preliminary budget numbers will be rerun by the end of the week. There was discussion that the \$60,000 appropriation for legal fees will have to be cut. Mayor Kennedy asked to meet with him next week. The Tax Anticipation note was paid off on Friday with the assistance of PNC and Bond Counsel. The Bond Anticipation note will be rolled over with \$10,000 paid and the rest rolled over. At this point, the auditor is working on the financials explaining when they were both respectively due, saying they are basically done, and that the actual audit will be done closer to the summer months. Mayor Kennedy said he signed the engagement letter to be sent back to the Auditor, and it should soon be in the mail. There was discussion of payroll
- Police – Captain Rauer reported that the generator had been set up yesterday, with the plumber expected by Friday. There was discussion of the appropriation through the capital fund. Everybody is fine with no illness and half the roster has been vaccinated. The cars are working good. There was discussion of the red and green light system, lock ups, maintenance calls, and which residents are still on property. There was discussion of ongoing work and tax assessment changes that might be filed and what effect that may have on 2022 collections. There was additional discussion of vaccination of first responders.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- **PINE VALLEY BOARD HEALTH** – there was discussion of dog licensing and rabies vaccination as well as information received regarding vaccine, vaccination appointments and distribution.

FLOOR OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Mayor Kennedy opened the floor to the Public for comments or questions on any item appearing on the Agenda, or any other issues they may have. Hearing none, he closed the meeting to the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – the next meeting for the Borough of Pine Valley will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2021 @4 pm in the Borough Hall.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – motion by Commissioner Kennedy at 4:20 pm, was seconded by Commissioner Clark with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC
Municipal Clerk