

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

Officer Dissinger  
Joan Schwer  
Elaine Holley  
Charlie Zimmerman  
Sharon Zimmerman

**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Willard Shiffer, Mayor  
Terry Noll

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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 Mayor Shiffer and Terry Noll. A quorum was established.

**○ PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1):**

- **Charlie Zimmerman:** C. Zimmerman stated everything is good to go for the Halloween Parade on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**○ SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- **Dubbs Property:** Solicitor Hobbs stated the Injunction Hearing will be Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am.
- **Ballot Question:** Solicitor Hobbs discussed when the petition needs to be filed for the Primary Election in 2020. Solicitor Hobbs stated 90-day mandatory filing before the election.

- **Handicapped Parking Permit:** Solicitor Hobbs stated there are a couple ordinances but we will need to draw up an ordinance for this request. Council further discussed.

○ **SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

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

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Officer Dissinger read over the monthly police report.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **9/23/19 Budget Meeting:** Michael Allison motioned to cancel the Budget Meeting scheduled on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Resolution #08-19:** Leroy Bates motioned to adopt Resolution #08-19 extending Pine Grove Joint Treatment Authority existence to fifty years, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Resolution #09-19:** Michael Allison motioned to adopt Resolution #09-19, Ally Bank Lease for 2019 Chevy 6500 Dump Truck, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

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

- **Ordinance 455 & Ordinance 456:** Leonard Clark motioned to adopt Ordinance 455 Non-Uniformed Pension and Ordinance 456 Police Pension Agreements with PMRS, seconded by Rodney Hiester, 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 15, 2019 Regular Meeting, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.  
President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the September 9, 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 Michael Allison, carried by Council.
- **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **2020 Minimal Municipal Obligation:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the 2020 Minimal Municipal Obligation for Non-Uniformed and Uniformed Pension Plans, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.

4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
  - **Streets/ Water Report:** T. Fickinger stated the Streets/Water report is in everyone's file.
  - **2019 Road Paving Project:** L. Clark stated the 2019 Road Paving Project has been completed. L. Clark stated the department is going through and filling in shoulders and drive ways.
5. **POLICE REGIONALIZATION COMMITTEE:**
  - **Police Regionalization:** Solicitor Hobbs stated you want to circulate the petitions 90 days before the election. Solicitor Hobbs stated the petitions need to properly notarized. Council further discussed.
6. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**
  - **PPL Pole Relocation:** Michael Allison motioned to approve the pole relocation on Lover's Lane subject to verifying a PA One Call approval, seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
7. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):**
  - **FEMA:** L. Clark stated were finishing up with FEMA on projects from last year's flooding event.
8. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES): None.**
8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):**
  - **Pool pump:** Council discussed grant options for a new pool pump.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:**

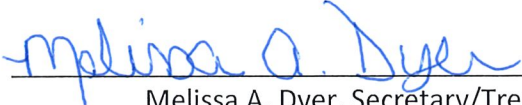
- **Evergreen vs. Email:** A resident inquired about having a community email instead of the Evergreen. Council further discussed.
- **Direct Energy:** Secretary Dyer stated our agreement is due to expire and Direct Energy provided with numbers for the new agreement. Council further discussed and will table until October.

○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (2):**

- **Elaine Holley:** E. Holley stated that she does like the Evergreen in print to read.  
  
E. Holley asked about what percent is the Flood Mitigation Project completed. President Fickinger stated about 30% completed.
- **Sharon Zimmerman:** S. Zimmerman asked if council will be having the last Public Police Regionalization Meeting in October. President Fickinger stated yes. S. Zimmerman asked if there is an ordinance forbidding people not to park on the sidewalk. President Fickinger stated he thinks there is and that would fall under the police department.  
**Charlie Zimmerman:** C. Zimmerman asked when the poles will be completed in Legion Acres. M. Allison stated a date wasn't given. C. Zimmerman stated there will be a table at the Autumn Stroll for the Hometown Hero Banners.

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

Leroy Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m., seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

  
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Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer