

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 19, 2018**

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

Officer Fritz	Joan Schwer
Tricia Betz	Brenda Strause
Jason Brommer	Mike Strause
Dave Sattizahn	Sharon Zimmerman

**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

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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.

○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):**

1. **Michael & Brenda Strause:** M. Strause brought up his concerns with the recent flooding and water runoff from S. Tulpehocken Street. M. Strause stated they started to flood on Sunday. M. Strause stated the rush of water is coming down and not draining. M. Strause stated they started to tape off Spruce Street because people keep driving through the flood waters. M. Strause stated the drainage pipe along the road is no longer there.
2. **Tricia Betz:** T. Betz stated the water runoff from the little league field was twenty feet wide. T. Betz stated this flooding episode wasn't even Swatara Creek. B. Strause

stated the water is coming down like a waterfall. M. Strause is afraid to leave their home because of flooding.

Council further discussed and they are going to contact the engineer to start working on the storm drains and water runoff.

3. **Jason Brommer:** J. Brommer stated they thought there was a water main break but there is water runoff coming from Schoolyard Square and coming right through his property. Council further discussed. L. Clark stated on Tuesday they spent four hours on the drainage system and put 200' hose with a cutting tool down along S. Tulpehocken Street and blew out any obstructions. L. Clark stated the trench was cleaned out by Schoolyard Square.
4. **Sharon Zimmerman:** S. Zimmerman asked if anything is going to be done with the drainage pipe down by 311 S. Tulpehocken Street. L. Clark stated there was a collapsed drain along Peach Street and it has been repaired. L. Clark will try to clean out the storm drain man hole out on S. Tulpehocken Street.

○ **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

1. **Liens:** Solicitor Hobbs stated two liens are being processed.

○ **SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

1. **HH&L:** D. Sattizahn provided an update to council about the Schuylkill County Convention.  
D. Sattizahn asked council on the status of the road paving in town. L. Clark stated PennDOT was supposed to start on August 1<sup>st</sup> but has been pushed back to August 8<sup>th</sup>. Council further discussed. Secretary Dyer will check to see if liquid fuels can be used for patching Tulpehocken Street.
2. **NEFD:** Report in everyone's file.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Officer Fritz read over the monthly police report.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed Quality of Life and certain properties needing to be cleaned up. Council further discussed. Mayor Shiffer stated the old Canoe Building and the old meat market needed to be cleaned up.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed the Red Arrow/ Kwik Pickens structure. Council further discussed and asked if the Code Official could reach out to the property owner.
- Mayor Shiffer attended the County Planning Commission Meeting and they discussed the concrete pad by Lehr's Feed Mill and annexation of property on Fegley Street.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the school police officer. President Zimmerman asked if Administrative costs and Chief Trotter's costs are covered in the agreement. Council further discussed.  
Thomas Fickinger motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding subject with adding in the emergency services clause with Pine Grove Area School District for a school police officer, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **Resolution #04-18:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to approve Resolution # 04-18 Industrial Rate Increase of 5%, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by Council.
2. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**
- **Executive Session:** Leroy Bates motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Thomas Fickinger, carried by council. At 8:06pm, council returned. President Zimmerman stated they discussed a personnel matter.  
Thomas Fickinger motioned to accept the resignation of Travis Bowman, Full-Time Police Officer effective June 25, 2018, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
  
  - Thomas Fickinger motioned to promote Office Travis Fritz from Part-Time Officer to Full-Time Officer effective June 25, 2018, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
3. **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN)**
- **Approval of Minutes:** Leonard Clark made a motion to accept the Minutes of the June 21, 2018 Regular Meeting, seconded by Thomas Fickinger, 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 Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
  - **Approval of Bills:** Council President Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Bills Approval List, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
- **Streets/ Water Report:** Tom Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.
  - **PennVest Loan:** T. Fickinger stated the funds have been granted for the new water tank, automated chlorination, corrosion control and repair to the existing water tank. T. Fickinger stated their will be no rate increase for residents just Industrial rates. Thomas Fickinger motioned to advertise Ordinance 450, PennVest Loan, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (TONY GURSKI):** None.
6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
- **Guilford Flood Mitigation Project:** T. Fickinger stated the flood mitigation project at Guilford Mills will be starting soon. Council further discussed flooding.
7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (TERRY NOLL):** None.
8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**
- **Armory Building:** President Zimmerman stated that Melissa and I met with Debra Thompson about turning the Armory Building into a

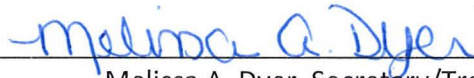
Community Center. President Zimmerman stated we may have better opportunities going through a non-profit organization than the borough for grants. President Zimmerman discussed about having the Recreation Board to do a long term lease with the borough for the Armory Building.

- **Convention:** President Zimmerman stated he would like do an advertisement in the booklet for the fireman's convention. Thomas Fickinger motioned to approve a full page ad for the Fire Convention booklet, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

- **NEW BUSINESS:** None.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (2):** None.
- **PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

**What is the name of the officer that resigned?** *Travis Bowman*

*Thomas Fickinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Len Clark, carried by Council.*

  
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Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer