

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

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

Officer Dissinger	Jared Stroupbauer
Margaret Davenport	Justin Stroupbauer
Georgine Joyce	Susan Stroupbauer
Bill Reichert	Vernon Stroupbauer
Joan Schwer	Sharon Zimmerman

**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

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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. A quorum was established.

Council President Fickinger, Mayor Shiffer and Secretary Dyer presented Sue Stroupbauer a plaque and crystal vase for 30 years of service along with recognition of her retirement on January 3, 2020.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):**

- Georgine Joyce:** Georgine Joyce introduced herself to council. Georgine Joyce is the new reporter for the South Schuylkill News.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** None.

○ **SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

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

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Officer Dissinger read over the monthly police report.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed the Quality of Life Ordinance and discuss some properties in violation.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **Christmas Bird Count:** Michael Allison motioned to allow Dave Krueel to do his yearly Christmas Bird Count on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> in the Black Creek Area, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
- **Lion's Club Lease:** Leroy Bates motioned to approve amendment to the Lion's Lease to allow the Lion's Club to sell Small Games of Chance, seconded by Michael Allison, 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 October 17, 2019 Regular Meeting, seconded by Rodney Hiester, 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 motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **2020 Budget:** President Fickinger stated with some research we have found the General Fund loaned money to the Water Fund in the past for a Water Project and the General Fund was never paid back. President Fickinger stated over a 15-year period \$38,800.00 will be transferred from the Water Fund to the General Fund. Council further discussed the 2020 Budget. President Fickinger motioned to amend the 2020 Budget and advertise with no increase, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **2020 Meeting Date Schedule:** President Fickinger stated he would like to change the meeting date from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Thomas Fickinger motioned to advertise the 2020 Council Meeting Schedule, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**

- **Streets/ Water Report:** T. Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.

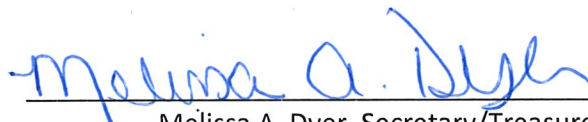
- **New Water Tank:** L. Clark stated they are in the process of filling the new water tank. L. Clark stated they have about 30' of water in the tank already.
  - **Emergency Snow Removal Bids:** Michael Allison motioned to advertise for bids for Emergency Snow Removal for the 2020 Winter Season, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
- 5. PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**
- **Armory Building:** L. Bates stated we have owned the property for 3 years and has been sitting vacant. L. Bates stated we need to make a decision if we want to do something with the Armory or put it out for bid. Council further discussed. Michael Allison motioned to have the committee start working on recommendations for the Armory Building, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
- 6. FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):**
- **Bill Reichert:** B. Reichert provided an update on the Floodplain Restoration Project by Guilford Mills. B. Reichert stated the project is about 40% completed.  
B. Reichert stated there is funding still available and they would like to start looking into Phase 2 of the Floodplain Restoration from 895 Bridge to the S.R. 443 by Sweet Arrow Lake. B. Reichert stated the borough owns most of the property in this area. B. Reichert stated Wayne Lehman will be sending over an agreement to do a study of the area.
- 8. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**
- **Ordinance 457:** Rodney Hiester motioned to advertise Ordinance 457, Handicapped Permit Parking, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- 9. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):**
- **Pine Grove Elementary PTO:** L. Clark motioned to donate two Family Season Passes to the Pine Grove Elementary PTO Basket Raffle, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
- **Free Parking:** L. Clark motioned to allow Free Parking at the meters starting Monday, December 2, 2019 to Wednesday, January 2, 2020, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by Council.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (2):**
- **Sharon Zimmerman:** S. Zimmerman asked if the Pine Grove Historical Society property is located in the Borough or the Township. Council would look into this.

○ **PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

**What is the cost of the Handicapped Parking Meter Permit?** The yearly cost will be \$108.00.

**What is the day of the week for the Regular Council Meetings for 2020?** They will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

Rodney Hiester made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m., seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

  
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Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer