

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 8, 2024**

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

Earl Kreiser	Russ Stump
Brandon Stroupauer	Daryl Frantz
Lee Strubhar	Amanda Lutz
Pat Mozurkevich	Greg Pritchard
Pete Mozurkevich	Maria Alaferez

**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

Wade Gettle, Council President  
Leroy Bates, Vice President  
Elaine Holley, Pro-Tem  
Kyler Burke  
Devin Lymaster  
Aimmee Reilly  
Willard Shiffer, Mayor  
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/ Treasurer  
Shane Hobbs, Solicitor

**ABSENT:**

Skip Butler

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Council President Gettle 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 Skip Butler. A quorum was established.

**○ PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):**

- **Daryl Frantz:** D. Frantz lives along Bergers Road and is aware of the illegal dumping on borough property. D. Frantz stated he has been working on cleaning up the tires. D. Frantz stated he has reached out to local reps with no response.
- **Russ Stump:** R. Stump discussed the lease agreement of property with the Army Tank down at the canal. R. Stump would like to update the lease and offer to pay more if the borough would be able to mow the grass. Council further discussed. Solicitor Hobbs will work on an updated lease.

**○ SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

- **Nick Modesto- Scouting for Deals:** Devin Lymaster motioned to close Veteran's Memorial Drive on Saturday, May 11, 2024 for the Scouting for Deals Event, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
- **HH&L:** B. Stroupauer read over HH&L's monthly report.
- **NEFD:** L. Strubhar read over NEFD's monthly report.

○ SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- **Wideawake Street:** President Gettle discussed No Turn for Wideawake Street and Oak Grove Road. Council further discussed. Devin Lymaster motioned to amend ordinance/ borough code section 173.12 banning trucks over 10,000lbs and more than 2 axles from turning left onto to Wideawake Street from Oak Grove Road and no right hand turn onto Oak Grove Road from Wideawake Street, seconded by Elaine Holley carried by Council.
- **35 Moyer Street:** Solicitor Hobbs discussed the liens for 35 Moyer Street and Tax Sale. Secretary Dyer stated the total amount of liens is \$ 4,426.00 for 35 Moyer Street. Solicitor Hobbs is going to continue working on this.

○ MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Shiffer presented Peter Mozurkevich with a plaque for his years of service as police officer. P. Mozurkevich worked with the borough from 1990 to 2024.
- Mayor Shiffer presented Thomas Fickinger with a plaque for all of his years of service as a council member and council president. Mayor Shiffer stated he was a council member from 2012-2019 and council president from 2019 to 2024.
- Officer Pritchard read over the monthly Police Report.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed the rental inspections and certain properties. Council further discussed. Elaine Holley motioned for Solicitor Hobbs to move forward with the citation process per Borough Code 139.11 for 108 S. Tulpehocken Street, seconded Devin Lymaster, carried by Council.  
Leroy Bates motioned to allow Solicitor Hobbs to move forward with the citation process per Borough Code 139.11 for 82 S. Tulpehocken Street, seconded by Devin Lymaster, carried by Council.

○ COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (WADE GETTLE):**
  - **Open Council Seat:** Pine Grove Borough Council received one Letter of Interest for the vacant council seat from Kyler Burke. Leroy Bates motioned to appoint Kyler Burke to the vacant council seat, seconded by Devin Lymaster, carried by Council. Mayor Shiffer swore in Kyler Burke as the council member for Pine Grove Borough Council.
- **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (WADE GETTLE)**
  - **Approval of Minutes:** Passing the gavel, President Gettle made a motion to accept the Minutes of the January 11, 2024 Regular Meeting, seconded by Devin Lymaster, carried by Council.
  - **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Gettle made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for January, seconded by Devin Lymaster, carried by Council.
  - **Approval of Bills:** President Gettle motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Devin Lymaster, carried by Council.

- **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (WADE GETTLE):**
  - **Streets & Water Report:** Reports are in everyone's file.
  - **4<sup>th</sup> Street:** E. Kreiser stated a resident reached out to him saying the school buses are breaking up the road on Fourth Street and breaking up his driveway. E. Kreiser stated the resident would like his driveway fixed. Council further discussed. Council President Gettle asked Earl to take pictures of the area.
- **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**
  - **Berger Road-Illegal Dumping:** L. Bates stated JROTC will do clean up on Bergers Road on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Council President Gettle stated Sarah Cobb, a Tremont Borough resident inquired about the tires for landscaping/agriculture project. Council further discussed. Elaine Holley motioned to allow Sarah Cobb from Tremont Borough to take tires for her landscaping project, seconded by Devin Lymaster, carried by Council.
  
  - Leroy Bates motioned to get pricing for cellular trail cameras, seconded by Devin Lymaster, carried by Council. Council President Gettle stated Potts & Monger will be donating a dumpster for Bergers Road cleanup.
- **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (WADE GETTLE):**
  - **FEMA NFIP Deficiencies:** Council President Gettle stated we received notification from FEMA with NFIP deficiencies. Council President Gettle stated we will be setting up a meeting to go over their list.
- **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER):** None.
- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (AIMMEE REILLY):**
  - **Pool:** Aimmee Reilly stated we are good on lifeguards but we are need of concession stand and front desk workers for the pool. Aimmee Reilly motioned to advertise for concession stand and front desk workers for the 2024 Summer Season, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
  - **Recreation Board:** A. Reilly discussed bringing back the Recreation Board. A. Reilly discussed the Pleasant Valley Park Project along with the Walking Trail Project. Council further discussed. Leroy Bates motioned to advertise for Letter of Interest for seats for the Recreation Board, seconded by Devin Lymaster, carried by Council.
  - **Veteran's Memorial Drive:** Mayor Shiffer brought up about closing Veteran's Memorial Drive during the summer months. Council further discussed. Aimmee Reilly motioned to pursue Referendum to add the question of closing Veteran's Memorial Drive during summer months at the November election, seconded by Devin Lymaster, carried by Council.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **NEW SRO Vehicle:** Devin Lymaster motioned to approve the lease of the 2023 Ford Explorer for the School Resource Officers totaling \$40,195.00, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
- **Federal Surplus Property Program:** Secretary Dyer stated we are due to renew the Federal Surplus Property Program and wanted to check with council to see if they would be still interested in it. Council President to go ahead with the renewal.
- **Canal Docking- pumping:** E. Kreiser stated he spoke with Dave Sattizahn and Wayne Lehman was going to help out with this project. Secretary Dyer will reach out to Wayne Lehman.
- **Left Turning Lane:** Council President Gettle discussed the left turning lane at the traffic light. Secretary Dyer stated she reached out to PennDOT. Secretary Dyer stated their response was in everyone's folder. Mayor Shiffer stated we had a traffic study done before. Council President Gettle would like to setup a meeting with Senator Argall's office.

○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

- **Maria Alferez:** M. Alferez introduced herself to council and addressed her concerns with the property she had resided in the Borough of Pine Grove. Council further discussed. President Gettle apologized to M. Alferez for what she endured.

○ **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**

- Leroy Bates motioned to enter into Executive Session at 8:03pm to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Devin Lymaster carried by Council. Returned from Executive Session at 8:21pm.  
Devin Lymaster motioned to offer the FT Police Officer position to Candidate A, seconded by Aimmee Reilly, carried by Council.

Leroy Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m., seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.

  
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Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer