

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 11, 2021**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Ann Weaver
Anna Potts
Mike Potts
Savannah Potts-Krammes

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

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. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1): None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Hugs & Kisses Lease: Solicitor Hobbs presented council with the Lease for the FEMA Properties with Hugs & Kisses. Delmas "Skip" Butler motioned to accept the lease for Hugs & Kisses seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. **Ann Weaver:** A. Weaver stated she is from the Open-Door Project and they would like to host horse drawn wagon rides at the canal on Tuesday, December 14th. A. Weaver stated she would need permission to close Veteran's Memorial Drive from

5:00pm-9:00pm. Leonard Clark motioned to approve to close Veteran's Memorial Drive from 5:00pm to 9:00pm on Tuesday, December 14th, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

- 2. **HH&L:** None.
- 3. **NEFD:** None.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Mayor Shiffer went over the monthly Police Report.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed QOL Properties.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed the noise complaint that was received regarding Guilford. Council further discussed and President Fickinger was going to contact OSHA to see if tests could be conducted.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **Garbage/ Recycling Bids:** L. Bates opened the bids received for the Garbage/ Recycle Request. The bids received are as follows:

Waste Management

Didn't submit a bid due to staffing limitations

County Waste

Residential Unit Rate Per Year & Yearly Total-Contractor Billing

2022-\$443.78	2022- \$297,332.60
2023- \$461.60	2023- \$309,272.00
2024- \$480.08	2024- \$321,653.60
2025- \$499.22	2025- \$334,477.40
2026- \$519.16	2026- \$347,837.20

Residential Unit Rate Per Year & Yearly Total-Borough Billing

2022- \$403.44	2022- \$270,304.80
2023- \$419.64	2023- \$281,158.80
2024- \$436.44	2024- \$292,414.80
2025- \$453.84	2025- \$304,072.80
2026- \$471.96	2026- \$316,213.20

Potts & Monger

Residential Unit Rate Per Year & Yearly Total-Contractor Billing

2022-\$408.00	2022- \$273,360.00
2023-\$408.00	2023- \$273,360.00
2024-\$408.00	2024- \$273,360.00
2025-\$408.00	2025- \$273,360.00
2026-\$408.00	2026- \$273,360.00

Residential Unit Rate Per Year & Yearly Total-Borough Billing

2022- \$348.00	2022- \$233,160.00
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2023- \$348.00	2023- \$233,160.00
2024- \$348.00	2024- \$233,160.00
2025- \$348.00	2025- \$233,160.00
2026- \$348.00	2026- \$233,160.00

No action will be taken at this time for the Garbage/ Recycling Bids. A decision will be made at the Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 9th.

- **Christmas Bird Count:** Delmas "Skip" Butler motion to allow Dave Krueel to do the Christmas Bird Count on Sunday, December 19th, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
- **2022 Meeting Dates:** Leroy Bates motioned to advertise the 2022 Meeting Dates with changing start time to 6:00pm for Regular Council Meetings, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.

2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **Executive Session:** Leroy Bates motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:40 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:53pm stating they discussed legal and personnel matters with no action taken at this time.

3. ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER)

- **Approval of Minutes:** Passing the gavel, President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the October 4, 2021 Regular Meeting, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.
- President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the October 14, 2021 Budget Meeting, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.
- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for October, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.

4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **Streets/ Water Report:** Report is in everyone's folder.
- **Paving Project:** L. Clark stated the paving project has been completed.
- **Emergency Snow Removal Bids:** Elaine Holley motioned to advertise for bids for the 2022 Emergency Snow Removal, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.
- **LIHWAP (Low Income Household Water Assistance Program):** Leonard Clark motioned to enroll Pine Grove Borough as a vendor with the Low-

Income Household Water Assistance Program, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council


5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**
 - **PP&L- Vegetation Management:** Secretary Dyer stated PP & L will be working on trimming branches and cutting some trees down in the Borough around their power lines next Fall. No action needed.
6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):** None.
7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER):**
 - **Dumpster Ordinance:** Delmas "Skip" Butler motioned to advertise Ordinance 465, Dumpster Ordinance, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):**
None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.

PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

Leroy Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer