

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2017

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Carmen Ferranto and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Dave VanOrsdale, Kenneth Porter and Julie Parmenter.

Charles Morrison opened the regular township meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Charles Morrison read over the agenda and asked if there were any comments from visitors or residents.

Dave VanOrsdale spoke on the current situation of the cemetery. He mentioned that he wants to keep the Supervisors updated as to what is happening with the cemetery. He advised that the maintenance of the grounds is being taken care of but they are having trouble getting volunteers to help with some of the other aspects. He also advised them of the current financial situation.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2017, meeting by Carmen Ferranto. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated February 8, 2017. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$25,768.88 for the general fund, \$17,849.62 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, \$1,792.80 for the state fund and \$17,660.57 for the water fund. Also, approval for payment of any utilities that may come due before the next regular scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Carmen Ferranto. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Ken Porter reported that they have been plowing. He advised the Supervisors of a wash out on Hultberg Road from water coming down from Elk Township. He spoke with Elk Township and they will put a larger pipe in to help alleviate the situation. They asked if we would be able to supply the gravel for the project since they do not have any on hand. They have also been doing maintenance on equipment and working on the mowers to get them ready.

Ken advised that he will order the last load of salt but mentioned that the current salt bin is in pretty bad shape. The Supervisors advised Ken to get quotes on a cement bin and bring it to the next meeting.

Linda Farnsworth mentioned to Ken some upcoming LTAP classes being offered if any of the road crew workers would be interested.

Next item was the request from FEMA for a **RESOLUTION** to be adopted by all municipalities covered under the Warren County Zoning Ordinance. This will allow the Warren County Planning & Zoning department to continue as the Floodplain Administrator for the municipality. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION #2-8-17** to reaffirm that Pine Grove Township remains under the jurisdiction of the Warren County Zoning Ordinance. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A short discussion on a request received on behalf of Pennsylvania One Call system to pass a proclamation to designate the month of April as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month". Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve the proclamation declaring April as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" and it was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next on the agenda was the Niver property. Charlie Morrison advised that he has been keeping an eye on the property but noted that there is not any evidence to proceed with the Blighted Property process. He advised the other Supervisors that maybe Planning and Zoning should be contacted to be sure there are no zoning violations. The Supervisors were all in agreement that Planning and Zoning should be contacted regarding this piece of property.

Carmen Ferranto updated the other Supervisors on a meeting he had attended on behalf of the Water Authority for the possible sale of the system. He mentioned that Rusty and Mark attended this meeting with him and Pennsylvania American Water is willing to do a feasibility study of the system. Carmen advised that during the meeting it was noted that if the system were to be sold the rates would likely increase. Charlie Morrison made a motion to recommend the Water Authority move forward with a feasibility study. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The secretary advised the Supervisors that the auditors had questioned her on the wages for the Authority employees. The auditors would like some clarification as to whether or not the Township is to get reimbursed for those wages. After some discussion, the Supervisors noted that currently the Water Authority cannot pay the wages so they all agreed that the Township will pay these wages until such time as the Water Authority is financially able.

Linda updated on the COG meeting. She spoke on Act 165; the Vesta Alert, which is a mass notification system to send urgent information to the public; and the COOP, Continuity of Operations Plan for local government.

Carmen spoke on the CDBG Funding that is available and thought we could possible get some funding for an engineering study to upgrade the water system.

There was some discussion on applying for funding to resurface State Street similar to the work that was done on East Street. They Supervisors discussed that they should look at the roads and determine what ones need the most work and try to upgrade a couple each year.

Charlie Morrison gave an update on the generator that they Fire Department had repaired. He said it is running very well and we received a copy of the bill that we agreed to pay half of.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion for adjournment at 8:05 PM. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Secretary