

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 20, 2019**

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

Officer Dissinger  
Joan Schwer  
Elaine Holley  
Sharon Zimmerman

**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

Thomas Fickinger, Council President  
Leroy Bates, Vice-President  
Skip Butler  
Leonard Clark  
Rodney Hiester  
Terry Noll  
Willard Shiffer, Mayor  
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer  
Christopher Hobbs, Solicitor

**ABSENT:**

Michael Allison, Pro-Tem

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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 exception of Michael Allison. A quorum was established.

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** None.

**SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Officer Dissinger read over the monthly police report.

- **Hugs & Kisses:** Mayor Shiffer asked for the status of the Hugs & Kisses Park. Secretary Dyer stated BCM surveyed the property and we are waiting to hear back from them. Secretary Dyer will follow-up with BCM Engineers.
- **High School Girls Softball Team:** Mayor Shiffer would like to congratulate the High School Girls Softball Team in winning their state title. Mayor Shiffer stated the High School Girls Softball Team is allowed to use the Community Pool for free until Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Quality of Life:** Mayor Shiffer stated a lot of warnings have been sent out for the Quality of Life.
- **Mayor's Conference:** Mayor Shiffer would like to attend the Mayor's Conference on July 18<sup>th</sup> thru July 21<sup>st</sup>. Leroy Bates motioned to allow Mayor Shiffer to attend the Mayor's Conference on July 18<sup>th</sup> through July 21<sup>st</sup>, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Police Regionalization Meeting:** Mayor Shiffer stated the next Public Regionalization Meeting will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 6:00pm and the meeting starts at 6:30pm.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **Tax Sale – 1 Spruce Street:** President Fickinger stated 1 Spruce Street was purchased at a Tax Upset Sale and County would like the Borough's approval of the sale. Leroy Bates motioned to approve the sale of 1 Spruce Street at the Tax Upset Sale for \$1,221.00, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
- **Executive Session:** Leonard Clark motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:21pm to discuss a legal and personnel matter, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by council. At 7:51pm, council returned.

Leonard Clark motioned to advertise for a FT Water Billing Specialist, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council. Secretary Dyer stated Sue will be retiring in January 2020 and will be with the borough 30 years in November.

President Fickinger would like a motion to advertise for an Adult Supervisor for the Community Pool. Leonard Clark motioned to advertise for an Adult Supervisor for the Community Pool, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

President Fickinger stated the Borough Office Hours will be changing from 8:30am to 4:30pm to 8:00am to 4:00pm on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Rodney Hiester motioned to approve office hours to change from 8:30am to 4:30pm to 8:00am to 4:00pm on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Terry Noll, 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 May 16, 2019 Regular Meeting, seconded by Len Clark, carried by Council.
  - **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
  - Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
  
4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
  - **Streets/ Water Report:** T. Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.
  - **2019 Road Paving Project:** L. Bates opened the bids received for the 2019 Road Paving Project. The bids received are as follows:
    - Pennsy Supply \$221,775.00
    - H & K Group \$214,973.75
    - Ronnie C. Folk \$222,473.75
    - Construction Master Services \$269,537.50
  - Rodney Hiester motioned to award the bid from H & K Group for \$214,973.75 subject to Solicitor Hobbs review, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
  - **Ordinance 454 Water Billing Amendments:** Skip Butler motioned to adopt Ordinance 454, Water Billing Amendments, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
  
5. **POLICE REGIONALIZATION COMMITTEE:**
  - **Police Regionalization:** T. Fickinger stated the next public meeting is on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
  
6. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**
  - **Armory Building:** L. Bates stated Light & Heigel did some research on the Armory Building. L. Bates stated Light & Heigel said the Armory Building at its present state is able to be used and rented out. Council further discussed.
  - **PP&L Pole Relocation:** Secretary Dyer stated a request came in to relocate a pole on American Legion Blvd for the flood remediation project and council needs to approve. Leroy Bates motioned to approve the relocation of PP & L Pole on American Legion Blvd, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
  
7. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):**
  - **FEMA:** L. Clark stated we did a second walkthrough of the creek with FEMA. L. Clark stated Arthur "Pat" Aungst has been working on clean out of Swatara Creek.
  
8. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES): None.**
  
9. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):**

- **Memorial Swing:** L. Clark stated Rich Zimmerman's family would like to install a swing in memory of Rich Zimmerman at Veteran's Memorial Park. L. Clark stated there are donation funds in the Recreation Board Account for this project and remaining cost of the swing Beverly Zimmerman would like contribute. L. Clark motioned to approve memorial swing to be installed at Veteran's Memorial Park, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Chainsaw Festival:** S. Butler stated Arts League will be having a Chain Saw Festival again in September.
2. **Food Truck Festival:** S. Butler St. Peter's UCC Church will be having a Food Truck Festival on Saturday, May 20, 2020 and asking for permission to close Veteran's Memorial Drive to be closed from 9:00am to 3:00pm that day. Skip Butler motioned to close Veteran's Memorial Drive from 9:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday, May 20, 2020 for Food Truck Festival, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

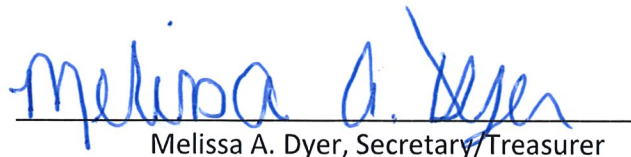
○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (2):**

1. **Elaine Holley:** E. Holley wanted to thank Len for unblocking the drain on N. Tulpehocken. E. Holley stated it is successfully opened it.
2. **Sharon Zimmerman:** S. Zimmerman wanted to discuss with council again about picking up her ashes. Council further discussed.

○ **PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

**Press Comments:** None. She will talk with council after the meeting.

Rodney Heister made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m., seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

  
Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer