

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2017

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Carmen Ferranto and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Harry Senyo, Mark Saullo, Bryan Rodgers, Jim Lindell, 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.

The first order of business was the swearing in of fire police. Mr. Morrison swore in all of those present for fire police.

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

Mr. Senyo commented on the condition of Reynolds Run Road. He stated that this road gets heavy usage and the road surface is lower than the berms and nothing is being done. Ken advised that there is no base and it would need approximately 8" of gravel for a distance of about 1 ½ miles. The Supervisors said they would look into this and see when something could be done with the road.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 8, 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 March 8, 2017. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$14,763.85 for the general fund, \$16,892.85 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, \$1,775.57 for the state fund and \$1,277.95 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 Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Ken Porter reported that they have been cleaning up after the recent storm, plowing, cleaning pipes and working on the mower. He advised they have acquired a leaf blower and will need to get a tube for it to blow leaves out of the ditches. Ken also mentioned that there are a lot of potholes developing. Charlie advised getting cold patch by the end of the month and Carmen suggested if they have some cold patch available they should patch some of the major potholes as soon as possible.

The Supervisors talked a little with Ken about checking the condition of the roads to determine which ones need the most work and prioritizing them.

Ken brought to the meeting quotes on new tires for the backhoe. He stated that Enos Tire had the best price of about \$1,500/pair. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to purchase new tires for the backhoe not to exceed \$1,600. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Ken asked about the possibility of getting a salt shed. He advised the Supervisors that the salt is currently being stored under a tarp but some of the salt has hardened and it is not the ideal storage. He recommended a 2-bay shed. After some discussion Charlie Morrison told Ken to acquire quotes on a shed and present them at the next meeting.

Ken also inquired about Townline Road and how much of it is Pine Grove's responsibility. Charlie advised that Pine Grove has always taken care of the whole road during the summer months. There was some discussion on whether

there was ever any kind of agreement on this. The Supervisors would like to check and see if, in fact, there is anything in writing relative to this road.

Ken asked about the possibility of changing to a 4-day work week, working 10 hour days. Linda inquired about what time period they were thinking and after some discussion it was suggested that from May 1 to October 1 should work out. The Supervisors said they would consider this and let Ken know at the next meeting.

Ken also advised that he had checked into a roller and rental prices are quite high. He spoke with Hoffner's about their roller and stated he thinks he could work out some kind of deal with them as they do not use their roller very often.

The Supervisors reviewed the proposed land development/subdivision plans for the Russell Dollar General Store. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the plans and Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The secretary presented the millage rate certification for signatures. The Supervisors reviewed the certification and signed the paperwork.

The Supervisors discussed the County Aid funds and agreed to use these funds for snow removal and road maintenance. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to pass **RESOLUTION #3-8-2017** to use the County Liquid Fuels allocation towards snow removal and road maintenance. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was a discussion on the sidewalk agreement for the upcoming bridge replacement project. Penndot returned the agreement for revision because a payment method had not been determined previously. The Supervisors reviewed the payment methods listed and determined that Option A, being paid out of the General Fund, would be their choice. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve Option A payment method and stated that the funds will come from the General Fund. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto brought up the condition of East and State Streets. After some discussion on these roads Carmen mentioned checking into possibly getting some CDBG funding and Charlie suggested also checking into the funding from the Conservation District through their Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Roads program.

Linda Farnsworth inquired about the date for the Spring Convention. The secretary will check into this and let the Supervisors know.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion for adjournment at 8:07 PM. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Secretary