

### MINUTES FOR MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2017

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Carmen Ferranto and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Douglas Smith, Andrew Harrington, Vance Lauffenburger, Tim Bevevino, Bob Rizzardi, 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.

Mr. Smith spoke on a number of items in the Township that need to be addressed. He provided a checklist to each of the Supervisor's for their review. He mentioned items such as road conditions, snow removal, guide rail conditions and blighted properties.

Next visitor was Mr. Rizzardi. He approached the Supervisors about the possibility making an offer to purchase a portion of a Township road. The road he is inquiring about is Howard Road. He mentioned that during the last few years he has been having difficulty getting access to his camp due to a conflict with a neighbor. Mr. Bevevino spoke to Mr. Rizzardi and the Supervisor's to get some clarification on the situation and advised that he would look at all of the information and get back to the Supervisors with an informed opinion.

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

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated April 12, 2017. Carmen Ferranto 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 \$37,740.92 for the general fund, \$20,344.18 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, and \$7,730.05 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 should be done plowing. He noted they have been brooming, cleaning inlets and working on Big Four Road. He mentioned doing some road checks to determine priorities and figure out how much road material would need to be bid out.

Carmen Ferranto advised that we are working on acquiring CDBG funds for State Street and the lower half of East Street. He also mentioned that we would apply for low volume roads money for these two streets along with dirt and gravel roads funds for Reynolds Run and Hultberg Road.

Linda Farnsworth stated to Ken that Howard Road in front of the Swanson residence is in need of immediate attention. That section of road is in very bad condition. Ken mentioned that all of Howard Road would need attention in the near future but they could take care of that section right away.

Carmen Ferranto brought up a few complaints that had been received in the office regarding excessive damage on properties from winter plowing. The Supervisors agreed to do limited repairs to those properties which incurred these damages. The Supervisors agreed that these kinds of repairs would only be made after the Supervisors had reviewed the area in question and determined that there is, in fact, excessive damage to the property.

Next on the agenda was road materials to be advertised. The Supervisors conferred with Ken and they decided to bid out 2,500 tons of stone, 7,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 125 tons of salt. They will also bid out oil but it was decided that a road check would be necessary to determine which roads need to be oiled then Ken can get a figure to the secretary for bids. The road check date was set for April 18<sup>th</sup>. Also, it was decided to advertise for 10,000 yards crushing.

After a short discussion regarding the road crew hours, the Supervisor's agreed to change the road crew hours to 6am – 4pm Monday through Thursday starting with the first pay period in May and ending with the first pay period in October. They will work the normal 40 hours per week with overtime paid only after the 40 hours. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to change to a 4-Day work week for the road crew beginning with the first pay in May until the first pay in October. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was Spring Clean Up date. The Supervisors set the clean-up date for May 20, 2017 from 8 am to noon. The cost will be \$10 for cars and \$20 for pick-up truck and trailers.

Mr. Andrew Harrington attended the meeting to advise the Supervisors that he will be acquiring the John Anderson Pit property on Cidermill Hill. He mentioned that the Township could have the mining permit for the pit and prices for gravel would remain the same as previously. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to continue operations at this location with Mr. Harrington and apply for the mining permit. The motion was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto spoke about some repairs needed to the Russell UMC parking lot which were made when there was a water leak at that location. Ken seemed to think that this was already taken care of. They will take a look at it to be sure.

Next was a letter received from the Russell UMC Daycare relative to an upcoming 5K/Fun Run event they are sponsoring. A special event permit will need to be filled out for the use of State Roads. The Supervisors were all in agreement with applying for the permit. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to apply for the special event permit for the 5K/Fun Run and Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

There was some discussion on Johnny Run. Carmen brought it to the attention of the other Supervisors that there is a large tree at the mouth Johnny Run and there is concern that if there is a severe storm there could be a problem with the backup of debris. They also mentioned the dyke and that there could possibly be issues with that. Charlie advised that he would get ahold of Amanda Frederick with the Conservation District and see if she could take a look at this situation and advise what our options are.

Carmen Ferranto mentioned that he had received a phone call from Mike English requesting that the Township apply for a grant from the DCNR for Werner Park. After some discussion on this issue it was decided that it would be best if Mr. English came to a meeting to advise the Supervisors as to exactly what it is they expect from the Township.

Next, Charlie Morrison advised he had received a letter from FEMA acknowledging the Township for passing the floodplain resolution.

Linda Farnsworth spoke on the upcoming Conservation Districts annual awards program. She mentioned that Pine Grove Township would be receiving recognition for our Dirt & Gravel Roads project.

Carmen brought to the attention of the other Supervisors that the owners of the Miller property are working on cleaning it up.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion for adjournment at 8:27 PM. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Secretary