

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 15, 2018**

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

Officer Vandermartin	Russ Stump
Joan Schwer	Sharon Zimmerman
Hunter Stahley	

**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

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Council President Zimmerman 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. A quorum was established.

**○ PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):**

1. **Russ Stump:** R. Stump stated that Home Depot will be installing a burn pit by the army tank for retired flags on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.  
R. Stump stated they will be installing rocks with each military branch on them at the canal at various locations. Anthony Gurski motioned to allow the Bicentennial Committee to install military branch rocks at the canal, seconded by Thomas Fickinger, carried by Council.

R. Stump stated they are hoping to have a flag burning ceremony on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Council further discussed. VFW and Legion will try to coordinate flag burning ceremony.

○ **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- **Injunction Hearing:** Solicitor Hobbs stated several liens have been paid and the Injunction Hearing will be Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Solicitor Hobbs stated that no appeal was filed for 50 Spruce Street.

○ **SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

1. **HH&L:** None.
2. **NEFD:** Report in everyone's file.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Officer Vandermartin read over the monthly police report.
- Mayor Shiffer stated Chief Trotter attended a Command Structure Development Training this past Saturday and Sunday.
- Mayor Shiffer stated there will be a Mock MVA Program out at the school on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Shiffer stated Chief Trotter and Officer Applegate will be assisting with this.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed the presentation regarding Police Regionalization. Mayor Shiffer stated that DCED conducts a feasibility study free of charge to determine if police regionalization would be beneficial for the borough. Council further discussed. Thomas Fickinger motioned to do the letter of intent for the Feasibility Study, seconded by Anthony Gurski, carried by Council. Leonard Clark and President Zimmerman opposed the Letter of Intent for the Feasibility Study.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**

- **Vacancy Board:** President Zimmerman stated that we received no interest for the Vacancy Board. President Zimmerman stated if Sharon Zimmerman is okay with it the nomination; President Zimmerman would like to nominate Sharon Zimmerman. Passing the gavel, President Zimmerman motioned to appoint Sharon Zimmerman to the Vacancy Board, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by Council.  
Sharon Zimmerman agreed to be on the Vacancy Board.

2. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**

- **Resignation of Part-time Police Officers:** President Zimmerman stated we received resignations from two part-time officers, Kurt Emerich and Adam Tankersley. Thomas Fickinger motioned to accept the resignations of Kurt Emerich and Adam Tankersley, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- **Advertisement for Part-Time Police Officers:** Anthony Gurski motioned to advertise for more part-time police officers, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

3. **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN)**

- **Approval of Minutes:** Thomas Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the February 15, 2018 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 Terry Noll, carried by Council.
  - **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.
  - **Tulpehocken Street Water Line Project:** T. Fickinger stated the water line project will begin on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Water Tank Settlement:** T. Fickinger stated settlement for the property for the new water tank will be this Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Youth Work Experience Program:** Secretary Dyer explained the Youth Work Experience Program through PA Career Link to council. Council further discussed. Council asked Secretary Dyer to setup a meeting with PA Career Link for more information.
5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (TONY GURSKI):** None.
6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
- **Swatara Creek Floodplain Restoration Project.** L. Clark stated the engineers need to get back to us on the plan corrections.
7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (TERRY NOLL):**
- **Rental Inspection Forms:** Secretary Dyer stated that Solicitor Hobbs reviewed the rental inspection form and made necessary changes. President Zimmerman asked if we could add the fine amount to the letter. President Zimmerman also asked if there is any verbiage that can be added to the Tenant Report to ensure we are receiving all of the tenants living at the rental unit. Secretary Dyer will check with Solicitor Hobbs to see what can be added to the form.
8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**  
None.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Ordinance Codification:** Secretary Dyer provided an estimate for the ordinance codification. Council further discussed and Secretary Dyer will obtain additional estimates.
- **Tree Permits:** Secretary Dyer stated that she and Chief Trotter discussed the tree permits to be handled at the borough office. Secretary Dyer stated they were originally in the borough office but past council moved it to the police department. Council further discussed. Anthony Gurski motioned to allow

the tree permits to return to the borough office, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (2):**

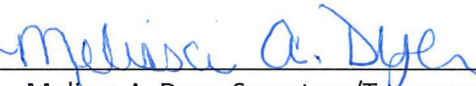
- **Russ Stump:** R. Stump asked if a couple of council members would be interested in learning how to operate the aerators in canal.

**PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

**What was the name of the one officer who resigned?** *Adam Tankersley*

**Were there only two no's for not doing the Feasibility Study for Police Regionalization?** *Yes.*

*Thomas Fickinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Anthony Gurski, carried by Council.*



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Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer