

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2019**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Elaine Holley
Joan Schwer
Leah Zerbe
Randy Gyory
Sgt. Gelgot
Officer Dissinger

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Thomas Fickinger, Council President
Leroy Bates, Vice-President
Michael Allison, Pro-Tem
Skip Butler
Leonard Clark
Rodney Hiester
Willard Shiffer, Mayor
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer
Christopher Hobbs, Solicitor

ABSENT:

Terry Noll

Council President Fickinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with all members of Council being present exception of Terry Noll. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1): None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. **HH&L:** None.
2. **NEFD:** None.
3. **Leah Zerbe:** L. Zerbe discussed the Citizens Climate Lobby Group and further discussed Climate Change.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Sgt. Gelgot read over the monthly police report.
- School Resource Officer Dissinger discussed his daily routine out at the schools.
- Mayor Shiffer stated he would like to attend the Mayor's Conference from July 18th to July 21st.
- Mayor Shiffer stated that Lisa Dutton approached him about installing a basketball court on borough property. Council further discussed and tabled it to Mayor's meeting. L. Clark will take a look at the property.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **Memorial Day Parade:** Michael Allison motioned to close the roads for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27th, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.
- **Spring Bird Count:** Leroy Bates motioned to allow Dave Krueel to access Black Creek for his annual Spring Bird Count on Saturday, May 11th, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

2. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**

- **Executive Session:** Leroy Bates motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:40pm to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by council. At 7:50pm, council returned.

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

- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Passing the gavel, President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

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

- **Streets/ Water Report:** T. Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.
- **Maple Street:**
- **Leak Detection:** Leonard Clark motioned to have Fluid PinPointing come in and assess for any water leaks since winter, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by Council.
- **2019 Road Paving:** L. Clark is waiting for the bid packet for the paving project from PennDOT. L. Clark stated once this is received, we can bid out the project.
- **JTA:** T. Fickinger discussed the billing cycles for the JTA and the Water Department. Council further discussed. Rodney Hiester motioned to

amend the water ordinance to reflect JTA's billing cycle for quarterly bills, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

- **W. Pottsville Street:** L. Clark stated there is extreme water runoff on W. Pottsville along with collapsed drain. L. Clark stated he will take a look at the area.
- **Base Repair:** Rodney Hiester motioned to approve the base repair work on Veteran's Memorial Drive, Conrad Richter Drive, E. Mill Street, Carbon Street, lower Moyer Street, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by Council.

5. POLICE REGIONALIZATION COMMITTEE:

- **Police Regionalization:** M. Allison state the ultimate goal is to educate the residents. M. Allison stated we will have working meetings with Pine Grove Township and work on getting a Memorandum of Understanding along with a FAQ Sheet for the residents.
Michael Allison motioned to advertise the Police Regionalization Public Meetings, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

6. PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES): None.

7. FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):

- **Silt Removal:** L. Clark received a quote for the remaining silt removal of Swatara Creek inside the borough limits. Leonard Clark motioned to approve the quote of \$41,920.00 for the remaining silt removal within borough limits, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

8 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES): None.

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

- **Recreation Board Contribution:** Leonard Clark motioned to approve the annual contribution for the community pool, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.
- **Kohl Bros:** L. Clark stated Kohl Bros. is putting a new adapter plate for seal and bushing housing into the pool pump. L. Clark stated next weekend they will be cleaning out the pool.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Mifflin Street:** L. Clark stated he had several residents approach him about dirt bikes and four wheelers ripping up and down Mifflin and Carbon Street. L. Clark stated they are also running up and down the banks at the canal. Mayor Shiffer will have the police patrol the area.

○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (2):**

1. **Elaine Holley:** E. Holley asked on the status of the Guilford Flood Remediation Project. President Fickinger stated they have the funding and they are obtaining permits for the project.

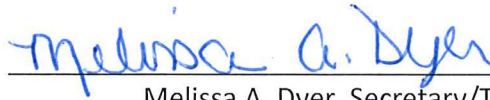
○ **PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

What is the name of the person that does the Bird Count in Black Creek? Dave Krue

What is the name the company that does the water leak detection? Fluid PinPointing

Who is doing debris removal from Swatara Creek? Arthur "Pat" Aungst for \$41,920.00.

Leonard Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer