

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2020**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Michael Allison	Joan Schwer
Skip Butler	Sharon Zimmerman
Steve Hardenstine	

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

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: None.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- o Chief Trotter read over the monthly police report.
- o Mayor Shiffer discussed the Police Regionalization and stated it is a no go with the Township. Mayor Shiffer stated they aren't getting along. Council further discussed. Secretary Dyer will remove the information off of Facebook and website regarding the Police Regionalization.

- Mayor Shiffer discussed police presence and how they are taken for granted. Mayor Shiffer stated that today is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.
 - Mayor Shiffer stated that council should still consider purchasing a new police vehicle. Council further discussed. Elaine Holley motioned to purchase new police truck, seconded by Thomas Fickinger. Poll Vote was taken with 3 Yes's and 2 No's motioned carried.
- Council discussed options for the Crown Vic. Solicitor Hobbs stated council will need to advertise to see if someone will purchase it. Solicitor Hobbs suggested to contact PSAB to verify what selling requirements are for the Crown Vic and they would also need to find out the value of the vehicle.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **Ordinance 458:** Leroy Bates motioned to advertise 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 7:29pm to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:32pm. Leroy Bates motioned to deny Step 2 Grievance, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
- **Open Council Seats (2):** President Fickinger stated we have two open council seats and we received three Letter of Interests from Michael Allison, Delmas "Skip" Butler and Steve Hardenstine. Council further discussed and each candidate spoke to council. Leonard Clark motioned to appoint Michael Allison to Seat 1, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council. Leonard Clark motioned to appoint Skip Butler to Seat 2, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

Mayor Shiffer swore in Michael Allison and Delmas "Skip" Butler.

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 19, 2019 Regular Meeting, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.
- **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 Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
 - **Streets/ Water Report:** T. Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.
 - **New Water Tank:** L. Clark stated the new water tank is up and running.
 - **Water Class:** L. Clark stated Rob Kolb will be starting his water class next Wednesday.
 - **Water Project:** L. Clark stated they are working on schedule to drain the old tank and repair it.
5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**
 - **Armory Building:** L. Bates asked Solicitor Hobbs what the next step would be to sell the Armory Building. Solicitor Hobbs stated to circulate the deed and restrictions to all of council for review. Solicitor Hobbs stated council should obtain a Commercial Realtor. Council further discussed.
6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK): None.**
7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER):**

President Fickinger stated that we need a new Committee Head for Public Safety Committee. President Fickinger appointed Skip Butler as Committee Head.
8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK): None.**


NEW BUSINESS:

- **St. Paul's United Methodist Church:** President Fickinger stated that we received a letter from the St. Paul's United Methodist Church regarding their July 2019 water bill. President Fickinger stated they had a major leak and was asking for a break with the bill. Council further discussed with no action taken.
- **Pool Advertisement:** Leroy Bates motioned to advertise for a pool manager and employees, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.
- **Solar Energy:** Mayor Shiffer brought up about the Solar Energy and the cost savings. Solicitor Hobbs suggested Secretary Dyer to call PSAB to see if the Borough would have to go out for bid for the Solar Energy Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (2): None.

PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

Leroy Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.


Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer