

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2022**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Ken Dubbs

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Thomas Fickinger, Council President
Leroy Bates, Vice-President
Leonard Clark, Pro-Tem
Skip Butler
Elaine Holley
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/ Treasurer
Willard Shiffer, Mayor
Shane Hobbs, Solicitor

ABSENT:

Rodney Hiester
Devin Lymaster

Council President Fickinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with all members of Council being present with the exception of Rodney Hiester and Devin Lymaster. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1): None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. **Dumpster Ordinance:** Solicitor Hobbs discussed the Dumpster Ordinance and discussed sections that needed to be changed. Solicitor Hobbs will be making the updates and send a draft to council.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. **HH&L:** None.
2. **NEFD:** None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- o Sgt. Mozurkevich read over the monthly Police Report.

- Mayor Shiffer stated a request for handicapped parking request was received for 26 W. Pottsville Street. Leroy Bates motioned to add a handicapped parking spot near 26 W. Pottsville Street, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- Mayor Shiffer stated himself and President Fickinger will be attending the Schuylkill County Conservation District Flooding Project Tour on April 20, 2022.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed the Mayor's Conference on July 21-July 24 and he would like to attend. Leonard Clark motioned to allow Mayor Shiffer to attend the Mayor's Conference on July 21-July 24th, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
Leroy Bates motioned to allow Elaine Holley and Skip Butler to attend the PSAB Conference in May pending the cost of conference, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **Garcia, Garman & Shea-Auditor:** Skip Butler motioned to appoint Garcia, Garman and Shea as the new Borough Auditor, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
- **Lettich & Zipay:** Skip Butler motioned to appoint Lettich & Zipay as contractor to process payroll and quarterly reports for the Borough, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER): None.

3. ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER)

- **Approval of Minutes:** Passing the gavel, President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the March 10, 2022 Regular Meeting, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for March, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **Streets/ Water Report:** Report is in everyone's folder.
- L. Clark discussed the large water leak on Mountain Road.
- L. Clark discussed possibly a low volume road grant for the dirt road behind S. Tulpehocken Street by the cemetery due to the water run-off.

5. PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):

- **Chesapeake Planting Project:** L. Bates stating the Chesapeake Plant Project is moving along and stated he had taken some drone pictures of the area they first planted.

6. FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK): None.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER):

- Skip Butler stated they tried to consolidate the borough into three separate areas regarding sidewalks and determined areas that were severe. Council further discussed.

8. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK): None.


○ NEW BUSINESS:

- **Letters of Support Schuylkill Conservation District:** Leroy Bates motioned to approve the Letters of Support for the Middle Creek and Swopes Valley flooding projects for Schuylkill Conservation District, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Facebook Page:** Leroy Bates motioned to remove the Borough of Pine Grove Facebook Page, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Walk Works Grant:** Ken Dubbs discussed the Walk Works Grant and asked council to consider submitting this grant. Council further discussed. Leroy Bates motioned to look into submitting a Walk Works Grant, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

○ PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.

○ PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

Leroy Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m., seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer