

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VIA Zoom
JANUARY 14, 2021**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Sharon Zimmerman
Larry Stevens
Deb Kintzel
Amanda Lutz

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Council President Fickinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. VIA Zoom. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for past council members Don Adams and Phyllis Hesser. Roll call was taken with all members of Council being present. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1): None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Armory Building – None.

○ SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. HHL: None.
2. NEFD: None.

○ MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Shiffer stated everyone received a copy of the police report.
- Mayor Shiffer stated there will be a police escort for Phyllis's funeral.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed the flood project at the North end of town and the flooding that occurred on Christmas Eve and Christmas.
- Mayor Shiffer announced Solicitor Hobbs running for judge.

○ COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **February Council Meeting:** Council discussed having February's meeting virtual or in person. Council decided to have a virtual council meeting for February.
- **Ordinance 462- Machine Tax:** Skip Butler motioned to adopt Ordinance 462- Machine Tax, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.

2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER): None.

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

- **Approval of Minutes:** Passing the gavel, President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the December 10, 2020 Regular Meeting, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for December, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Mid Penn Bank:** President Fickinger motioned to close the Mid Penn Bank account, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **Streets/ Water Report:** Report is in everyone's folder.
- **2021 Road Paving Project:** President Fickinger stated Len and himself have been discussing roads for the 2021 paving project.
- **2021 Emergency Snow Removal Bids:** President Fickinger stated one bid was received for the Emergency Snow Removal Bid. Leroy Bates made a motion to award the bid to Arthur "Pat" Aungst subject to Solicitor Hobbs review, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by council.

5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**
- **Armory Building:** Leroy Bates discussed the Armory Building and the property has been sold. L. Bates thank everyone that helped out with the settlement of the Armory Building.
6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):**
- **Ordinance 463, Floodplain Management:** Michael Allison motioned to adopt Ordinance 463, Floodplain Management, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
 - **Peach Street:** Secretary/ Treasurer Dyer went over the Peach Street Project and the engineer will be meeting with the property owner to go over the project.
 - **FEMA BRIC Grant Project:** Secretary Dyer stated that our engineer submitted for a Two Million Dollars Storm Drain Grant Project.
7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER):**
- North Tulpehocken Street sidewalks: Council discussed sidewalk conditions in the borough. Council further discussed.
8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):**
None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

Leonard Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.


Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer