

**PINE VALLEY BOROUGH
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 16, 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**

- Borough Meeting of Tuesday, January 19, 2021 - the motion to approve by Commissioner Clark, was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

• **ORDINANCES** - First Readings by Title and Introduction

- **2021-01-AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE BOROUGH OF PINE VALLEY**
 - Mayor Kennedy read the ordinance by title saying this was an annual procedure
 - Motion to Introduce by Commissioner Kennedy, was seconded by Commissioner Clark, with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
 - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 4 pm in the Pine Valley Borough Hall.
- **2021-02-AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**
 - Mayor Kennedy read the ordinance by title saying this is part of the budget process, and with regard to the budget said there have been two drafts so far, with hopeful submission in March, this ordinance sets some of the parameters.
 - Motion to Introduce by Commissioner Clark, was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
 - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 4 pm in the Pine Valley Borough Hall.

• **RESOLUTIONS**

• **#027-2021 - 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 February 16, 2021 in the amounts indicated below is hereby approved:

Current Account	\$122,128.03
Payroll Account	\$ 6,367.35
TOTAL	\$128,495.38

- Mayor Kennedy reviewed the matters on the list, highlighting the County Tax payment.
- The motion to approve by Commissioner Kennedy, was seconded by Commissioner Clark with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

• **#028-2021 - CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 AS AMENDED BY P.L. 2017, c.183**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Pine Valley, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

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- Mayor Kennedy said this was annual resolution for the budget process.
- The Motion to adopt by Commissioner Clark, was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

OFFICIAL REPORTS

- Finance – Mayor Kennedy said that CFO Ciminera mother had passed explaining his absence at the meeting and offering condolences and there was discussion of the funeral arrangements. Mayor Kennedy reiterated that the budget is being worked on saying there had been a phone meeting with Todd Saler, Borough Auditor producing a budget draft. The audit will await the pension footnotes as the pattern has been the last few year, and likely issued in the summer, but Todd has everything. There was discussion of the generator issued, which is pending due to the weather. No digging is required, as it can be mounted on the eaves. There was discussion of projects ongoing with the Club and possible progress apparently being made, and the process of eventual reporting to the Assessor.
- Police – Captain Rauer said everything was okay, will all being vaccinated.
- Citizen’s Committee – Mayor Kennedy said a zoom meeting was being set up, and that they would report to the Commissioners. The State did send a draft for a February 15 meeting. The attorney for the Borough is asking for more time for discussion in early March. There was discussion of State mandates and authority level and the distinction that the Club and Borough are independent.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

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, March 16, 2021 @4 pm in the Borough Hall.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – motion by Commissioner Kennedy at 4:17 pm, was seconded by Commissioner Clark with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC
Municipal Clerk