

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2018**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Chief Trotter	Diane Tobin
Paul Merrell	Joan Schwer
Robert Geier	Gary Hatter
Skip Butler	Elaine Holley
Ken Dubbs	Vicki Terwilliger
Sharon Zimmerman	

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Leonard Clark

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 with the exception of Leonard Clark. A quorum was established.

○ PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):

1. **Diane Tobin:** D. Tobin would like to discuss sewer shut offs. D. Tobin stated she will wait and discuss where it is listed on the agenda.
2. **Gary Hatter:** G. Hatter would like a correction written in the paper stating that he didn't want police at school. G. Hatter stated that is incorrect. G. Hatter stated there was another police officer there that didn't get out of their vehicle and help the kids cross the street.

3. **Liquor License Transfer (61-63 S Tulpehocken Street):** Solicitor Hobbs stated we will have our hearing for the transfer of Liquor License (R15771) from Evan's Corner Pub and Restaurant, LLC in Mahanoy City to 61-63 S. Tulpehocken Street, Brickyard Bistro. K. Dubbs stated working on renovations of the old Paraclete Foundation to turn the property into at restaurants. G. Hatter stated this will be a good thing for our town. Mayor Shiffer asked when they are looking to open the restaurant. K. Dubbs stated March/ April 2019. Leroy Bates motioned to allow the transfer of the Liquor License(R15771) from Evan's Corner Pub and Restaurant, LLC in Mahanoy City to 61-63 S. Tulpehocken Street, seconded by Thomas Fickinger, carried by Council.
4. **Liquor License Transfer (177 S Tulpehocken Street):** Solicitor Hobbs stated we will have our hearing for the transfer of Liquor License (R5096) from Dino's Enterprise, Inc. in Wayne Township 177 S. Tulpehocken Street, OIP. Solicitor Hobbs stated no one is here from OIP. Thomas Fickinger motioned allow the transfer of Liquor License (R5096) from Dino's Enterprise, LLC in Wayne Township to 177 S. Tulpehocken Street, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

○ **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

1. **Ordinance 452:** Solicitor Hobbs stated PennVest suggested the ordinance be revised for the PennVest loan. Thomas Fickinger motioned to advertise Ordinance 452, PennVest Financing, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
2. **Resolution # 13-18 Revised Industrial Rates:** Solicitor Hobbs stated PennVest is requiring us to revise the resolution for Industrials Rates with the actual rates and dates the increase will be in effect. Thomas Fickinger motioned to adopt Resolution #13-18 Industrial Rates, seconded by Leroy Bates carried by Council.

○ **SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

1. **HH&L:** Report will be emailed to council.
2. **NEFD:** None.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Chief Trotter read over the monthly police report.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**
 - **Resolution #06-18:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to approve Resolution #06-18 Disposition of time cards from 1976 to 2001, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
 - **Resolution #07-18:** Terry Noll motioned to approve Resolution #07-18 Disposition of Tax Collector Reports from 1993 to 1995, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
 - **Resolution #11-18:** Leroy Bates motioned to approve the revised Rental Inspection Fee Schedule, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
 - **Resolution #12-18:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to approve Resolution #12-18 appointing Marty Sowers and Ed Wenger of Light-Heigel as the

Borough designees for the Rental Inspection Ordinance, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

2. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**
3. **Council Vacancy:** President Zimmerman stated we received one Letter of Interest for the vacant council seat. President Zimmerman asked Skip Butler why he would be a good candidate for the vacant council seat. S. Butler stated he would like to help the community. Mayor Shiffer stated he has been a big part of the community the last couple of years and has demonstrated his interest of being on being council. Thomas Fickinger motioned to appoint Delmas "Skip" Butler to the vacant council seat, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council. Delmas "Skip" Butler was sworn in by Mayor Shiffer.
4. **Executive Session:** Leroy Bates motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:24pm to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by council. At 7:27pm, council returned and Council President Zimmerman stated a personnel matter was discussed. Thomas Fickinger motioned to hire Candidate A for the part-time police officer position, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
5. **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN)**
 - **Approval of Minutes:** Thomas Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the October 8, 2018 Regular 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.
6. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
 - **Streets/ Water Report:** Vice-President Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.
 - **Silt Removal:** T. Fickinger stated Arthur "Pat" Aungst has been working on the silt removal in Swatara Creek and the gravel bank has been removed from behind Werner's Lumber.
 - **Sewer Shutoffs:** T. Fickinger stated that Pine Grove Joint Treatment Authority is requesting water shut off for non-payment of Sewer in November. D. Tobin stated there seems to be a delayed time when shut offs occur. T. Fickinger stated the sewer shutoffs are held until the date of the water shut offs for delinquent water payments. President Zimmerman stated there is concern of turning off the curb stops multiple times for the same properties. Council further discussed and council agreed to do the November shut offs for the Joint Treatment Authority.
 - **Portable Toilets:** T. Fickinger motioned to approve to order six portable toilets for the Halloween Parade this Saturday, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
7. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (TONY GURSKI): None.**

6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**

- **Williams Pipeline:** T. Fickinger stated that Williams Pipeline donated a large amount of 12" drain pipe to the borough. T. Fickinger stated this can be used for the upgraded storm drain project.
- **Storm Drain Study:** Secretary Dyer stated BCM Engineers is finishing up the storm drain study and hopes to have it ready for the November meeting.

7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (TERRY NOLL):** None.

8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN):**
None.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Act 44 of 2009-Profession Services:** Secretary Dyer stated the Auditor General suggested that council adopt an Act 44 Policy. Solicitor Hobbs stated it is only a suggestion council doesn't have to do it. Council further discussed with no action taken.
- **Canal Wedding:** President Zimmerman stated we received a request from Kristen Land to have her wedding at the canal on September 28, 2019. Terry Noll motioned to allow Kristen Land to have a wedding at the canal on Saturday, September 28, 2019 seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (2):**

- **Ken Dubbs:** K. Dubbs stated Ed Wenger called from Light-Heigel to verify his rental properties for the Rental Inspection. K. Dubbs wanted to ask council if the inspection after the construction would be grandfathered. Secretary Dyer will reach out to Ed Wenger about this.
- **Diane Tobin:** D. Tobin asked if the township residents were still paying a different amount for the water bills. T. Fickinger stated yes. Council further discussed. Secretary Dyer stated borough residents are paying \$105.60 while township residents are paying \$126.92. T. Fickinger stated that council will look into this again in the future.
- **Elaine Holley:** E. Holley asked council on the start time for the flood mitigation project behind Guilford Mills. T. Fickinger stated he was told it was to start in September. E. Holley stated the project has changed because Guilford Mill wanted to keep some of their land. T. Fickinger will find out the status of the project.

○ **PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

Joan Schwer had no questions.

Vicki Terwillinger will speak with the secretary after the meeting.

Thomas Fickinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer