

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2019**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Officer Dissinger	Gavin Schach
Elaine Holley	Justine Deichert-Schach
Zachary Kurtz	Cody Schaeffer
Shawn Kurtz	Steve Schlegel
Tracy Kurtz	Joan Schwer
Nick Miller	Jason Wessner
Joel Wessner	

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Terry Noll
Leroy Bates, Vice-President

Council President Fickinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance with Cub Scout Pack 611 leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with all members of Council being present with the exception of Leroy Bates and Terry Noll. A quorum was established.

○ PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):

- **Cub Scouts Pack 611:** President Fickinger stated that some of the Cub Scouts would like to ask the council members some questions. Please see the questions below:
 - What are the steps to become a council member?
 - What does Pine Grove do for recycling?
 - What are some common issues in the Borough?
 - What is your favorite thing to do to help with the Community?

○ **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- **Handicapped Parking Permit:** Solicitor Hobbs stated he will be drafting up an ordinance for the November Council Meeting for the Handicapped Parking Permit Fee.

○ **SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

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

Chief Nick Miller introduced himself to council. Chief Miller stated Mike Stalneckner retired after 23 years with the fire service.

Chief Miller stated that North End Fire Company is in the beginning stages with consolidating with Ravine Fire Company and Suedberg Fire Company. Chief Miller stated that he has reached out to Dave Sattizahn from HH&L. Chief Miller stated they are in the early planning stages and will keep council up to date on the progress.

Chief Miller stated a documentary will be airing this weekend on National Television called Hearts of Heroes. Chief Miller stated local fire companies will be in this documentary focusing about flooding in our area.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Officer Dissinger read over the monthly police report.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed the Old Summit Station Building and it was condemned around the time of flooding in 2011. Mayor Shiffer stated the owners would like to sell the property but can't since the building is still condemned. Mayor Shiffer stated the owners had the testing done to certify there is no mold in the building. Mayor Shiffer asked Solicitor Hobbs what is the next step. Solicitor Hobbs stated the person who condemned the property will have to release the condemnation. Council further discussed. Solicitor Hobbs stated the Health Officer will have to release the condemnation. Secretary Dyer will contact the Health Officer to have the property released.
- Mayor Shiffer stated Chief Trotter and himself were looking into doubling the fines on Veteran's Memorial Drive for speeding. Council further discussed. Solicitor Hobbs will do some research on this.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed outstanding properties for the Quality of Life.
- Mayor Shiffer stated any members of the Pine Grove Historical Society that need to pay their 2020 Dues must do so by stopping by Pearl Kreichbaum's home on Oak Grove Road. The members can also pick up their High Bridge Calendars.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **Resignation of Council Member:** President Fickinger stated we received a resignation letter on behalf of Terry Noll. Rodney Hiester motioned to accept Terry Noll's resignation as council member, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
Michael Allison motioned to advertise for the vacant council seat, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.
 - **On Demand Energy:** Leonard Clark motioned to approve the extension of the OnDemand Energy Contract for three years, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.
 - **Resolutions 10-19, 11-19 and 12-19:** Leonard Clark motioned to adopt Resolution #10-19, 11-19 and 12-19 for disposition of public records per the State Municipal Records Manual, 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 September 19, 2019 Regular Meeting, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.
President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the October 7, 2019 Budget Meeting, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by Council.
 - **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
 - **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
- **Streets/ Water Report:** T. Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.
 - **Water Project:** L. Clark stated the new water tank is being filled. L. Clark stated they are hoping the new water tank will be tied into the system in a few weeks.
 - **Armory Building:** President Fickinger stated we are working on getting some volunteer plumbers and carpenters to help install handicapped bathrooms on the main floor of the Armory Building.
 - **Dirt & Gravel Road Grant:** President Fickinger stated Len applied for grants through the Dirt & Gravel Road Program and was awarded a grant for one of the roads. Rodney Hiester motioned to approve the Dirt & Gravel Road Grant for Canal Street, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
5. **POLICE REGIONALIZATION COMMITTEE:**
- **Police Regionalization:** President Fickinger stated the last public meeting for the Police Regionalization will be held on Tuesday, October 22nd.

- 6. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):** None.
- 7. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):** None.
- 8. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**

- **66 E. Pottsville Street:** President Fickinger stated three quotes were received for the clean out of 66 E. Pottsville Street:
 - 1. **BioOne:** \$13,023.25
 - 2. **ServPro:** \$34,319.95
 - 3. **Nathan Lapp:** \$12,265.00

Michael Allison motioned to approve the lowest bid, Nathan Lapp for \$12,265.00 pending the Code Officials professional review or it will be awarded to the next lowest bidder BioOne for \$13,023.25, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

9. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):**

- **Memorial Swing:** L. Clark stated a Memorial Swing has been installed alongside the canal in memory of Richard Zimmerman by the Zimmerman Family.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

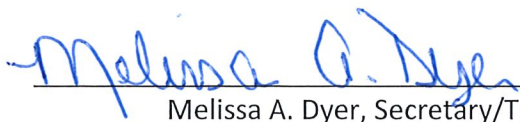
- **Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat Night:** Mayor Shiffer stated the annual Halloween Parade is this Saturday, October 19th at 7:00pm and Trick or Treat Night is scheduled for Thursday, October 31st from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.
- **Health Officer Class:** President Fickinger stated Lew Moyer our Health Officer will be having Serve-Safe Food Safety Manager Course will be held Monday, October 28th from 8:30am to 4:30pm and Monday, November 4th from 8:30am to 2:30pm.

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

○ **PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

What are the quotes for the clean out of 66 E. Pottsville Street? Quotes were provided to Joan Schwer.

Rodney Hiester made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m., seconded by Michael Allison, carried by Council.


Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer