

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2018**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Officer Applegate	Sharon Zimmerman
Skip Butler	Leah Zerbe
Ken Snyder	
Linda Snyder	

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Anthony Gurski, Pro-Tem

Council President Zimmerman 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 with the exception of Anthony Gurski. A quorum was established.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

- Skip Butler/ Leah Zerbe:** S. Butler stated they would like to do a Community Garden/ Meadows program on the FEMA Properties. L. Zerbe stated they would like to take over the FEMA Properties to help borough with less mowing, etc. L. Zerbe stated the meadows would help mitigate the flooding problem. Council further discussed. Secretary Dyer will provide them with the Open Space Requirements for their project.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. **HH&L:** Yearly report in everyone's file.
2. **NEFD:** Yearly report in everyone's file.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Officer Applegate read over the monthly police report.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed the PLCB Turkey Hill Liquor License. Mayor Shiffer stated the hearing will be Thursday, February 1st.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed Community Garden Program.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed the Group Homes and states in the agreement after three non emergency call outs that Supportative Concepts should be charged a fee. Mayor Shiffer stated he believes we will have to do this and will review non emergency call outs with Chief Trotter.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**

- **Executive Session:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:34pm to discuss legal matters, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by council. At 7:46 pm, council returned and stated they discussed legal matters.
Thomas Fickinger motioned to prepare to engage council in case the Zoning Hearing Board would rule in favor of variance request to authorize for an appeal, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

2. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN): None.**

- **Union Contract:** President Zimmerman stated the signed Union Contracts have been received.

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

- **Approval of Minutes:** Terry Noll made a motion to accept the Minutes of the December 21, 2017 Regular Meeting, seconded by Thomas Fickinger, carried by Council.
Thomas Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the January 2, 2018 Re-Organization Meeting, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Passing the gavel, Council President Zimmerman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** Council President Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Bills Approval List, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**

- **Streets/ Water Report:** Tom Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.
- **2018 Emergency Snow Removal Bids:** T. Fickinger stated one bid was received for the 2018 Emergency Snow Removal Bids. Solicitor Hobbs

reviewed the bid and stated it meets our requirements. Thomas Fickinger motioned to accept the 2018 Emergency Snow Removal Bid by Arthur "Pat" Aungst, seconded by Leroy Bates Noll, carried by Council.

- **Ordinance 448:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to adopt Ordinance 448, Speed Limit Reduction, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (TONY GURSKI):** None.

6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**

- **Swatara Watershed Flood Recovery Meeting.** T. Fickinger stated Guilford Mills Flood Project has been fully funded.
- **Water Line Project.** T. Fickinger stated the water line project is ready to go. L. Clark stated they are just waiting for the underground frost to thaw.

7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (TERRY NOLL):**

- **Rental Inspections:** T. Noll stated the forms will be reviewed by the District Magistrate before the borough sends them out.

8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**

- **Bike Hike.** President Zimmerman stated he met with the High School Band Booster regarding the Bike Hike that will be held on June 2, 2018. They are looking to close down a portion of Tulpehocken Street for about 10 minutes.
- **Ice Skating:** Mayor Shiffer stated he had some people asked if ice skating is allowed at the canal. Council further discussed.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Grants:** T. Fickinger stated some residents asked why the borough is not obtaining grants like Hazleton for parking and sidewalks. Council further discussed.
- **PA One Call/ 811:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to adopt the Proclamation stating that April is "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month", seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

○ **AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

- **Ken & Linda Snyder:** L. Snyder addressed her disappointment that council doesn't want to allow a new business into the borough. L. Snyder stated they have started a petition for other businesses to sign. Council further discussed. President Zimmerman discussed councils concerns for the auction regarding parking/ traffic. President Zimmerman stated the next date for the Zoning Hearing will be on Thursday, February 1st. Solicitor Hobbs stated at the February 1st Zoning Hearing there will be no testimony it will just be a determination made.
- **Sharon Zimmerman:** S. Zimmerman asked how long do residents have to shovel the snow from their sidewalks. Secretary Dyer stated that residents have 24 hours from the last snowfall to have the snow remove from the sidewalks.

○ PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

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


Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer