

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Angela Frank
Theresa Gaffney
Georgine Joyce
Mandy Miller

Dave Sattizahn
Joan Schwer
Sharon Zimmerman

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Elaine Holley entered meeting at 7:31pm

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 except Elaine Holley. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1): None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. **HHL:** Chief Sattizahn stated Hose Hook & Ladder Co. #1 is purchasing a new Rescue Truck. Council needs to sign the affidavit stating the borough is not financially responsible for the truck. Leroy Bates motioned to allow Tom Fickinger to sign affidavit for the new fire truck for Hose Hook and Ladder #1, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.
2. **NEFD:** Report is in Everyone's file.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Officer Dissinger read over the monthly police report.
- Leonard Clark motioned to allow fire police to assist with the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 28, 2020, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- Resolution #02-20: Thomas Fickinger motioned to adopt Resolution #02-20, Disposition of Records per the Municipal Records Manual, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
- Resolution #03-20: Thomas Fickinger motioned to adopt Resolution #03-20, Appointing Michael Allison to the vacant council seat, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.
- Resolution #04-20: Thomas Fickinger motioned to adopt Resolution #04-20, Appointing Delmas "Skip" Butler to the vacant council seat, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
- Resolution #05-20: Thomas Fickinger motioned to adopt Resolution #05-20, allowing the disposal of property estimated less than \$1,000.00, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.
- Ordinance 458: Thomas Fickinger motioned to adopt Ordinance 458, Codification of Ordinances, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- Executive Session: Leroy Bates motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:19pm to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by Council. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:30pm with no further action taken.

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

- Approval of Minutes: Passing the gavel, President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the January 6, 2020 Re-Organization Meeting, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.
- President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the January 9, 2020 Regular Meeting, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

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- Approval of the Treasurer's Report: President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
- Approval of Bills: President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by Council.

- **New Police Vehicle:** Secretary Dyer went over the finance options for the new police truck. Thomas Fickinger motioned to do the five-year annual payments of \$9,411.98 with Fulton Bank, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
- **Streets/ Water Report:** T. Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.
 - **Existing Water Tank:** L. Clark stated the existing water tank is scheduled to be repaired in May.
5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**
- **Armory Building:** L. Bates discussed using a Commercial Realtor to sell the Armory. L. Bates stated the realtor would handle the showings, etc. Council further discussed. Leroy Bates motioned to retain Eric Seitzinger of Berkshire Hathaway as our commercial realtor for the Armory Building, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by Council.
 - **PPL Pole Upgrade:** Secretary Dyer states PP&L will be doing several pole upgrades that are located on Borough property and council will need to approve the R-O-W agreement for these upgraded poles. Leroy Bates motioned to approve the R-O-W agreements for the pole upgrades on borough property, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
 - **Timbering:** Rodney Hiester motioned to approve the consulting agreement for timbering and Reilly Township and to advertise for bids for timbering of our Swopes Valley property, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):**
- **FEMA:** L. Clark stated FEMA requested more information for the Spruce Street Storm Drain Project.
7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER): None.**
8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK): None.**

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Recycling:** Secretary Dyer stated that we had several residents inquire if the Borough would be bringing back the Recycling Center. Council further discussed and tabled the matter until next meeting.
- **Canal Weddings:** Leonard Clark motioned to allow two weddings at the canal on June 20th and August 22nd, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
- **Pleasant Valley Property:** President Fickinger stated he met with a contractor that is interested in purchasing a portion of our property along

Pleasant Valley. Council further discussed. President Fickinger to reach out to contractor to obtain additional information.

- **Dog Clean-up:** L. Clark stated he has noticed a lot people not cleaning up after their dogs. Council further discussed. L. Clark to check on pricing on signs for down at the canal.
- **Speeding:** R. Hiester stated there has been a lot of speeding up on W. Pottsville Street and would like council to look into adding a three way stop at the intersection of W. Pottsville Street and Fairview Street.
Rodney Hiester motioned to amend ordinance with adding a three way stop sign at the intersection of W. Pottsville Street and Fairview Street, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council. L. Clark opposed.

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

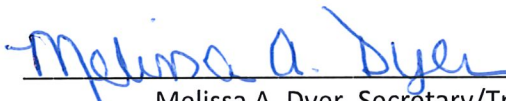
○ **PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

What is the name of the Commercial Realtor you will be using? *Eric Seitzinger from Berkshire Hathaway.*

What are the locations of the Pole upgrades for PP&L? Laurel Street, Spruce Street and Mill Street.

What is the bid for at the pool? Pool Filtration System

Leonard Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m., seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer