

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 23, 2023**

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

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**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Skip Butler  
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 Skip Butler and Devin Lymaster. A quorum was established.

**○ COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

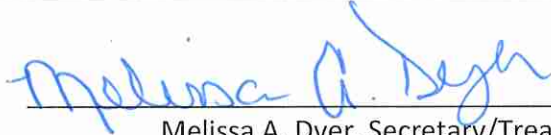
- **Swatara Phase II E&S Proposed Changes:** President Fickinger stated that Wayne Lehman asked about storing a stock pile of rocks for Swatara Creek Phase II project by the Lion's Den and Army Tank at the canal. Elaine Holley motioned to allow them to store a stock pile of rocks for the Swatara Creek Phase II Project by the Lion's Den and Army Tank at the canal, seconded by Wade Gettle, carried by Council.
- **272 S Tulpehocken Street:** Council discussed the possibility of condemning 272 S. Tulpehocken Street due to no water for lack of payment of sewer. Council further discussed and tabled until next month.

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

- **2024 Budget:** The 2024 General-Water Fund Budget was discussed at length.

Leroy Bates motioned to increase the base rate for residential water customers by \$20.00 per quarter and to increase commercial rates by 20% for base rate effective January 1, 2024, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.

Leroy Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m., seconded by Wade Gettle Holley, carried by Council.

  
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Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer