

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2023**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Ken Dubbs
Suszanne Dubbs
Earl Kreiser
Mary Jo Moss
Lee Strubhar

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Thomas Fickinger, Council President
Leroy Bates, Vice-President
Leonard Clark, Pro-Tem
Skip Butler
Elaine Holley
Wade Gettle
Willard Shiffer, Mayor
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/ Treasurer
Shane Hobbs, Solicitor, entered the meeting at 6:12pm

ABSENT:

Devin Lymaster

Council President Fickinger 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 Devin Lymaster. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):

1. **Mary Jo Moss:** M. Moss introduced herself. M. Moss is running for Schuylkill County Commissioner.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Hobbs entered the meeting at 6:12pm.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. **HH&L:** None.
2. **NEFD:** L. Strubhar read over monthly police reports. L. Strubhar discussed the mock DUI crash held in April.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- o Sgt. Mozurkevich read over the monthly Police Report.

- Mayor Shiffer discussed the location of the mailboxes for the Post Office. Council further discussed.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed QOL and blight properties.
- **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER): None.**
 - **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
 - Leroy Bates motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:30pm to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
 - Council returned from Executive Session at 6:36pm.
 - Leroy Bates motioned to hire seasonal worker pending interview, seconded by Wade Gettle, carried by Council.
- **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER)**
 - **Approval of Minutes:** Passing the gavel, President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the April 13, 2023 Regular Meeting, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
 - **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for April, seconded by Wade Gettle, carried by Council.
 - **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
- **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
 - **Streets/ Water Report:** Report is in everyone's folder.
 - **A.D. Marble Wetlands:** Secretary Dyer stated approval is needed for DEP/SRBC Permits total \$27,114.00 for A.D. Marble. Council further discussed. Skip Butler motioned to approve the DEP/ SRBC Permits totaling \$27,114.00, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
 - **DEP Service Line Inventory:** Secretary Dyer stated DEP is requesting every water department to record and track service lines for every water customer to include a picture of the pipe along with the type. Secretary Dyer stated the project must be completed by October 16, 2024.
 - **Items needed at Chemical Building/ Wells:** Secretary Dyer brought up a few things that will be needed for the Chemical Building and wells. Secretary Dyer stated the replacement of meters with Mag Meters at the Chemical Building and wells. Secretary Dyer stated Dave Kavitski is waiting to hear back on the price of the meter. Secretary Dyer stated a digital scale for the chlorine was also requested and had to double check on the price. Council further discussed.
 - **Curb stops-Speedway:** E. Kreiser stated they would like to replace some curb stops at Speedway. Arthur "Pat" Aungst will be replacing them.
 - **Leak Detection:** E. Kreiser stated he would like Fluid Pinpoint in to locate some curb stops that they can't find as well.
- **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES): None.**

- **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):** None.
- **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER):** None.
 - **False Alarms:** Skip Butler motioned to advertise Ordinance 469, False Alarms with the corrections in Section 2 Item C fine amount of \$300.00, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
 - **Sidewalk Specifications:** Leroy Bates motioned to approve sidewalk specifications along with fee schedule until new sidewalk ordinance is approved, seconded by Wade Gettle, carried by Council.
- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):**
 - **Internet at Pool:** Secretary Dyer stated they are looking for different internet options for down at the pool. Secretary Dyer stated they would like to install security cameras down at the pool.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - **Rental Inspection:** Secretary Dyer wanted to check to see if council would like to check to see if the fee schedule can be changed to match the rates of Light-Heigel for no call no shows. Council further discussed and decided to table it until next month.
 - **Election Reminder:** Secretary Dyer reminded council of the Primary Election on Tuesday, May 16th. Secretary Dyer stated that anyone that is running must get 10 write in votes in order to be on the ballot for November.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**
 - **Ken Dubbs:** K. Dubbs inquired about the flood mitigation project that is taking place near Pleasant Valley Road and if it will affect the proposed walking trail along there. Council further discussed.

Skip Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m., seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.



 Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer