

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2019**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Chief Trotter	Camden Stoudt
Robert Brown	George Stoudt
Bobby Brown	Cliff Snuffer
Stephen Rada	Jackson Snuffer
Connor Rada	Greg Warg
Christa Hartman	Mason Warg
Joan Schwer	

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Council President Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance with Cub Pack 611 starting the pledge. Roll call was taken with all members of Council being present. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1): None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. **HH&L:** None.
2. **NEFD:** None.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Chief Trotter read over the monthly police report.
- Mayor Shiffer asked Solicitor Hobbs for an update on the ballot question for the Police Regionalization. Solicitor Hobbs stated he is working on a draft question for the ballot with the Township Solicitor. Secretary Dyer will resend ballot question email to council.
- Mayor Shiffer stated a request from Girardville was received for fire police for their St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 30th. Thomas Fickinger motioned to allow fire police to assist with Girardville's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 30, 2019, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):

- **Emergency Snow Removal:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to accept Arthur "Pat" Aungst bid for Emergency Snow Removal, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
- **164 N. Tulpehocken Street, Tax Claim Sale:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to approve the Tax Claim Sale for 164 N. Tulpehocken Street, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):

- Terry Noll motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:12pm to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Thomas Fickinger, carried by council. At 7:49pm, council returned and Council President Zimmerman stated a personnel matter was discussed.
- Thomas Fickinger motioned to terminate Officer Travis Fritz, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

3. ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN)

- **Approval of Minutes:** Thomas Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the December 20, 2018 Regular Meeting, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Passing the gavel, Scott Zimmerman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** Scott Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- **2019 General Budget Modification:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to modify the 2019 Budget to show School Resource Officer Expenses to the budget, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **Streets/ Water Report:** T. Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.

L. Clark stated there was a water leak repaired on Spruce Street today. L. Clark stated they are continuing to work on storm drain lines to make sure there are no blockages.

5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (TONY GURSKI):**

- **Spotted Lantern Fly:** Secretary Dyer stated USDA would like council to approve the treatment agreement for the Spotted Lantern Fly for two parcels. Thomas Fickinger motioned to approve the treatment agreement for Spotted Lanternfly, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):** None.

7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (TERRY NOLL):** None.

8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**
None.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Scott Zimmerman:** S. Zimmerman stated he will be resigning effective January 31, 2019 due to moving outside the borough. S. Zimmerman stated he will still be around to assist with the pool. Mayor Shiffer presented Scott Zimmerman with plaque for all of years of service and dedication.

Leroy Bates motioned regretfully to accept Scott Zimmerman's resignation effective January 31, 2019, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

Thomas Fickinger motioned to advertise for council vacancy, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

Leroy Bates motioned to Re-Organize effective February 1st, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

President Zimmerman called for nominations for Council President effective February 1st: Leroy Bates nominated Tom Fickinger for President. No other nominations for President. Thomas Fickinger was appointed Council President effective February 1st.

President Zimmerman called for nominations for Vice-President of Council effective February 1st. Thomas Fickinger nominated Leroy Bates for Vice-President. No other nominations for Vice-President. Leroy Bates was appointed as Vice-President effective February 1st.

President Zimmerman called for nominations for Pro-Tem of Council effective February 1st. Leroy Bates nominated Michael Allison for Pro-

Tem. No other nominations for Pro-Tem. Michael Allison was appointed Pro-Tem effective February 1st.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (2): None.

PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

How many years are left in Scott's term? 2 ½ years

What is the name of the person who purchased 164 N Tulpehocken? Dale Reightler

What was the total cost for the School Resource Officer Expenses? \$16,180.00

Thomas Fickinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer