PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2026

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Sgt. Yarmush	Tyler Yeagley
Brandon Strouphauer	John Devine
Bob Miller	Nick Miller
Jason Burke	Jim Mikohik

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:
Leroy Bates, Council President
Debra Thompson, Pro-Tem
Skip Butler
Saagar Mehta
Ethel McMullen
Aimmee Reilly
Melissa Dyer, Borough Manager
Willard Shiffer, Mayor
Shane Hobbs, Solicitor, arrived at 6:42pm

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): None.**

◯ **SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

- **Moody & Associates:** Jim Mikochik provided a timeline history of the proposed Well 16/17 project. Council further discussed. Teams Meeting with DEP will be held on July 31st.
- **Fly Fishing Event/ Chris Brown:** Borough Manager Dyer stated they would like to host a Fly-Fishing Event for kids on Saturday, August 1st from 9:00am to 2:00pm. *Skip Butler motioned to approve the Youth Fly-Fishing Event on Saturday, August 1st from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the canal, seconded by Aimmee Reilly, carried by council.*
- **HH&L:** Bob Miller read over their monthly report. Bob Miller introduced the new chiefs for HH&L. Bob Miller stated their annual carnival is next Tuesday through Saturday with fireworks on Friday night. Bob Miller stated we will be recognizing the High School Girls Softball Team for the State Championship win on Thursday night at 7:00pm. B. Miller stated if anyone is available from the borough to attend.

B. Miller did inquire if the borough is receiving payments for the false alarms. Borough Manager Dyer stated some are paying. Borough Manager Dyer trying to determine how to divide the funds since it isn't written in the ordinance. Borough Manager Dyer will discuss with Solicitor Hobbs.

- **NEFD:** Report in file. Nick Miller provided an update on the merger with the Pine Grove Township fire companies.

◯ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Sgt. Yarmush read over the monthly report.
- Mayor Shiffer provided a list to council of the top QOL violations. Aimmee Reilly asked why the parking meters status is always pending. Borough Manager Dyer stated the police usually empty the meters twice a year. Borough Manager Dyer stated the bank no longer accepts loose change. We have to take the time to roll the coins now before taking to the bank to deposit.

◯ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**
  - **Council Seat:** *Ethel McMullen motioned to appoint Tyler Yeagley to the vacant council seat, seconded by Saagar Mehta, carried by Council.* Tyler Yeagley was sworn in by Mayor Shiffer. President Bates stated the Pro-Tem seat will need to be filled. *Debra Thompson motioned to appoint Ethel McMullen to the Pro-Tem seat, seconded by Saagar Mehta, carried by Council.* Borough Manager Dyer stated the following are the Executive Officers of Borough Council: Leroy Bates-President, Debra Thompson-Vice-President and Ethel McMullen-Pro-Tem.
  - **Tax Collection Committee:** *Skip Butler motioned to appoint Aimmee Reilly as Primary voting delegate, Leroy Bates as 1st Alternate, Saagar Mehta as 2nd Alternate for the Schuylkill County Tax Collection Committee, seconded by Debra Thompson, carried by Council.*
- **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

  Ethel McMullen motioned to approve Teamster's MOU with updates to Article 3 (Wages) and Article 6 (Hours of Work), seconded by Debra Thompson, carried by Council.

  Solicitor Hobbs entered the council meeting at 6:42pm.

◯ **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- **Ordinance 478, Trailers:** *Skip Butler motioned to advertise Ordinance 478, Trailers, seconded by Ethel McMullen, carried by Council.*
- **Petition for Mandamus:** Solicitor Hobbs explained what Petition for Mandamus was regarding DEP issues. Council further discussed.

- **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- **Approval of Minutes**: Passing the gavel, *Council President Bates made a motion to accept the Minutes of the June 11, 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 June, 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.
  - **Natale's Trailer Court:** Solicitor Hobbs will write a letter to the owner of Natale's Trailer Court regarding the water leak. Solicitor Hobbs will touch base with Jake on quotes for repair and leak detection.
- **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE: None.**
- **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE: None.**
- **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: None.**
- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION:**
  - **2026 Pool Season:** Aimmee Reilly stated the concession stand renovations have been completed. A. Reilly provided an update on the Pine Grove Pool Pals. A. Reilly stated she is working on getting quotes for resurfacing the pool.

◯ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Fall Evergreen:** Borough Manager Dyer stated there are requests for a Fall Evergreen. Council further discussed and will move forward with a Fall Evergreen.
- **September Meeting:** Borough Manager Dyer stated she will be on vacation from September 7, 2026-September 11, 2026 and wanted to see if council wanted to reschedule the council meeting or let another staff member cover the meeting. Council further discussed and Amanda will be covering the September

◯ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.**

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

Skip Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m., seconded by Saagar Mehta, carried by Council.

Melissa A. Dyer

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