

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Officer Fritz	William Reichert
Ken Dubbs	Sharon Zimmerman
Wayne Lehman	

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Scott Zimmerman, Council President
Thomas Fickinger, Vice-President
Leroy Bates, Pro-Tem
Skip Butler
Leonard Clark
Terry Noll
Willard Shiffer, Mayor
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer

ABSENT:

Christopher Hobbs, Solicitor

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): None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. **Ken Dubbs:** K. Dubbs stated the Creative Arts Council will be hosting a Christmas Festival. K. Dubbs wanted to confirm with council to see if it is ok to have fire pits to roast marshmallows and hot dogs. President Zimmerman stated it was ok to have fire pits.
2. **Wayne Lehman:** W. Lehman stated there is a lot of open space that is holding up the Guilford Mills Project. W. Lehman stated it is approximately 12 acres. W. Lehman

stated the property owner would donate the land in lieu of waiving the fees for the developer. Council discussed. Thomas Fickinger motioned to accept the donated 12 acre parcel pending Solicitor Hobbs approval, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

3. **HH&L:** Report will be emailed to council.
4. **NEFD:** None.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Officer Fritz read over the monthly police report.
- Mayor Shiffer stated himself; Tremont Township and Pine Grove Township will be meeting with the Pine Grove Joint Treatment Authority to discuss the possibility of leasing the Joint Treatment Authority office building for the Police Regionalization. Mayor Shiffer stated the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20th at 11:00am.
- Mayor Shiffer stated he spoke with Dave Frew on the Red Arrow/ Kwik Pickens property. Mayor Shiffer stated Dave Frew said the property was having some litigation issues and it was resolved a few weeks ago. Mayor Shiffer stated they have a new commercial realtor and was discussing other options for the property.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **Christmas Bird Count:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to allow Dave Kruel to complete the Christmas Bird count on Sunday, December 23rd in the Black Creek Area, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- **Ordinance 452:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to approve Ordinance 452 PennVest Financing, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

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

- **Resolution #16-18, Council Seat:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to adopt Resolution #16-18 appointing Delmas "Skip" Butler to vacant council seat with term ending December 31, 2019, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

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

- **Approval of Minutes:** Leroy Bates made a motion to accept the Minutes of the October 18, 2018 Regular Meeting, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Thomas Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the November 5, 2018 Budget Meeting, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Passing the gavel, Scott Zimmerman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** Scott Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Bills Approval List, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

- **2019 Meeting Dates:** Terry Noll motioned to approve the 2019 Meeting Dates, seconded by Thomas Fickinger, carried by Council.
- 4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
 - **Streets/ Water Report:** Vice-President Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.
 - **Dump Truck:** L. Clark stated the Dump Truck hydraulics went during the Thursday snowstorm. L. Clark took the dump truck it in for repairs and when he was bringing it back to the garage the brake lines went on it as well. L. Clark stated he received a Co-Star price for 2019 GMC Dump Truck for \$87,500.00. L. Clark stated they will give us a trade in of \$19,500.00 which gives us a balance of \$68,000.00. Council further discussed. Thomas Fickinger motioned to purchase a 2019 GMC Dump Truck from Turnpike Chevy in amount of \$87,500.00 with trade in of old dump truck, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
 - **Emergency Snow Removal Bids:** T. Fickinger motioned to advertise for Emergency Snow Removal bids for 2019, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- 5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (TONY GURSKI):** None.
- 6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
 - **Silt Removal:** T. Fickinger stated a lot of silt was removed from Swatara Creek. L. Clark stated over 200 tri-axel loads of silt were removed from Swatara Creek.
- 7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (TERRY NOLL):**
 - **Resolution #17-18:** Leroy Bates motioned to adopt Resolution #17-18 revised fee schedule for Rental Inspections, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- 8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**
None.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Generator Service:** Secretary Dyer stated we received a quote from DynaTech for yearly service for the borough office generator. Thomas Fickinger motioned to approve the quote for preventative maintenance on the borough office generator, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
- **APPI Energy:** Secretary Dyer stated that APPI Energy will take a look at your electric bills to see if we are able to save any money. Secretary Dyer stated PSAB recommended this company to municipalities. Council further discussed. President Zimmerman stated to move forward with APPI Energy to see if we can receive any savings.

○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (2):** None.

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

Leroy Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m., seconded by Thomas Fickinger, carried by Council.

Melissa A. Dyer

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