

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2023**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Mary Jo Moss
Dave Sattizahn

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Thomas Fickinger, Council President
Skip Butler
Elaine Holley
Devin Lymaster
Willard Shiffer, Mayor
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/ Treasurer
Shane Hobbs, Solicitor

ABSENT:

Leonard Clark, Pro-Tem
Leroy Bates, Vice President
Wade Gettle

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 Leroy Bates, Leonard Clark and Wade Gettle. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):

- **Dave Sattizahn:** D. Sattizahn stated he will be attending the Hazardous Mitigation Meeting on August 23rd.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- **Tax Upset Sale:** Solicitor Hobbs discussed the Tax Upset Sale in September and several properties are listed and he was going to verify there are no other properties.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

- **The Nature Conservancy:** President Fickinger stated The Nature Conservancy will be tabled until the September meeting.
- **Mary Jo Moss:** M. Moss introduces herself as a Republican Write-In for Schuylkill County Commissioner.
- **HH&L: None.**
- **NEFD: None. Report in everyone's folder.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Sgt. Mozurkevich read over the monthly Police Report.

- Mayor Shiffer stated a request was received for Handicapped parking spot by 19 W. Pottsville Street. Skip Butler motioned to allow a Handicapped parking spot by 19 W. Pottsville Street, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed several QOL issues and discussed having Light-Heigel look at property on Fairview Street.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

● **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**

- **Red Arrow Property:** President Fickinger stated the owner of the Old Red Arrow is having issues with getting their zoning permit approved. Council further discussed.

● **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER): None.**

● **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER)**

- **Approval of Minutes:** Passing the gavel, President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the June 8, 2023 Regular Meeting, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for June, seconded by Devin Lymaster, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Devin Lymaster, carried by Council.

● **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**

- **Streets/ Water Report:** Report is in everyone's folder.
- **Gravel Well Road Repair Bids:** President Fickinger opened bids received for the Gravel Well Road Repair. The following are bids received:

1. Arthur "Pat" Aungst	\$118,658.00
2. H & K Group	\$241,839.67
3. ROKK Enterprises	\$251,497.00

Devin Lymaster motioned to award to the lowest bidder pending solicitor and engineer review, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

- **Rewire 2017 Dump Truck:** President Fickinger stated E. Kreiser obtained a quote to rewire 2017 Dump Truck totaling \$3,195.00. Council further discussed. Skip Butler motioned to approve rewiring the 2017 Dump Truck, seconded by Devin Lymaster, carried by Council.
- **School- Assist line painting:** Secretary Dyer stated the school reached out to Earl asking if they could assist with line painting at the school. Council further discussed. President Fickinger stated he had no issues with them doing it but the school should reimburse the borough for labor.
- **Well Meters:** President Fickinger went over the quote for the new well meters. President Fickinger state the total price is \$79,287.00. Council further discussed. Elaine Holley motioned to proceed with the well meters but check to see if PennVest funds can be used, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

● **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES): None.**

- **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK): None.**
- **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER): None.**
- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):**
 - **Pool:** President Fickinger stated the pool is scheduled to close on Wednesday, August 23rd.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - **North Tulpehocken Sidewalk:** D. Lymaster stated is trying to get quotes for the replacement of the sidewalk on North Tulpehocken Street. D. Lymaster stated a lot of contractors are currently busy with bigger projects.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.**

Devin Lymaster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m., seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer