

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Sgt. Gelgot
Rodney Hiester
Joan Schwer
Diane Tobin
Sharon Zimmerman

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

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. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1): None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Solicitor Hobbs stated the Township Supervisors would like to remove the Per Capita language in the ballot question. Council further discussed.
Michael Allison motioned to postpone ballot question and setup a meeting with the Township Supervisors to work out the details with the Police Regionalization, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

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

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Sgt. Gelgot read over the monthly police report.
- Mayor Shiffer stated a Handicapped parking request was received for 22 Cherry Street. Leonard Clark motioned to approve the Handicapped Parking Space for 22 Cherry Street, seconded by Skip Butler.
- Mayor Shiffer stated that Chief Trotter had back surgery.
- Mayor Shiffer stated Leah Zerbe is having a climate change and flood meeting on March 3rd if anyone is interested in attending.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **Resolution #01-19, Designation of Agent:** Leonard Clark motioned to appoint Melissa Dyer, Secretary/ Treasurer as Designation of Agent for obtaining FEMA Financial Assistance, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- **PEMA Public Disaster Assistance Agreement:** Leroy Bates motioned to approve the PEMA Public Disaster Assistance Agreement for financial funding for flooding that occurred in 2018, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by Council.

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

- **Council Vacancy:** President Fickinger stated we received two Letters of Interest for the vacancy. President Fickinger asked them both why they would be a good candidate for the vacant council seat. R. Hiester would like to help get the town cleaned-up. R. Hiester stated he is also a volunteer firefighter. Sharon Zimmerman stated she has lived in Pine Grove her whole life. S. Zimmerman feels she can help the borough and she attends all of the meetings. Leonard Clark nominated Rodney Hiester. President Fickinger asked for any other nominations. With no other nominations. Terry Noll motioned to appoint Rodney Hiester to the vacant council seat, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council. Rodney Hiester was sworn in by Mayor Shiffer.
- **Executive Session:** Leroy Bates motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:48pm to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by council. At 7:53pm, council returned. Rodney Hiester motioned to hire William Gelgot as a full-time officer with the title of Sgt at the rate of \$23.50, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

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

- **Approval of Minutes:** Passing the gavel, Thomas Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the January 17, 2019 Regular Meeting, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Thomas Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** Thomas Fickinger made a motion to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- 4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
 - **Streets/ Water Report:** T. Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.
 - **Resolution #03-19, Safe Digging Month:** Leonard Clark motioned to approved Resolution #03-19 naming April 2019 as Safe Digging Month, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by Council.
- 5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**
 - **APPI Energy:** Council discussed the possible agreement for electric supplier. Council decided to table until next meeting.
- 6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):**
 - **HMGP, Letter of Intent:** Leroy Bates motioned to approve the Letter of Intent to FEMA for dry flood proofing the Armory basement and pool buildings, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- 7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):** None.
- 8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):** None.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Armory:** L. Bates stated that he has received questions about the use of the Armory Building. Council further discussed options for the Armory Building. Secretary Dyer will send out the Feasibility Study to council and setup a meeting with the Code Official to do a walk-thru of the Armory Building.

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

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

Thomas Fickinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m., seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.


Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer