

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 19, 2017**

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

Sharon Zimmerman  
Officer Applegate

Judith Fickinger  
Charlie Zimmerman

**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Anthony Gurski, Pro-Tem  
Ronald Hepler, Jr.

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Council President Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with all members of Council being present with exception of Anthony Gurski and Ronald Hepler, Jr. A quorum was established.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

- **Charlie Zimmerman:** C. Zimmerman everything is ready for the parade. C. Zimmerman stated there are 72 units in the parade.
- **Judith Fickinger:** J. Fickinger asked why we don't advertise our Trick or Treat night in the newspaper. Secretary Dyer stated it is posted on the borough's Facebook Page, website and was included in the August Evergreen.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None.**

**SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

1. **Hose Hook & Ladder: None.**
2. **North End Fire Company: None.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Officer Applegate read over the monthly police report.
- Mayor Shiffer stated that he noticed some properties on the North End of town starting to be cleaned up that had received citations in the past through the QOL.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **Resolution #08-17, Disposition of Public Records:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to approve the list of items for disposition of old job applications from 2002 to 2009 of employees not hired, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
- **Resignation of Council Member:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to accept Ronald Hepler, Jr. resignation of council seat effective October 19, 2017, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- **Advertise for Council Vacancy:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to advertise to accept letter of interest for vacant council seat, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
- **Executive Session:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:11pm to discuss legal matters, seconded by Terry Noll, Jr., carried by council. At 7:31pm, council returned and stated they discussed legal matters with no action taken at this time.

**2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN): None.**

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

- **Approval of Minutes:** Thomas Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the September 12, 2017 Budget Meeting, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- Leonard Clark made a motion to accept the Minutes of the September 21, 2017 Regular Meeting, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
- Terry Noll made a motion to accept the Minutes of the September 26, 2017 Budget Meeting, seconded by Thomas Fickinger, carried by Council.
- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Passing the gavel, Council President Zimmerman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** Council President Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Bills Approval List, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.

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

- **Streets/ Water Report:** Tom Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.
- **Water Line Project:** T. Fickinger read all of the bids received on October 5, 2017 for the Tulpehocken Street Water Line Project.
- Please see below:
 

▪ A.H. Moyer, Inc.	\$579,450.00
▪ Almeida & Hudak Contractors, LLC	\$688,175.00
▪ Anrich, Inc.	\$710,394.63

▪ Arthur "Pat" Aungst, Inc.	\$586,651.18
▪ Barrasso Excavation, Inc.	\$582,369.00
▪ DOLI Construction Corporation	\$588,482.00
▪ Joao & Bradley Construction Co., Inc.	\$686,775.00

T. Fickinger stated that BCM Engineers reviewed the bid packet and made a recommendation to approve A.H. Moyer. Thomas Fickinger motioned to approve the bid from A.H. Moyer for \$579,450.00 pending Solicitor Hobbs review, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.

- **Street Signs:** L. Clark stated a resident contacted him about putting up Children at Play signs along Mifflin Street between Union and Morris Street. Council further discussed. L. Clark to obtain pricing for signs and Mayor and Len will review any streets that may need a reduction in speed limit.
  - **Water Line Survey:** Thomas Fickinger motioned to allow BCM to survey the water line running along S.R. 125, seconded by Terry Noll, carried by Council.
  - **ALS/EMS Meeting:** T. Fickinger stated a meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the HAAA Station in Valley View to discuss the lack of ALS service in Western Schuylkill County.
5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (TONY GURSKI): None.**
6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER): None.**
7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (TERRY NOLL):**
- **Rental Inspection Ordinance:** President Zimmerman stated that since Ron Hepler, Jr. resigned should we advertise for a rental inspector. Council further discussed. T. Noll volunteered to do the inspections. Thomas Fickinger motioned to appoint Terry Noll to conduct the rental inspections, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council. President Zimmerman will contact Dave Sattizahn to see if he is still going to do the rental inspections.
8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (SCOTT ZIMMERMAN): None.**

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

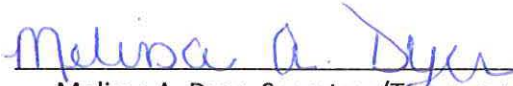
- **Hazardous Mitigation Plan:** T. Fickinger stated that county will be having a kick-off meeting on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at Orwigsburg Borough.

○ **AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

- **Sharon Zimmerman:** S. Zimmerman asked if Dave Sattizahn is definitely doing the inspections. S. Zimmerman gave suggestion of other fire personnel that my do it. Council further discussed.

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

Thomas Fickinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm, seconded by  
Terry Noll, carried by Council.

  
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Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer