

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 12, 2026**

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

Sgt. Yarmush	Nick Modesto
Justin Strickler	Sharon Spittler
Robert Miller	Zofia Fegley
Richard Schach	Violet Nyer

**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

Leroy Bates, Council President  
Elaine Holley, Vice-President  
Debra Thompson, Pro-Tem  
Skip Butler  
Ethel McMullen  
Aimmee Reilly  
Melissa Dyer, Borough Manager  
Willard Shiffer, Mayor  
Shane Hobbs, Solicitor

**ABSENT:**

Kyler Burke

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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 with the exception of Kyler Burke. A quorum was established.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1): None.**

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- **Pine Grove Township Agreement:** Solicitor Hobbs stated he has been working with Pine Grove Township's solicitor on a final draft of the Intermunicipal Agreement for workers compensation for the borough fire companies.
- **eBikes and RV Parking:** Solicitor Hobbs stated he will forward the draft ordinances to council for review.
- **0 Mill Alley/ Old Meat Market:** Solicitor Hobbs stated the deed was signed and demo will be scheduled in the near future.

**SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

- **Sharon Spittler:** Sharon Spittler is the owner of Lil Angels Daycare Center along Pleasant Valley Road. Sharon Spittler stated that DEP is stating that her daycare will be shut down if she doesn't connect with public water or drill a new well. Borough Manager Dyer stated we still haven't gotten our project approved by DEP and not sure when we will receive the approval. Borough Manager Dyer will reach out to

Josh Krammes from DEP to get additional information regarding the daycare water supply issue.

- **PGJROTC:** Zofia Feagley and Volet Nyer stated the Pine Grove JROTC will be going to Hawaii and it will be the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor while they are in Hawaii.
- **Scouting for Deals:** Nick Modesto stated the Scouting for Deals will be on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and requested to have Veteran's Memorial Drive shut down the day of the event. Elaine Holley motioned to shut down Veteran's Memorial Drive on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for the Scouting for Deals Event, seconded by Aimmee Reilly, carried by Council.
- **Richard Schach:** Richard Schach discussed water issues that he has in his basement. Richard Schach asked if the Borough has applied for any stormwater grants, etc. Borough Manager Dyer stated that we have applied twice for two grants through FEMA for stormwater upgrades and were denied both times. Council further discussed.  
Richard Schach discussed the snow removal from the snowstorm and asked how soon residents need to have snow removed from their sidewalks. Council further discussed.
- **HH&L:** Report in file.
- **NEFD:** Report in file. Justin Strickler provided an update on the merger.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

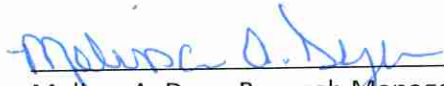
- Sgt. Yarmush read over the monthly report.
- Mayor Shiffer stated the police department has been giving warnings and tickets for those not shoveling sidewalks after snow storms.
- Mayor Shiffer stated the Chief Trotter is currently off for surgery. He will be back to work once the doctor releases him.
- Mayor Shiffer stated the Friends of Schuylkill Parks & Recreation is looking for a council member to attend on behalf of the borough. Mayor Shiffer stated Tom Fickinger used to attend. Mayor Shiffer stated the meeting is on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Sweet Arrow Lake Clubhouse.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**
  - **Executive Session:** Skip Butler motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters at 7:02 p.m. seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.  
Skip Butler motioned to accept Kyler Burke's resignation as a council member and to advertise for the council vacancy, seconded by Ethel McMullen, carried by Council.
- **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** None.

- **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:**
  - **Approval of Minutes:** Passing the gavel, Council President Bates made a motion to accept the Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Re-Organization Meeting, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.  
Council President Bates made a motion to accept the Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting, seconded by Ethel McMullen, carried by Council.
  - **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Council President Bates made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for January, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
  - **Approval of Bills:** Council President Bates motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Ethel McMullen, carried by Council.
- **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**
  - **Streets & Water Report:** Report is in everyone's file.
- **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:**
  - **TNC Update:** Deb Thompson motioned to proceed with The Nature Conservancy Easement, seconded by Aimmee Reilly, carried by Council.
- **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE:**
  - **Upper Swatara Watershed:** Elaine Holley stated the next meeting will be on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:** None.
- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION:**
  - **Schuylkill Outdoor Markets:** Aimmee Reilly discussed the outdoor markets that were held along Veteran's Memorial Drive last year. Aimmee Reilly would like to host more outdoor events on July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Skip Butler motioned to allow the Schuylkill Outdoor Market to host outdoor markets on July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> along Veteran's Memorial Drive, seconded by Debra Thompson, carried by Council.
  - **2026 Season:** Aimmee Reilly stated the Rec Board is getting ready to advertise for lifeguards and concession stand/front desk workers. Aimmee Reilly stated our next Rec Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - **2025 Schuylkill Emergency Operations Plan:** Borough Manager Dyer stated we received the 2025 Schuylkill Emergency Operations Plan from County for approval. Borough Manager Dyer stated if council is ok with it, they can adopt a resolution. Council further discussed and tabled this until March's meeting.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** None.
- **PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** None.

Elaine Holley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m., seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.



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Melissa A. Dyer, Borough Manager