

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2018**

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

Chief Trotter	Joan Schwer
Skip Butler	Sharon Zimmerman
Darryl Kintzel	

**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

Scott Zimmerman, Council President  
Thomas Fickinger, Vice-President  
Anthony Gurski, Pro-Tem  
Leroy Bates  
Leonard Clark  
Terry Noll  
Willard Shiffer, Mayor  
Christopher Hobbs, Solicitor  
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer

**ABSENT:**

Michael Allison

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Council President Zimmerman 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 except Michael Allison. A quorum was established.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1): None.**

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- **Injunction Hearing:** Solicitor Hobbs stated injunction hearing has been postponed. Solicitors are working on a resolution.

**SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

1. **HH&L:** None.
2. **NEFD:** Report in everyone's file.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Mayor Shiffer stated he would like to recognize a citizen that assisted a police officer back in February. Officer Mozurkevich pulled over a vehicle and the

person started to become disruptive. Mayor Shiffer stated that Tim Reed came out of his residence and assisted Officer Mozurkevich with the disruptive person. Mayor Shiffer presented Tim Reed with a certificate.

- Chief Trotter read over the monthly police report.
- Mayor Shiffer stated the Mock Accident at the high school went well.
- Mayor Shiffer stated the Chief Trotter is still screening people for part-time.
- Mayor Shiffer stated Turkey Hill was approved to sell alcohol.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**

- **Timbering:** M. Frederick provided an update on timbering. M. Frederick stated he spoke with Jean Wolfe and she is willing to provide R-O-W access to our land. M. Frederick stated it is a better access to our land and a better price. Leonard Clark motioned to proceed with the R-O-W Agreement with Jean Wolfe, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

M. Frederick stated to adjust the harvest contract to 25% at signing, 25% at the start of harvest, 25% after harvest and 25% at the final harvest. Anthony Gurski motioned to adjust the contracts to 25% four times, seconded by Thomas Fickinger, carried by Council.

M. Frederick requested a \$3,000.00, six week advance for the timber work that he completed. Anthony Gurski motioned to authorize amendment to the contract allowing Matthew Frederick a six week advance for his timber work, seconded by Thomas Fickinger, carried by Council. M. Frederick discussed pulp wood sale to council with no further action taken at this time.

- **Spring Bird Count:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to allow Dave Krue to access Black Creek for his annual Spring Bird Count on Saturday, May 12th, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- **Resolution #-3-18:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to adopt Resolution #03-18 PennVest application for loan for the water project, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- **Letter of Responsibility:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to approve the Letter of Responsibility for the PennVest Loan, seconded by Anthony Gurski, carried by Council.
- **Executive Session:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:30pm to discuss a legal matter, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by council. At 8:01pm, council returned and stated they discussed a legal and personnel matter. Thomas Fickinger motioned to hire three part-time employees for the Streets Department, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

**2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**

- **WIOA Youth Work/ PA Career Link:** President Zimmerman stated that Len and Melissa met with the PA Career Link regarding a youth work program for the employees for the pool.
- 3. ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN)**
- **Approval of Minutes:** Thomas Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the March 15, 2018 Regular Meeting, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
  - **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Passing the gavel, Council President Zimmerman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
  - **Approval of Bills:** Council President Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Bills Approval List, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- 4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
- **Streets/ Water Report:** Tom Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.
  - **ADA Ramps:** T. Fickinger stated PennDOT is currently working on the ADA ramps.
  - **Water Line Project:** T. Fickinger stated the water line project has been moving along.
  - **Water Tank Permit:** T. Fickinger stated we received the permit for the Water Tank.
- 5. PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (TONY GURSKI):** None.
- 6. FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
- **Swatara Creek Floodplain Restoration Project.** T. Fickinger stated a press conference will be held on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at HH & L to announce the start of the project.
- 7. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (TERRY NOLL):**
- **Fire Company Contribution:** Terry Noll motioned to approve the annual fire company contributions to HH & L and NEFD in amount of \$13,500 for each company, seconded by Thomas Fickinger, carried by Council.
  - **Rental Inspection:** Secretary Dyer stated the rental inspection forms were sent out to all of the borough residents and we are starting to receive the forms back.
  - **Old Meat Market:** Secretary Dyer stated that Marty Sowers said the owner of the old meat market is interested in selling his property.
- 8. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**
- **Community Pool:** President Zimmerman stated himself and Len Clark started to meet with the pool managers. Passing the gavel, President Zimmerman motioned to approve the annual contribution for the community pool, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Food Bank:** T. Fickinger stated the streets department will need to do some work for the roll curb. T. Fickinger stated when there is heavy rain the Food Bank keeps getting flooded due to the roll curb.
- **Pine Grove Grow:** President Zimmerman stated that Pine Grove Grow would like to submit a plan to PEMA for review. Anthony Gurski motioned to allow to submit the plan to PEMA for review, seconded by Thomas Fickinger, carried by Council.
- **Water Retention Pond:** Leroy Bates stated there are two retention ponds in the development and residents have noticed children playing in them. Leroy Bates said residents are concerned for safety. Council further discussed. Len will order signs for the retention ponds.
- **Flag Retirement Ceremony:** Mayor Shiffer stated the flag retirement ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Copier:** Secretary Dyer stated the copier is beyond repair. Secretary Dyer stated the pricing is still same from last year for the new copier. Terry Noll motioned to approve the lease of a new copier no more than \$1,500.00, seconded by Anthony Gurski, carried by Council.

○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (2):** None.

○ **PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** None:

**What was the name of the electrician?** *Dustin Shadler*

**What is the name of your timber?** *Matthew Frederick*

**Where is the food bank located?** *It is located on School Street in the basement of the church school by the Elementary School*

Anthony Gurski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

  
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Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer