

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2022**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Rodney Hiester
Devin Lymaster

Council President Fickinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. There was a moment of silence for Joan Schwer. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with all members of Council being present with the exception of Rodney Hiester and Devin Lymaster. A quorum was established.

○ COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. EXECUTIVE COMMENTS

- **Timber 2nd Opinion:** Secretary Dyer stated Len and herself met with Wes Harner regarding a 2nd opinion on timbering borough property. Secretary Dyer stated he didn't feel that the parcel could be timbered. Secretary Dyer stated he suggested the borough should look into Carbon Credits and felt we would benefit from it.

2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES)

- Executive Session: Leroy Bates motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Leonard Clark. Council returned from Executive Session at 6:25pm stating they discussed personnel matters.
Leroy Bates motioned to accept the resignation of retirement for Leonard Clark effective Tuesday, January 3, 2023, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

Skip Butler motioned to appoint Thomas Trotter as Water Trainee for the Pine Grove Water System starting Wednesday, January 4, 2023, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council

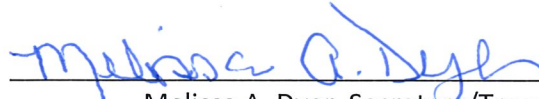
Leonard Clark motioned to appoint Earl Kreiser as the Streets Crew Leader effective Wednesday, January 4, 2023, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

Leonard Clark motioned to move Ty Hoke from Temporary Worker to Full-time Laborer effective Wednesday, January 4, 2023, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council

Leroy Bates motioned to move Zach Peters from 3 days a week to 5 days as a Special Employee, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

3. **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER)**
 - **December Regular Council Meeting:** Leroy Bates motioned to change the December Regular Council Meeting to Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 6:00pm instead of Wednesday, December 21, 2022, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
 - **2023 Budget:** Leroy Bates motioned to advertise 2023 General/Water Budget with a 1 mill tax increase for the General Fund, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
 - **Teamsters Contract:** Leroy Bates motioned to approve the new five-year Teamsters Contract starting January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2027, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
4. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK)**
 - **Stormwater Repairs-Stone:** Skip Butler motioned to utilize Liquid Fuels for the stone for stormwater repairs, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

Leroy Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m., seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer