

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 26, 2022**

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

Heather Butler  
Logan Clevenger

**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

Thomas Fickinger, Council President  
Leroy Bates, Vice-President  
Leonard Clark, Pro-Tem  
Skip Butler  
Elaine Holley  
Devin Lymaster  
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/ Treasurer  
Willard Shiffer, Mayor  
Shane Hobbs, Solicitor

**ABSENT:**

Rodney Hiester

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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 Rodney Hiester. A quorum was established.

○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):**

1. **Heather Butler:** H. Butler asked permission from council to paint a mural on the wall of the pool pump house. Council further discussed. Leroy Bates motioned to allow Heather Butler to paint a butterfly mural on pool pump house wall, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council. L. Clark will make sure the wall is pressure washed before she starts to paint.

○ **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

1. **Machine Tax:** Solicitor Hobbs provided council with an overview on the Machine Tax and the possibility of taxing gas pumps with the machine tax. Council further discussed and tabled until next meeting.

○ **SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

1. **HH&L:** None.
2. **NEFD:** None. Report in file.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Sgt. Mozurkevich read over the monthly Police Report.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed the Quality of Life and properties of concern.
- Mayor Shiffer brought up a concern of a sulfur smell from Guilford. Council further discussed. L. Clark stated this smell happens when dying with the color black.
- Mayor Shiffer stated issues with delivery trucks blocking the roads when delivering at Turkey Hill. Mayor Shiffer stated the police will be giving the driver warnings.
- Mayor Shiffer stated they will be having a dedication at the cemetery on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for soldiers that were killed in action.
- Mayor Shiffer stated the Memorial Day parade is scheduled for Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**

- **Leah Zerbe-Monarch Planting:** M. Dyer stated Leah Zerbe would like to plant some flowers and plants listed in the email around the Borough Building, etc. Council further discussed. Leroy Bates motioned to allow Leah Zerbe along with school students to plant flowers and plants around the Borough Building, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council with the exception of Leonard Clark who opposed.
- **Dumpster Ordinance:** T. Fickinger brought up that he feels no dumpsters should be allowed on main street due to traffic flow. Council further discussed.

2. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER): None.**

- **Teamsters Contract:** T. Fickinger stated we received a notice from Teamster's regarding the current contract will be up for negotiations. The current contract expires December 31, 2022.

3. **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER)**

- **Approval of Minutes:** Passing the gavel, President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the April 14, 2022 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 Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**

- **Streets/ Water Report:** Report is in everyone's folder.
- L. Clark stated they had 12 snow/ice events this year and plowed 969 miles during these events and discussed ordering two (2) more loads of salt.
- Water shut off for delinquent water customers will be on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**

- **Timbering Update:** L. Bates provided council with a timber update.

6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK): None.**

7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER): None.**

8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):**

- **Pool:** Len Clark stated the pool will be opening this weekend for Memorial Day Weekend.

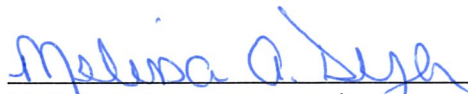
○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Washington Township Intermunicipal Agreement:** Secretary Dyer stated they would like to revise their agreement with the Borough. Council further discussed and tabled to June's Meeting.
- **Tulpehocken Rifle Lease:** Secretary Dyer stated Tulpehocken Rifle Club would like to have their lease updated. Council further discussed. Leonard Clark motioned to have Solicitor Hobbs draft a new lease agreement with the Tulpehocken Rifle Club, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Jr. Council Person:** Elaine Holley brought up about having a Junior Council Person for the Borough. Council further discussed and possibly will do an advertisement at the High School for interested parties.

○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** None.

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

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

  
Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer