

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 8, 2021**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Belinda Garnes
Kemp Garnes
Joan Schwer

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Rodney Hiester

Council President Fickinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with all members of Council being present, with the exception of Rodney Hiester. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):

1. **Belinda/ Kemp Garnes:** Belinda & Kemp Garnes introduced themselves and stated they just moved to the area and were showing their children around the town.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Ordinance 464/ Garbage & Refuse Pickup: Michael Allison motioned to advertise Ordinance 464, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by council with the exception of Leonard Clark.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

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

2. NEFD: None.

○ MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Sgt. Dissinger read over the monthly Police Report.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed QOL Properties. Mayor Shiffer stated 35 Moyer Street and Canoe Building were cleaned up. Secretary Dyer stated per Marty Sowers 515 Pine Hill Drive work has been completed per code.
- Mayor Shiffer stated Officer Taylor submitted a letter of resignation. Mayor Shiffer stated he accepted a position down in Florida. Leroy Bates motioned to accept Christopher Taylor's letter of resignation, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
- Mayor Shiffer stated Chief Trotter is looking to sell a rifle to the police department. Council further discussed and tabled until Budget Meeting time.

○ COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **Vacant PGJTA Seat:** President Fickinger stated we received a Letter of Interest from Robert Tice for the vacant PGJTA Seat. Council further discussed. Michael Allison motioned to appoint Robert Tice to the vacant PGJTA Seat, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.

2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER): None.

3. ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER)

- **Approval of Minutes:** Passing the gavel, President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the June 10, 2021 Regular Meeting, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.
- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for June, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.

4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **Streets/ Water Report:** Report is in everyone's folder.
- **Daycare Meter:** Len Clark stated he spoke with L/B Water to obtain another meter to swap out with the daycare meter for testing. L. Clark stated as soon as we receive the water meter, we will schedule a time with the daycare.
Street Repairs: L. Clark stated they have been working on blacktopping of areas from water leak repairs.
- **Hydraulic Leak:** L. Clark stated they cleaned up a hydraulic throughout town.

5. PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES): None.

6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):**
- **FEMA/BRIC Grant:** Secretary Dyer stated we were turned down the first time for the 2 million Dollar Grant Project for storm drains but we were instructed to resubmit right away for 2021.
 - **American Rescue Plan Act:** Secretary Dyer submitted the Grant through DCED for funding through American Rescue Plan Act. Secretary Dyer stated we did receive confirmation that our application was received.
 - **Peach Street Project:** L. Clark asked on the status of the project. President Fickinger stated we submitted a claim through our insurance. President Fickinger stated once we hear back from them, we can proceed with the project.
7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER):** None.
8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):**
- **Pool:** L. Clark stated the pool is open and running smoothly.
 - **Diving Board:** L. Clark stated we had to remove the diving board. L. Clark stated he called the company to see if there is a warranty on it. It has been used for 4 months and the paint is peeling.

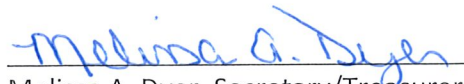
○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Pole Request-Cherry Street:** Secretary Dyer stated a resident requested to have a pole in the rear of her property removed or relocated. Secretary Dyer stated PPL & L charges a fee of \$2,225.00 to relocate and \$325.00 to remove. Secretary Dyer stated the pole has been there since the 80's and it is the only street light in this alley. L. Clark stated there is plenty of room to get a vehicle in. Secretary Dyer stated the resident felt she doesn't have to pay the fee. Council further discussed. Solicitor Hobbs stated the borough is not responsible for the fee. Solicitor Hobbs stated the Borough can setup to have the pole relocated or removed but the resident would be responsible for any fees.
2. **IT Network / Camera System:** Secretary Dyer stated a quote was obtained to put a camera system around the perimeter of the Borough Building. The camera that was setup by the shed is using up all of the data on the hot spots for the police so it had to be disconnected. Secretary Dyer stated a quote was also obtain to rewire the whole Borough Building. Council further discussed and tabled this until Budget Meeting time.

○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

Leroy Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter with no action being taken at this time at 7:38 p.m., seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer