

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2017**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Joan Schwer	Sharon Zimmerman
Jason Stump	Garrett Lineaweaver
Melissa Lineaweaver	Charlie Zimmerman
Sgt. Taylor	Judith Fickinger
Kim Pribilla	

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Scott Zimmerman, Council President
Thomas Fickinger, Vice-President
Anthony Gurski, Pro-Tem
Leroy Bates
Leonard Clark
Ronald Hepler, Jr.
Terry Noll
Willard Shiffer, Mayor
Christopher Hobbs, Solicitor
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer

Council President Scott Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building. Boy Scout Garrett Lineaweaver led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with all members of Council being present. A quorum was established.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. **Jason Stump:** Pastor Stump belongs with St. Peter's United Church of Christ. He would like to do a little free library located by the pool. Pastor Stump provided

pictures to council of little free libraries. He stated they have one in front of the church already and has been working well. Anthony Gurski motioned to move forward with the little free library in a location near the pool, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

2. **Hose Hook & Ladder:** End of Year Report in everyone's files. R. Hepler stated they will be having a Rumpsch Match on March 17th and American Girl Doll Bingo on March 18th. R. Hepler stated the Easter Bunny Breakfast will be at the end of March.
3. **North End Fire Company:** None.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Sergeant Taylor read over the monthly police report. T. Gurski asked Sgt. Taylor how the laptops were working in the police vehicles. Sgt. Taylor said they are working really well.
- Mayor Shiffer stated that the City of Pottsville is requesting fire police for the Yuengling Light Lager Jogger on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Tom Fickinger motioned to allow Pine Grove Borough fire police to assist with the Yuengling Light Lager Jogger on Saturday, April 22, 2017, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
- Mayor Shiffer stated the Girardville Borough is requesting fire police for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Tom Fickinger motioned to allow Pine Grove Borough fire police to assist with the Girardville St. Patrick's Day, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**
 - **Executive Session:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:16pm to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by council. At 7:24pm, council returned and stated they discussed personnel matters.
2. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**
 - **Resignation of Streets Employee:** Leroy Bates motioned to accept the resignation of Heath Wolfe, seconded by Ronald Hepler, Jr., carried by Council.
3. **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN)**
 - **Approval of Minutes:** Tom Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the January 19, 2017 Budget Meeting, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
 - **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Passing the gavel, Council President Zimmerman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Tony Gurski, carried by Council.
 - **Approval of Bills:** Council President Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Bills Approval List, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**

- **Streets/ Water Report:** Tom Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.
- **Road Paving:** T. Fickinger stated Penn DOT will be paving S.R. 443 from Halton Hill Road to S.R. 645. L. Clark stated the new water line project would be from S.R. 895 to the red light in town. T. Fickinger stated they are looking to start paving in Spring 2018. T. Fickinger stated that BCM is asking council to solicit bids for the new water line project. Council further discussed the water project. Tom Fickinger motioned to allow BCM to solicit for bids for the water project, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
- **New Borough Truck:** L. Clark stated the new borough truck will be delivered in the next couple of days. Tom Fickinger motioned to allow Melissa Dyer and Scott Zimmerman to execute the lease agreement for the new truck, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- **Relocation of Crosswalk:** T. Fickinger stated he would like to move forward with the crosswalk at Legion Acres Blvd. L. Clark stated the next step would be to get an engineer involved to have drawings complete. Council further discussed. L. Bates will be attending the school's safety meeting and will ask them for a letter of support for the reduction in speed limit for S.R. 443 from School Street to Legion Acres Blvd. Council discussed reaching out to PennDOT for a speed study.
- **Water System:** T. Fickinger stated BCM is in the process of upgrading our water license. T. Fickinger stated the two new well are finished and waiting for DEP to do the pump out test. T. Fickinger stated that BCM is still working on locations for the new water tank.
- **Timbering:** T. Fickinger stated they are working on the timbering on Berger's Road. T. Fickinger stated they should be completed in another month or so.
- **Armory:** T. Fickinger discussed different options for the restrooms for Armory Building and handicapped ramp. L. Bates suggested contacting Marty Sowers on the occupancy to see how many bathrooms you may need. Council further discussed. Tom Fickinger motioned to obtain quotes for ADA restrooms and handicapped entrance, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (TONY GURSKI):**

- **American Legion:** T. Gurski stated the Legion will be hosting the Memorial Day Parade. Tony Gurski motioned to close borough streets for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2017, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
- **Veteran's Memorial Park:** T. Gurski stated the Legion is going to be looking at possibly moving the mortar down with the Army tank at Veteran's Memorial Drive along with building a ceremonial burn pit for the burnings of the flags.

- **St. Peter's Church Parade:** T. Fickinger stated that St. Peter's Church will be having a Reformation Day Parade in the future and would request the S. Tulpehocken Street to be closed from St. John's Church to St. Peter's Church. T. Fickinger will have to find out more details.
 - **Swatara Creek Flood Restoration Project:** T. Gurski stated he received the floodplain study plans for the Swatara Creek Flood Restoration Project from the Swatara Watershed Committee. T. Gurski will be reviewing the plans to ensure they follow the borough's current floodplain ordinance. T. Gurski also asked council for permission to work with Marty Sowers from Light-Heigel to review the plans to ensure nothing is missed for the restoration project. Tony Gurski motioned to allow Tony Gurski to submit the floodplain study plans for the Swatara Creek Flood Restoration Project to Marty Sowers of Light-Heigel for further review of our floodplain ordinance, seconded by Tom Fickinger, carried by Council.
6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER): None.**
- **Flood Elevation Certificate:** Secretary Dyer stated we received correspondence from the NFIP that if we obtain an elevation certificate for the property we could receive a discount on our flood insurance. Secretary Dyer stated the cost for the elevation certificate will exceed the savings on the flood insurance. No further action taken.
 - **Guilford Mills:** T. Fickinger stated the Mayor and himself attended the presentation at Guilford Mills for the flood restoration project. T. Fickinger stated Rep. Tobash, Senator Argall and the County Commissioners were present. T. Fickinger stated Guilford has a new plant manager and very agreeable to work with the borough. Council further discussed.
7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (TERRY NOLL):**
- **Rental Inspection Ordinance:** Council reviewed the draft rental inspection ordinance and it was decided they like the format of the Girardville Borough better. Council further discussed. Secretary Dyer will try to obtain the word format of the Girardville Borough's Rental Inspection Ordinance.
 - **Incident Management Software:** T. Gurski stated he attended a seminar on an Incident Management Software called Knowledge Center. He stated the software will track every emergency management center in the county. T. Gurski stated it will also help with building resources documents and open communication.
8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**
- **Pool:** President Zimmerman stated they will be redoing the roof at the bathhouse and repainting the pool this summer.
 - **Borough Contribution:** Scott Zimmerman motioned to transfer the borough contribution from General Fund to the Recreation Board, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

- **Kim Pribilla:** K. Pribilla stated her mother was hit by a truck three weeks ago out at the school parking lot and no police were on duty at the time. K. Pribilla stated Chief Trotter and herself obtained permission from the school to review the surveillance footage from the parking lot to show her mother was hit by the truck. K. Pribilla was told by Chief Trotter that he couldn't issue a citation due to a school policy. K. Pribilla stated she was at the school board meeting and she said they don't have any policy in place prohibiting the police to issue citations. K. Pribilla doesn't understand why a citation wasn't issued. Mayor Shiffer stated he will check with Chief Trotter. Council further discussed. K. Pribilla stated she will be meeting with her Attorney next Wednesday.
- **Judith Fickinger:** J. Fickinger asked council what steps need to be taken to form a committee to work on the Armory Building. J. Fickinger would like to have the Armory Building presentable. Council further discussed.

PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Would like a copy of the Hose Hook & Ladder's end of year report? A copy was provided.

Where is the actual road paving taking place? S.R. 443 from Halton Hill to the S.R. 645 intersection. The water line project will be from the S.R. 895 intersection to the red light in town.

When was Heath Wolfe's last day and are you hiring a new person? January 27, 2017. They are currently interviewing for part-time.

What kind of truck did you purchase? GMC 3500 Dump Truck for \$43,974.00. Lease to own

How much was the contribution for Recreation Board? \$20,000.00

Tom Fickinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer