

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

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**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

Thomas Fickinger, Council President  
Leroy Bates, Vice-President  
Skip Butler  
Elaine Holley  
Wade Gettle  
Willard Shiffer, Mayor  
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer

**ABSENT:**

Leonard Clark, Pro-Tem  
Devin Lymaster

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

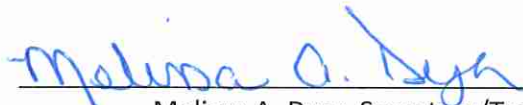
**○ COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- **Sensus Meter Test 306 Cherry Street:** President Fickinger stated resident is requesting to be reimbursed for last two quarters bills stating the meter should have been replaced due to age. Council further discussed. Secretary Dyer stated the water department put in a new meter at 306 Cherry Street and old the meter was sent for testing. Secretary Dyer stated test results were received and the meter passed with no errors. Council further discussed. *Skip Butler motioned not to reimburse the water bill for 306 Cherry Street due to meter passing the testing, seconded by Wade Gettle, carried by Council.* Secretary Dyer will send out a letter notifying the property owner.
- **Resolution# 03-23:** *Leroy Bates motioned to approve Resolution #03-23, Lease Agreement with Univest Capital for 2023 Ford F-550 totaling \$86,486.00, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.*

- **Resolution # 04-23:** Leroy Bates motioned to approve Resolution# 04-23, Trade-In of 2012 GMC Sierra 3500 to New Holland Ford for \$18,000.00, seconded by Wade Gettle, carried by Council.
  - **Truck Under Coats:** Leroy Bates motioned to allow PRO Fleet Care to spray underneath the existing three trucks to prevent rusting, seconded by Wade Gettle, carried by Council.
2. **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER)**
- **2024 Timber:** Leroy Bates motioned to allow Frederick Forestry to start marking timber for timbering in 2024, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
  - **2024 Budget:** Elaine Holley motioned to advertise the 2024 General-Water Fund Budget with no tax increase for General Fund but increase in water rates for residential and commercial customers, seconded by Wade Gettle, carried by Council.

Elaine Holley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m., seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

  
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Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer