

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Thomas Fickinger, Council President
Leroy Bates, Vice-President
Michael Allison, Pro-Tem
Skip Butler
Leonard Clark
Terry Noll, entered meeting at 6:04pm
Willard Shiffer, Mayor
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer
Christopher Hobbs, Solicitor

ABSENT:

Rodney Hiester

Council President Fickinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with all members of Council being present with the exception of Rodney Hiester. A quorum was established.

○ COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **Executive Session:** Leroy Bates motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:01pm to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by council. At 6:20pm, council returned with no action taken at this time.

2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **Vacant Council Seat:** President Fickinger stated we received one Letter of Interest for the vacant council seat. Leroy Bates motioned to appoint Elaine Holley to the vacant council seat, Resolution #13-19, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
- **Correction of Motion:** Secretary Dyer stated Sue Strouphauer's Secretary Bond will expire on January 7th. Secretary Dyer stated Sue Strouphauer's original retirement day was going to be January 17th. Secretary Dyer stated her retirement date will change to January 3rd. Michael Allison motioned to amend motion of Sue's Retirement Date

from January 17, 2020 to January 3, 2020, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

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

- **2020 General Budget:** The revenue section and expenditures section of the general fund and water fund budget was discussed at length with changes being made as necessary.

Leroy Bates motioned to advertise the 2020 Budget with a 1 mill tax increase, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council. Poll Vote was taken: 3 Yes's and 3 No's, Mayor Shiffer voted yes for tax increase breaking the tie vote.

Michael Allison motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m., seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer