

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 10, 2021**

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

Evan Carter  
Beth Carter  
Jan Duric  
Oksana Duric

Connor Rada  
Stephen Rada  
Joan Schwer

**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Rodney Hiester  
Michael Allison

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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 and Michael Allison. A quorum was established.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):** None.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Eric Lieberman introduced himself. Eric Lieberman is filling in for Solicitor Hobbs.

**SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- o Sgt. Dissinger read over the monthly Police Report.

- Mayor Shiffer discussed concerns regarding the houses being built behind Cherry Street. Council further discussed.
- Mayor Shiffer provided a copy of the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with the School District for the School Resource Officer. Secretary Dyer to scan and make a copy for files.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed QOL concerns. Mayor Shiffer stated the streets crew mowed 66 E. Pottsville along with 1 Spruce Street. Council discussed other properties.  
Elaine Holley motioned to have 35 Moyer Street cleaned up, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**

- **Resolution #04-21, PMRS:** Leroy Bates motioned to approve Resolution #04-21, PMRS, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.
- **Chesapeake Bay Planting Project:** Leroy Bates motioned to approve the agreement with the Alliance For The Chesapeake Bay, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by all council except Leonard Clark.
- **Ordinance 464, Garbage/ Refuse:** Council further discussed and tabled it until the July 2021 meeting.
- **PGJTA Vacant Board Seat:** No letters of interest were received to fill vacant seat. Council tabled matter until September's council meeting.

**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 May 13, 2021 Regular Meeting, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for May, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

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

- **Streets/ Water Report:** Report is in everyone's folder.
- **Tree Removal by Lion's Den:** L. Clark stated there are a few trees that need to be removed by the Lion's Den before they fall over and damage property. Leonard Clark motioned to hire Arbor Masters to remove the trees at the Lion's Den totaling \$2,500.00, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.
- **2021 Road Paving Project:** L. Bates opened the bids received for the 2021 Road Paving Project. The bids received are as follows:
  - Schuylkill Paving \$93,856.00

- New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. \$88,404.50
- Umbriac Trucking, LLC \$73,268.00
- Meckley's Limestone Products, Inc. \$80,101.00
- H & K Group \$83,739.15
- Ronnie C. Folk Paving, Inc. \$84,991.75

- Leroy Bates motioned to award the bid to Umbriac Trucking, LLC for \$73,268.00 subject to Solicitor Hobbs review, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

**5. PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**

- **Easement Request/ Mountain Road:** President Fickinger stated there is a 60-acre parcel for sale and potential buyers are requesting an easement from the Borough to be able to access the property. Council further discussed. President Fickinger stated no easement agreement will be made due to the possibility of the Borough already owning the property by eminent domain. Solicitor Hobbs is currently researching this.

**6. FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):**

- **American Rescue Plan Act:** Secretary Dyer received notification of the funds the Borough could receive through the American Rescue Plan Act. Secretary Dyer stated these funds can be used for Water, Sewer and Stormwater and other items. Council further discussed. Council would like to use the funds for water line replacement on S.R. 125 and broadband for the wells.

**7. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER):**

- **Food Safety Inspections:** Secretary Dyer stated the Health Officer stated the food safety inspections for businesses in Pine Grove Borough are able to be viewed online.

**8. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):**

- **Pool:** L. Clark stated the pool is open and running smoothly.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**


1. **Troop 651/ Connor Rada:** C. Rada was attending a Regular Council Meeting for his Merit Communication Badge for Boy Scouts.

○ **PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

**What Boy Scout Troop is he with?** Troop 651

**What is the Boy Scouts name?** Connor Rada

Leroy Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

  
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Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer