

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

Jason Browne  
Lawrence Cheatham  
Officer Tyler Dissinger

Sharon Zimmerman

**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

Thomas Fickinger, Council President  
Leroy Bates, Vice-President  
Skip Butler  
Elaine Holley  
Rodney Hiester  
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer  
Christopher Hobbs, Solicitor, by telephone  
Willard Shiffer, Mayor

**ABSENT:**

Leonard Clark, Pro-Tem  
Michael Allison

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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 with the exception of Len Clark and Mike Allison. A quorum was established.

○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):**

1. **Sharon Zimmerman:** S. Zimmerman discussed a rat problem down by the compost site. Council further discussed and they will look into it.  
S. Zimmerman stated the street crew did a great job cleaning up the sidewalks on Borough property in North Pine Grove.

○ **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

1. **Peach Street Lease:** Solicitor Hobbs stated Melissa and Jordan Dyer sold their home and are asked to be removed from the Peach Street Lease and add the new property owner at 305 S. Tulpehocken Street. Leroy Bates motioned to approve the agreement to add William Koehler to the Peach Street Lease and remove Melissa & Jordan Dyer, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

2. Ordinance 460: Skip Butler motioned to advertise Ordinance 460, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.

○ **SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

1. **HHL:** Reports in everyone's file.
2. **NEFD:** No Reports.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Officer Dissinger read over the monthly police report.
- Mayor Shiffer went over the Quality of Life properties.
- Mayor Shiffer inquired about the roads up in the development. Council further discussed.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):** None.

2. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**

Leroy Bates motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:18pm to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:28pm stating they discussed a personnel matter.

Rodney Hiester motioned to hire part-time police officer William Gelgot, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

Rodney Hiester motioned to promote Officer Tyler Dissinger to Sergeant with a pay increase of \$23.50/hr., seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.

3. **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER)**

- **Approval of Minutes:** Passing the gavel, President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the August 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports for August, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

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

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

5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**

- **Bergers Road:** Council discussed the option of selling the property on Bergers Road. Council further discussed and will reach out to Matt Frederick regarding possible timber of property.

6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):** None.

7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER):** None.

8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):** None

○ **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

1. **Sharon Zimmerman:** S. Zimmerman stated there is a large pot hole or dip on main street at the intersection of Wideawake Street. Council discussed and it is on a state road it would PennDOT to repair.

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

*Leroy Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.*

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Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer