

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2017**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Joan Schwer
Chief Trotter

Charlie Zimmerman

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Scott Zimmerman, Council President
Thomas Fickinger, Vice-President
Anthony Gurski, Pro-Tem
Leroy Bates
Leonard Clark
Ronald Hepler, Jr.
Terry Noll
Willard Shiffer, Mayor
Christopher Hobbs, Solicitor
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer

ABSENT:

Council President Scott Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm 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.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

1. **Charlie Zimmerman:** C. Zimmerman stated he would like to obtain approval for road closures for the Halloween Parade and Autumn Stroll. Tom Fickinger motioned to close the streets down for the Halloween Parade along with Veteran's Memorial Drive for the Autumn Stroll on Saturday, October 21st seconded by Tony Gurski, carried by Council. C. Zimmerman stated the parade route will be the same.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. **Municipal Liens:** Solicitor Hobbs said he filed some new liens and we received payment for one of the old liens.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. **Hose Hook & Ladder:** R. Hepler, Jr. stated that HH & L will be hosting the Schuylkill County Convention in 2018. R. Hepler, Jr. stated it will be the week of August 19th through August 25th. He said the parade will be on Saturday, August 25th.
2. **North End Fire Company:** Report in everyone's file.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Chief Trotter read over the monthly police report.
- Mayor Shiffer stated the police have been busy for the month of June.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed the QOL and properties that need cleaned up. Mayor Shiffer stated liens will be issued to the properties for the clean-up. Council further discussed.
- Mayor Shiffer asked about the timeline for the water project. L. Clark stated it should be started early fall. L. Clark stated PennDOT will be doing ADA ramps. Council further discussed.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**
 - **Real Estate Purchase:** Anthony Gurski motioned to increase the purchase price of the two lots at Pine Vista Estates from Ron Aungst from \$115,000.00 to \$116,000.00, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
2. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**
 - **Executive Session:** Tom Fickinger motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:12pm to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Ronald Hepler, Jr., carried by council. At 7:15pm, council returned and stated they discussed personnel matter.
 - Terry Noll motioned to move Jacob Dinger from part-time to full-time status, second by Tom Fickinger, carried by Council.
3. **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN)**
 - **Approval of Minutes:** Tom Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the June 22, 2017 Regular 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 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.
 - **Borough Building:** L. Clark stated he was able to patch the roof by the sky light. L. Clark stated he worked on a leak at the trailer. Council discussed the heavy rains.

- **Water Project:** T. Fickinger discussed the different stages of the new water project. Council further discussed.
 - **Lehr's Feed Mill:** T. Fickinger stated he attended the Zoning Hearing Board Meeting for the Lehr's Feed Mill. T. Fickinger stated Lehr's Feed Mill Plan was approved and they can move forward with the new building.
5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (TONY GURSKI):**
- **Tree Service:** L. Clark stated a quote was received to remove the tree that fell onto TGW Corporation property. L. Clark stated the quote is for \$450.00. Tony Gurski motioned to approve the quote for the tree removal pending the discussion with the property owner, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
- **FEMA Risk Meeting:** T. Fickinger stated he attended the FEMA Flood Risk Meeting in Pottsville and they discussed the revised flood maps that will be coming out in 2018.
7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (TERRY NOLL):**
- **Rental Inspection Ordinance:** Terry Noll motioned to adopt Ordinance 402 Rental Inspection, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council. Passing the gavel, Scott Zimmerman motioned to appoint Ron Hepler, Jr. and Dave Sattizahn as the Rental Inspectors, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council. Solicitor Hobbs stated he will check to make sure Ron Hepler, Jr. is able to do inspections since he is a council member.
 - **Rental Inspection Fees:** Council discussed the Rental Inspection Fees for the ordinance. The fees will be adopted at the August Meeting but are as follows:
 - 1st Inspection Fee: \$50.00 and \$30.00 for each additional unit. For every two years.
 - Re-inspection Failure Fees: \$30.00
 - Occupant Change Re-inspection Fees: \$30.00
 - Annual Registration Application Fee: \$10.00, Late fee of \$5.00

Leroy Bates motioned to approve and draft resolution for the Rental Inspection Fees as follows: 1st Inspection Fee \$50.00 and \$30.00 for each additional unit, Re-inspection Failure Fees \$30.00, Occupant Change Re-inspection Fees \$30.00 and Annual Registration Application Fee is \$10.00, Late fee of \$5.00, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

Tom Fickinger motioned to appoint Marty Sowers of Light-Heigel, Inc. as Code Enforcement Officer to enforce Ordinance 402, Rental Inspection Ordinance, seconded by Anthony Gurski, carried by Council.
 - **Hazard Planning Ordinance:** Tom Fickinger motioned to advertise upon Solicitor's review, seconded by Anthony Gurski, carried by Council.

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

- Alfred Benesch-Pleasant Valley Walking Trail: Tom Fickinger motioned to accept the letter for consulting service fees for walking trail NTE \$1,000, seconded by Anthony Gurski, carried by Council.
- Pool: President Zimmerman stated the concession stand was broken into two times. President Zimmerman stated the police are investigating.

President Zimmerman stated they had another Dive-In Movie Night and they will surpass sales from last year.

President Zimmerman stated they will be looking to move the fence back next year for more rooms and to replace the filters at the pool.

L. Clark stated the donation the pool received at last month's meeting was from Arthur "Pat" Aungst company not just Ron Aungst himself.


NEW BUSINESS: None.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

What will be Jacob's new rate? He will have the regular rate which is \$18.90.

Ronald Hepler, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm, seconded by Anthony Gurski, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer