

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2021**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Aidan Aungst
Ron Aungst
Wade Gettle
Matthew Quinn

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Thomas Fickinger, Council President
Leroy Bates, Vice-President
Skip Butler
Elaine Holley
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/ Treasurer
Willard Shiffer, Mayor
Christopher Hobbs, Solicitor

ABSENT:

Leonard Clark, Pro-Tem
Rodney Hiester

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 with the exception of Leonard Clark and Rodney Hiester. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1): None.

1. **Ron Aungst:** Ron Aungst and his grandson, Aidan Aungst presented donations to President Fickinger for the Christmas Lights and Mayor Shiffer for the Police Department.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. **End of Year Review:** Solicitor Hobbs went over some items that are still ongoing for the borough and gave suggestions how to find the best suited solicitor for the Borough.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

2. **Matthew Quinn:** M. Quinn asked for an update on the noise level up in the development from Guilford. Council further discussed. President Fickinger is trying to get someone to test the noise level.
3. **HH&L:** None.

4. NEFD: None.

○ MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Shiffer went over the monthly Police Report.

○ COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **Garbage/ Recycling Bids:** L. Bates motioned to table the Garbage/ Recycling Bids, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.
- **Ordinance 465, Dumpster Permit:** Delmas "Skip" Butler motioned to adopt Ordinance 465, Dumpsters/ Permits, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **Executive Session:** Leroy Bates motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:52 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:01pm stating they discussed legal and personnel matters.
Leroy Bates motioned to accept the resignation of full-time, police officer, Tyler Dissinger, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.
Leroy Bates motioned to hire Candidate A for the FT Police Position pending final meeting with candidate, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.
Elaine Holley motioned to advertise for two part-time police officers, seconded by Leroy Bates, 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 November 1, 2021 Budget Meeting, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
- President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the November 11, 2021 Regular Meeting, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.
- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for November, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.
- **2022 Budget:** President Fickinger motioned to adopt 2022 General and Water Fund Budget, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
- **Resolution #07-21:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to adopt Resolution# 07-21, 2022 Tax Rate at 14 mills with no tax increase, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.

4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
 - **Streets/ Water Report:** Report is in everyone's folder.
 - **Emergency Snow Removal Bids:** Secretary Dyer stated no bids were received. Leroy Bates motioned to advertise again for bids for the 2022 Emergency Snow Removal Bid, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
 - **Modem Project for Wells:** Delmas "Skip" Butler motioned to approve the modem project for the wells using the American Rescue Act Funds, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):** None.
6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):**
 - **Peach Street Project:** President Fickinger stated the Peach Street Project was completed and a collapsed pipe was found at the old dump site that runs to the creek. President Fickinger stated they will be working on a temporary fix and are hoping to obtain funding for the repairs of the collapsed pipe going to the creek.
7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER):** None.
8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):** None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **New Solicitor:** Council discussed candidates for new solicitor. Leroy Bates motioned to appoint Attorney Shane Hobbs as Borough Solicitor, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.

PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

Leroy Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer