

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 10, 2024**

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

Brandon Stroupbauer-HH&L  
Nick Miller-NEFD  
Chief Thomas Trotter  
Earl Kreiser  
Marissa Frantz

**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

Leroy Bates, Council President  
Elaine Holley, Vice President  
Aimmee Reilly  
Debra Thompson  
Willard Shiffer, Mayor  
Mandy Miller, Assistant Treasurer  
Shane Hobbs, Solicitor

**ABSENT:**

Devin Lymaster  
Skip Butler  
Kyler Burke – Pro-Tem

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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 with the exception of Devin Lymaster, Skip Butler and Kyler Burke. A quorum was established.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Sgt. Pete Mozurkevich.

**○ PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):**

- **Marissa Frantz:** M. Frantz is the President of the Pine Grove Area Youth Soccer Association and they would like to hold a Santa themed 5k on December 7<sup>th</sup> during the Christmas stroll event using the same routes HH&L utilized in the past for 5ks. President Leroy Bates stated that the request will be added to the October 28<sup>th</sup> budget meeting agenda to be voted on by council at that time.

**○ SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- **S. R. 443 Water Line:** Solicitor Hobbs stated easements need to be filed. A new owner took over the property and he has sent a letter to the new owner but has not heard back yet.

- **82 & 110 S. Tulpehocken Street:** Solicitor Hobbs stated he is still working on the litigation matters and there is a hearing scheduled on October 23, 2024 at the Magistrate's office for 82 S. Tulpehocken Street. He will be attending with Marty Sowers.
- **Water lien:** Solicitor Hobbs stated he updated a water lien for a property that is going up for Sheriff's Sale in December.
- **Blight Property Event:** Mayor Willard Shiffer said Senator Argall is holding an event regarding blight properties and he plans to attend to discuss the issues of blighted properties.

#### ○ SCHEDULED VISITORS:

- **HH&L:** Report in file. Brandon Stroupauer read over their monthly report and stated that the fire company will be holding Jackpot Bingo again once a month on Tuesdays. B. Stroupauer stated manpower is in shortage and PG companies are dispatched to Pottsville for second alarm calls.
- **NEFD:** Report in file. Nick Miller read over their monthly report and said they have 15 people taking their FF1 exams which will bring the total of FF1 members to 44 for North End Fire Company. This will move them from bronze to silver for their state certification. N. Miller also stated that their latest fundraiser had over 700 people in attendance and held a safety night. N. Miller stated they plan to hold another safety night in the future.
- Council Member Debra Thompson asked about grant development. N. Miller and council further discussed.
- Mayor Shiffer inquired about tax breaks for firefighters. N. Miller stated an ordinance would have to be passed. N. Miller and council further discussed. The matter will go on the November agenda for further discussion.

#### ○ MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Chief Trotter read over the monthly report.
- **Pine Vista Signs:** Mayor Shiffer said there are stop signs put up in the Township that are were not put up by the Borough Streets Crew. He stated our officers cannot respond to the houses that are in the Township. Council further discussed.

- **Property & Natural Resource Committee Meeting:** Mayor Shiffer stated there is a Property & Natural Resource Committee Meeting on Tuesday on zoom. Council further discussed.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Executive Session:** Council President Bates motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:32 pm to discuss legal matters, seconded by Aimmee Reilly, carried by Council. Pine Grove Borough Council returned from Executive Session at 6:43pm.
- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**
  - **Ordinance 472:** Elaine Holley motioned adopt Ordinance 472 Streets Revisions, seconded by Aimmee Reilly, carried by Council.
- **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: None.**
- **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:**
  - **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Council President Bates made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for September, seconded by Debra Thompson, carried by Council.
  - **Approval of Bills:** Council President Bates motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Debra Thompson, carried by Council.
- **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**
  - **Streets & Water Report:** Earl Kreiser read the report.
  - **Guilford Meter Replacement:** Council President Bates asked about meters being replaced at Guilford. E. Kreiser stated that the 8 inch meter is being replaced on Sunday, along with a 2 inch meter that will be replaced at a date and time to be determined. Council further discussed.
  - **Water Leak:** E. Kreiser stated there was a leak found on Mill Street to the Elderly Housing building which was an old galvanized line. He is obtaining quotes to have it replaced.
  - **Seasonal Employee:** Elaine Holley asked if the seasonal employee is finished for the year. E. Kreiser stated the employee will be kept on to help with plowing and shoveling snow when available.
- **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE:**
  - **Bergers Road Property:** President Council Bates stated the process should get started to either list the 27 acres for sale or timber the property. Council further discussed. Aimmee Reilly motioned to begin the process of listing Bergers Road Property for sale, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.

- **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE:** Elaine Holley stated she attended the tour of Phase II of the Swatara Flood Recovery and that there are 6 different areas. She said a lot of work has been done that has helped prevent flooding in our area. Council further discussed.
- **STORMWATER COMMITTEE: None.**
- **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: None.**
- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION:**
  - **Pool:** Aimmee Reilly stated that the pool is being winterized and that a quote is being obtained to fix the leak. A. Reilly also stated the refrigerator in the concession stand was closed and needs to be cleaned out. She will be doing that over the weekend.
  - **Disc Golf Course:** Aimmee Reilly said she reached out to Justin Lyons about the disc golf course and he stated it is continuing to be worked on and Holes 1 through 8, as well as 16 and 17 have been cleared. She also said Mr. Lyons gave special thanks to Earl Kreiser for answering his questions.
  - **Lifeguard Training:** Earl Kreiser said the divers who checked the pool for leaks would like to hold a training class with the lifeguards. More information will be obtained at a later date.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - **2025 Meeting Dates:** Aimmee Reilly motioned advertise the meeting dates for 2025, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.**
- **PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.**

Elaine Holley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m., seconded by Aimmee Reilly, carried by Council.

  
Mandy L. Miller, Assistant Treasurer