

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 22, 2017**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Joan Schwer	Sharon Zimmerman
Pine Grove Area Girls Track Field Team	Chief Trotter
Pine Grove Area Girls Softball Team	Lizann White
Daniel Noll	

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Scott Zimmerman, Council President
Thomas Fickinger, Vice-President
Leroy Bates
Leonard Clark
Ronald Hepler, Jr., arrived at 7:15pm
Terry Noll
Willard Shiffer, Mayor
Christopher Hobbs, Solicitor
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer

ABSENT:

Anthony Gurski, Pro-Tem

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 with the exception of Anthony Gurski and Ronald Hepler, Jr. arriving at 7:15pm. A quorum was established.

Pine Grove Borough Council and Mayor recognized the Pine Grove Girls Track Team and Pine Grove Girls Softball Team. Mayor Shiffer presented the teams with a Proclamation.

○ AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

1. **Lizann White:** L. White is the President of the Pine Grove High School Band Booster and was looking to do a 15 mile bike hike like they did back in the 70-80's. L. White stated they would like to do this in the Spring 2018. L. White would like the support of the borough. President Zimmerman stated we will gladly support it. President Zimmerman stated he would be the point of contact for council.

2. **Sharon Zimmerman:** S. Zimmerman stated thank you for the new radio at the pool. S. Zimmerman suggested doing pool rules similar to the Pottsville Pool. President Zimmerman stated the pool received two donations from the Pine Grove Fish & Game and Arthur "Pat" Aungst. President Zimmerman presented the checks to the pool managers: Lindsey Zimmerman, Cassie Kershner and Emily Zimmerman.

Ronald Hepler, Jr. entered the meeting at 7:15pm.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. **Hose Hook & Ladder:** None.
2. **North End Fire Company:** Report in everyone's file.
3. **Daniel Noll:** D. Noll stated the property located behind Do's is posted with incorrect property owner's name. Secretary Dyer will contact the code official about the notice on the property.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- o Chief Trotter read over the monthly police report. President Zimmerman asked who is handling the Quality of Life Ordinance. Chief Trotter stated that Officer Applegate is handling the Quality of Life Ordinance
- o Mayor Shiffer stated the police will be stepping up with the Quality of Life Ordinance. Council further discussed.
- o Mayor Shiffer stated the police have been handing out warnings to residents for low hanging branches.
- o Mayor Shiffer stated the new owner of 8 Carbon Street has been cleaning it up and plans to put a double wide on the property. Sharon Zimmerman stated the grass is high at the Historical Society Building. Secretary Dyer verified the property is located in the borough. Chief Trotter will look into the property further.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):** None.
2. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):** None.
3. **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN)**
 - o **Approval of Minutes:** Leroy Bates made a motion to accept the Minutes of the May 18, 2017 Regular Meeting, seconded by Tom Fickinger, carried by Council.
 - o **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Passing the gavel, Council President Zimmerman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
 - o **Approval of Bills:** Council President Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Bills Approval List, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**

- **Streets/ Water Report:** Tom Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.
- **Chemical Building:** L. Clark stated DEP required us to do Lead/Copper testing. L. Clark stated three out of ten properties had high copper readings. L. Clark stated an addition to the Chemical Building will need to be added to make adjustments to the PH Level. L. Clark said they will tie this in with the water project. L. Clark suggested we slow down with the timbering out at the wells.
- **Lehr's Water Supply:** L. Clark stated a request was received from Lehr's Feed Mill for a new water supply. Council further discussed. Secretary Dyer will send letter to the Lehr's regarding the water supply.
- **Schuylkill County FEMA Flood Risk Review Meeting:** T. Fickinger stated that he will attend the July 10th meeting with FEMA.
- **Water Loan/Grant:** Leonard Clark motioned to allow BCM Engineers to apply for a loan/grant through PENNVEST and/or USDA, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council. Council further discussed the water project.

5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (TONY GURSKI):**

- **Tulpehocken Rifle Range:** T. Fickinger stated the rifle range requested the wood chips be removed towards the hillside. T. Fickinger stated there was concern for fire hazard.
- **Executive Session:** Leonard Clark motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:46pm to discuss a real estate purchase, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by council. At 7:55pm, council returned and stated they discussed real estate purchase.
Leroy Bates motioned to purchase two lots at Pine Vistas from Ron Aungst along with authorizing Scott Zimmerman and Melissa Dyer to sign all documents pertaining to the purchase, seconded by Terry Noll, Carried by Council. T. Fickinger abstains due to being a relative of the current property owner.

6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER): None.**

7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (TERRY NOLL):**

- **Rental Inspection Ordinance:** Council decided to raise the penalty from \$100.00 to \$300.00. Terry Noll motioned to advertise Ordinance 402 Rental Inspection Ordinance, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

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

- **Pool:** President Zimmerman stated the pool will be having a Dive In Movie, Ice Age 4 on Saturday, July 1, 2017. President Zimmerman stated the pool is doing really well and the pool should surpass the sales from last year.
President Zimmerman stated they are still looking for lifeguards.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Roof Leak:** President Zimmerman stated there is a roof leak in the meeting room. L. Clark stated they will climb up to take a look at it.

○ **AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** None.

○ **PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

What is the name of the Band Booster President? Lizann White

What are the names of the Pool Mangers? Lindsey Zimmerman, Cassie Kershner and Emily Zimmerman

R. Hepler stated he was approached by PPL at a fire call and wanted to know the status of the substation. President Zimmerman stated that he told them that we are holding off on approving the R-O-W Agreement due to the water project.

R. Hepler asked council if we are going to review the Hazmat ordinance. President Zimmerman asked council to review for July's council meeting.

Ronald Hepler, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.


Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer