

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2021**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Joan Schwer
Jamie Crowe
Richard Schach
Austin Townsend
Sgt. Tyler Dissinger

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Rodney Hiester

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 except Rodney Hiester. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):

1. **Jamie Crowe:** J. Crowe brought up additional concerns regarding the ongoing water runoff problems with Forino. Council provided an update to her from Schuylkill County Conservation District. Council further discussed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Solicitor Hobbs introduced his brother Attorney Shane Hobbs to council.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. **Richard Schach:** R. Schach addressed his concerns about the storm drains on South Tulpehocken Street. D. Kavitski, borough engineer explained the grants and projects that we are applying for to upgrade the storm drains.
2. **HH&L:** None.
3. **NEFD:** None.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Mayor Shiffer went over the monthly Police Report since Sgt. Dissinger got called out.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed QOL Properties.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
 - **Local Church Needing Assistance:** President Fickinger stated a local church is looking for a rental property for homeless family. President Fickinger stated if anyone knows of a place available.
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 September 9, 2021 Regular Meeting, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
 - President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the September 20, 2021 Budget Meeting, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
 - **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for September, seconded by Delmas "Skip" Butler, carried by Council.
 - **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
 - **Streets/ Water Report:** Report is in everyone's folder.
 - **Paving Project:** L. Clark stated they will be bringing equipment in next week for paving project.
 - **Well Project:** President Fickinger asked Dave Kavitski, our engineer when the new wells project would be starting. D. Kavitski stated the project most likely will start Spring 2022.
5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):** None.
6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):** None.
7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER):** None.
8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):** None.

NEW BUSINESS:


1. **Dumpster Ordinance:** Leonard Clark motioned to allow Solicitor Hobbs to draft a Dumpster Ordinance for Pine Grove Borough, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.

1. **Jamie Crowe:** J. Crowe asked why there were no speed limit signs up on Cherry Street. L. Clark stated there should be speed limit signs on Cherry Street. L. Clark will double check to make sure there are speed limit signs up there. L. Clark stated there should 15 m.p.h. signs up on Cherry Street.

PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

Leroy Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m., seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer