PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2026

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Sgt. Yarmush
Brandon Strouphauer
Bob Miller
Amanda Lutz
Dale Legarht
Annie Yorty

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:
Leroy Bates, Council President
Debra Thompson, Vice-President
Ethel McMullen, Pro-Tem
Skip Butler
Saagar Mehta
Aimmee Reilly
Tyler Yeagley
Melissa Dyer, Borough Manager
Willard Shiffer, Mayor
Shane Hobbs, Solicitor

ABSENT:

Council President Bates 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. A quorum was established.

◯ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):**

- **Annie Yorty:** Annie Yorty asked about potholes. Council further discussed. Borough Manager Dyer will discuss the concerns of potholes with the streets department.

◯ **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- **Fire Alarm Funds Distribution:** Solicitor Hobbs discussed false alarms and how to reimburse fire companies. Council further discussed. *Ethel McMullen motioned to approve 45% goes to each fire company and 10% goes to the borough, seconded by Debra Thompson, carried by Council.*
- **The Nature Conservancy Update:** Solicitor Hobbs stated he anticipated some title objection questions. Solicitor Hobbs went over the Title Object Letter he received from The Nature Conservancy.

◯ **SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

- **USDA Geese @ canal:** Dale Legarht from the Bicentennial Committee discussed the geese down at the canal. Geese waste is very contagious with avian flu and local bird farms are losing lots of birds because of it. D. Legarht stated the USDA has been using measures to relocate the geese without harm. Council further discussed. *Ethel McMullen motioned to allow the USDA on borough property to continue to migrate the geese from the canal, seconded by Saagar Mehta, carried by Council.*
- **HH&L:** Bob Miller read over their monthly report.
- **NEFD:** Report in file.

◯ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Sgt. Yarmush read over the monthly report.
- Mayor Shiffer provided a list to council of the top QOL violations.

◯ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**
  - **Ordinance 478:** *Skip Butler motioned to adopt Ordinance 478, Trailers, seconded by Ethel McMullen, carried by Council.*
  - **Schuylkill EMA Plan-Resolution # 03-26:** *Ethel McMullen motioned to adopt Resolution #03-26, Schuylkill EMA Plan, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.*
  - **Appoint Tyler Yeagley-Resolution # 06-26:** *Saagar Mehta motioned to adopt Resolution # 06-26 appoint Tyler Yeagley to council, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.*
  - **Fulton Bank Signers-Resolution # 08-26:** *Aimmee Reilly motioned to adopt Resolution #08-29 updating the bank signers for Fulton Bank, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.*
- **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**
  - *Skip Butler motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 6:49pm, seconded by Debra Thompson, carried by Council.* Council returned from executive session at 7:06pm.
  - *Skip Butler motioned to adopt Resolution #07-26, PMRS Police Pension Yearly Amendment-no contribution, seconded by Debra Thompson, carried by Council.*

    Council President Bates asked if we could pause for a moment of silence for Brian Stump.
- **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:**
  - **Approval of Minutes**: Passing the gavel, *Council President Bates made a motion to accept the Minutes of the June 24, 2026 Special Council Meeting, seconded by Ethel McMullen, carried by Council.*

- *Council President Bates made a motion to accept the Minutes of the July 9, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Aimmee Reilly, carried by Council.*
- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report**: *Council President Bates made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July, seconded by Saagar Mehta, carried by Council.*
- **Approval of Bills**: *Council President Bates motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Aimmee Reilly, carried by Council.*

- **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**
  - **Streets & Water Report:** Report is in everyone's file.
  - **Water Project:** Debra Thompson provided council with an update on the water project and stated we will be moving forward with the testing of Well 17 and set aside Well 16 for now.
- **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE: None.**
- **FLOOD MITIGATION/ STORMWATER COMMITTEE: None.**
- **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**
  - **Township Meeting:** Skip Butler stated we are still waiting to hear back from the Township on a meeting date.
- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION:**
  - **2026 Pool Season:** Aimmee Reilly stated the pool will be closing for the season on Sunday, August 16th. Aimmee stated that Taylor and Alex did an awesome job. Aimme stated that Alex will not be returning next season due to college.
    Aimme Reilly discussed the outdoor market and pool pals. Lion's Club donated the portable toilets for the outdoor market and Potts & Monger has also donated trash receptacles for the outdoor market.

◯ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **2025 Audit:** Borough Manager stated everyone has a copy of the 2025 Audit for review in their folders. Borough Manager stated the audit went well.
- **Training:** Borough Manager Dyer stated she would like to attend two webinars totaling $45.00 each. Borough Manager stated the first one is for blight and second is in December for internal controls. *Debra Thompson motioned to approve Borough Manager Dyer to attend the Blight webinar on August 18th and Internal Controls webinar on December 8th, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.*
- **September Meeting:** Borough Manager Dyer stated September meeting is on Thursday, September 17, 2026. Amanda will be covering the meeting. Borough Manager Dyer will be attending the meeting but overseeing Amanda. Borough Manager Dyer stated the office staff tries to cross train on certain duties in case someone is out, etc.

◯ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.**

◯ **PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.**

Ethel McMullen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

Melissa A. Dyer, Borough Manager