

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2019**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Sgt. Gelgot
Albert Barnes
Ray Stump
Joan Schwer
Howard Lengel
Charlie Zimmerman
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

ABSENT:

Michael Allison, Pro-Tem
Christopher Hobbs, Solicitor

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 Michael Allison and Solicitor Hobbs. A quorum was established.

○ PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):

- **Albert Barnes:** A. Barnes introduced himself and stated he will be running for District Magistrate.
- **Pine Grove Township Supervisors:** Ray Stump introduced himself as one of the Township Supervisors. R. Stump stated he wanted to let the borough council know the Township is still on board with the Police Regionalization and agree with having the ballot question on for the November Election. President Fickinger asked council for the volunteers for the Police Regionalization Committee. Terry Noll volunteered to be on the committee.

○ SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

○ SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. HH&L: Report in file.
2. NEFD: None.

○ MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Sgt. Gelgot read over the monthly police report.
- L. Clark requested more information for the school incidents
L. Bates stated it has been much quieter since the School Resource Officer started out at the school.
- M. Dyer stated the Pine Grove Ambulance Associate assisted with CPR training for the police officers free of charge.
- Mayor Shiffer stated the Red Arrow was torn down and he spoke with property owner to see what plans they have for the property. Mayor Shiffer stated the property was under litigation which doesn't allow them to do anything with the property. Mayor Shiffer stated the owner has no definite plans for the property but there are some possibilities.
- Mayor Shiffer asked if the Pine Grove Recreation Board has sent letters requesting donations. Secretary Dyer stated yes; they send them out every year. Mayor Shiffer asked if the VFW has donated and Secretary Dyer stated no.
- Mayor Shiffer asked for the status of the Hugs & Kisses Park. Secretary Dyer stated FEMA had sent a letter on the status with the wrong information on it. Secretary Dyer requested for the letter to be correct so it can be forwarded to Hugs & Kisses.

○ COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **Resolution #02-19, Appoint Council Member:** Leroy Bates motioned to adopt Resolution #02-19 appointing Rodney Hiester to vacant council seat, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Resolution #04-19, Tax Collector/ Berkheimer:** Terry Noll motioned to allow Sally Burke, Tax Collector to work with Berkheimer on tax documents, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **PGJTA Board Seat:** Leroy Bates motioned to appoint Sharon Zimmerman to the vacant seat for the Pine Grove Joint Treatment Authority Board, seconded by 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 February 21, 2019 Regular Meeting, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

President Fickinger motioned to accept the Minutes of the February 28, 2019 Special Meeting seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger made a motion to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Terry Noll, 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. Clark stated the following roads will be paved: Veteran's Memorial Drive, E. Mill Street, Conrad Richter Drive, Union Street, Maple Street and Moyer Alley.

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

- **Armory Building Walk-thru:** L. Bates stated he did a walk-thru with Light & Heigel to see what items need repaired for the Armory Building to be occupied. L. Bates said the Armory could be considered a Museum. They are going to look into different options of occupancy.

6. FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):

- **Storm Drains:** L. Clark stated that BCM is finishing up storm drain plan. L. Clark stated another drain line was uncovered on Mifflin Street and will be added to the storm drain plan.
T. Fickinger stated they discussed at the Upper Swatara Watershed meeting about putting in a water gauge down in North Pine Grove. He stated an alarm will sound when the water rises.
Mayor Shiffer asked about the water runoff at 15 W. Pottsville. Council further discussed. Secretary Dyer will contact Light & Heigel to look into it.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):

- **Health Officer Safety Conference:** Leroy Bates motioned to reimburse Lew Moyer \$75.00 for the Health Officer Food Safety Conference, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.
- **Fire Company Contributions:** Leroy Bates motioned to approve the annual fire company contributions to HH & L and NEFD in amount of \$13,500 for each company, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

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

- **Pool Pump:** L. Clark stated that Kohl Bros. received the pool pump to see if it can be fixed. L. Clark stated the Rec Board will be meeting on Monday evening.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **PSAB Conference:** Leroy Bates motioned to approve Secretary Dyer to attend the PSAB Conference held in June, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

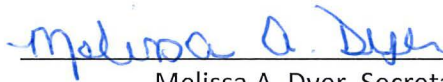
Mayor Shiffer stated he would like to attend the Mayor's Conference as well. The cost will be \$500.00 to \$600.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (2):

- Sharon Zimmerman:** S. Zimmerman asked if Wideawake Street will be part of the paving project this year. L. Clark said no. S. Zimmerman stated there a large pot hole on the side of the road.

PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

Leroy Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer