

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2021**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Jan Duric
Oksana Duric
Sean Lyons
William Koehler
Joan Schwer

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1): None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Solicitor Hobbs added additional lien to the Dubbs Property.
2. Solicitor Hobbs stated he attended the Tax Appeal Hearing for Guilford Mills
Solicitor Hobbs stated the judge postponed the hearing to September 30th.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. **Sean Lyons:** S. Lyons requested to have the Peach Street Lease extended that is currently in place. Rodney Hiester motioned to extend the Peach Street Lease, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council
2. **HH&L:** None.
3. **NEFD:** Report in everyone's file.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Sgt. Dissinger read over the monthly Police Report.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed QOL Properties.
- Mayor Shiffer stated the Duric's are still interested in the parcel on Mountain Road. Solicitor Hobbs discussed the possibility of the Borough already owning the said property. Council further discussed.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
 - **Ordinance 464:** Leroy Bates motioned to adopt Ordinance 464, Municipal Garbage Regulations, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council with Leonard Clark and Rodney Hiester opposing.
2. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
 - **Executive Session:** Leroy Bates motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:22 pm to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:39pm stating they discussed a personnel matter.
Leroy Bates motioned to accept the resignation of Ethan Tucker, pool lifeguard, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.
3. **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER)**
 - **Approval of Minutes:** Passing the gavel, President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the July 8, 2021 Regular Meeting, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
 - **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
 - **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
 - **Streets/ Water Report:** Report is in everyone's folder.
 - **Playground Mulch:** L. Bates asked Len how often you mulch at the playground. L. Clark stated every two years. We order special mulch from Guers Top Soil & Mulch Products in New Philadelphia.
5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):** None.

6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):**

- **Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Maintenance Grant:** L. Clark stated he will be applying for two grants through the Schuylkill Conservation District for Berry Alley and Vacant Alley (off Walters St.) L. Clark is hoping it takes care of some of the water issues in this area.

7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER): None.**

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

- **Diving Board:** L. Clark stated there is a shortage of material to coat the diving board. L. Clark stated they would get back to us on lead time. L. Clark stated Sunday is the last day the pool will be open for the season.

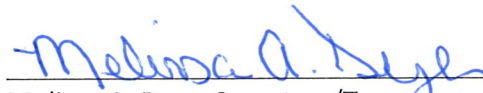
○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **ACT 65:** Secretary Dyer stated this act will become in effect at the September Council Meeting. We must post the meeting agenda on the front door along with posting the meeting agenda on the borough website.
2. **Borough Owned Properties:** Mayor Shiffer asked Secretary Dyer to send council list of all of the properties the Borough owns.
3. **Michael Allison:** M. Allison submitted his resignation effective immediately for his seat on council. M. Allison stated he sold his home and is moving out of the area. Leroy Bates motioned to accept Michael Allison's letter of resignation for council seat, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.**

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

Delmas "Skip" Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m., seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer