

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Thomas Fickinger, Council President
Leroy Bates, Vice-President
Leonard Clark, Pro-Tem
Michael Allison
Skip Butler
Leonard Clark
Elaine Holley
Willard Shiffer, Mayor
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer

ABSENT:

Rodney Hiester

Council President Fickinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Rodney Hiester. A quorum was established.

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):

- **Tree Removal:** Secretary Dyer stated that Arbor Masters has two different options for the work to be completed. Secretary Dyer stated the first option is 25% down at the beginning of the job and 75% paid at the completion of the job or 100% due at the completion of the job but with an additional cost of \$10,000.00. Council further discussed. Leroy Bates motioned to do 25% down at the beginning of the tree removal job and 75% paid at the completion of the job, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
- **2021 Minimal Municipal Obligation:** Leonard Clark motioned to approve the 2021 Minimal Municipal Obligation for Non-Uniformed and Uniformed Pension Plans, seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.
- **Machine Tax:** Mayor Shiffer discussed Machine Tax and businesses. Council discussed the possibility of raising the Machine Tax Prices.
- **66 Carbon Street:** Mayor Shiffer provided an update on 66 Carbon Street to Council. Mayor Shiffer will have Light-Heigel follow-up with the property.

2. ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER)

- **2020 Water Budget:** The revenue section and expenditures section of the water fund budget was discussed at length with making any necessary changes.

October 5th Budget Meeting is cancelled and the next Budget Meeting will be Monday, October 19th at 6:00pm

Michael Allison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m., seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.

Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer