

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Linda Farnsworth and Carmen Ferranto. Others present were Keith Niver, David VanOrsdale, Don & Kay Mahaffey, Linda Feeny, Jeff Pedersen, Kenneth Porter and Julie Parmenter.

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

Charles Morrison read over the agenda.

Linda Feeny spoke on her problem with the water runoff from the cemetery. Dave VanOrsdale is aware of the problem and advised he has spoken with a contractor and they talked about the possibility of putting a ditch along Pine Street to help alleviate the problem. Dave advised that the road in the cemetery continues to deteriorate with the rain. He also mentioned possibly sending the water into the ditch along Liberty Street. Charlie Morrison advised Dave that the Township is willing to work with the cemetery on a solution to this problem. After more discussion on solutions Ken advised that some kind of diversion needs to be put in. Carmen Ferranto asked Ken to take a look at this and try some kind of solution to start with and see how it works.

Don & Kay Mahaffey wanted to see if anything could be done with the runoff from a neighboring property. Mr. Mahaffey advised that a resident who lives two houses from his had some landscaping and fill brought into her yard which diverted the water which now comes down into his yard. Mr. Mahaffey also mentioned that she has Oak trees and the acorns are coming down with the diverted water and accumulating in his yard also. Carmen Ferranto asked Ken to look into this and get back to the Supervisors. The secretary was advised to check with Michael Lyon, Planning and Zoning about this also. Someone will get back to Mr. Mahaffey about this once it is checked out.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2017 meeting was made by Linda Farnsworth. The motion was seconded by Carmen Ferranto. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated September 13, 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 \$53,103.69 for the general fund, \$21,244.45 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, \$49,793.14 for the state fund and \$13,939.87 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 reported that oiling is finished, they have been ditching and doing berm work, cold patching, mowing and working on equipment. He advised that they might mow along the roads again. Ken also advised that the grant applications have been turned in for Hultberg Road and State Street.

Carmen Ferranto asked about the leasing of an excavator. Ken is waiting for a response on this. Ken advised that the pipe on Mill Road is installed and the one for Fox Hill will need to be put in before winter.

Carmen wanted to talk about the Townline Road issue. Ken advised that they had always oiled to Old State Road but it was cut back a few years ago. Ken has spoken to Farmington Township and they are willing to contribute to this road. Carmen mentioned that the hill on Townline Road is in much need of repair. Ken said they will get the hill in better shape before winter. He advised they did the berms this week.

Linda Farnworth commented on the good condition of Norberg and Howard Road are in since they worked on them.

Ken mentioned that there is a sluice on South Terrace that may need some work in the near future.

Russell Standard will be starting the seal coat work on Werner Drive, Norris Drive, Pine Grove Blvd., Williams Street and Fox Fire Drive tomorrow.

The hours for the road crew will go back to the regular 7:00 – 3:30 Mon.-Fri. starting September 24, 2017.

Next item on the agenda was the discussion on **RESOLUTION #9-13-17** relative to property located at 1667 Priest Hollow Road. This resolution declares this property to be a nuisance in fact. It was discussed that a letter that was sent to the property owner but there has been no response. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to pass **RESOLUTION #9-13-17** declaring the property of 1667 Priest Hollow Road to be a nuisance in fact. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

There was a short discussion on **RESOLUTION #9-14-17** for the Egypt Hollow Bridge Project. This resolution will increase the cost of the preliminary engineering. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to pass **RESOLUTION #9-14-17** which will increase the cost of the preliminary engineering to a total of \$385,000.00. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was some discussion on the Niver property. Charlie Morrison stated that previously a resolution was passed regarding this piece of property. Charlie noted that Mr. Niver has been working on this property in accordance with discussions with Carmen Ferranto. Mr. Niver spoke and advised the Supervisors that someone was on his property taking pictures who was not the constable. The Supervisors advised Mr. Niver that they had asked the constable to take photographs of the property. Carmen Ferranto advised Mr. Niver that as long as he continues to make progress on the maintenance of this property the Supervisors will not take any action to forward this on to blighted property.

The Supervisors discussed the Morine property and noted that there had been no response to a letter that was sent out advising them of the nuisance violation. Charlie Morrison stated that after September 20th it will be forwarded on to the District Justice.

The secretary presented to the Board the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Pension Plan. This informs the governing body of the plan's expected financial obligation for the coming year.

The Supervisors talked about the upcoming budget and set up a budget meeting date of October 3, 2017 at 10:00 am.

Next was the subdivision for Timothy and Barbara Engstrom and Karen Thompson. This subdivision is located along Cable Hollow Road and the proposal severs Lot #2 (15 acres) from Tax Parcel #WN-2-66384 (Lot #1) for annexation to Parcel #WN-2-66321. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the Timothy and Barbara Engstrom and Karen Thompson Subdivision and Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth presented an update from the COG meeting. She advised that a representative from Berkheimer spoke on the Local Services Tax. This tax would generate some revenue for the Township based on the number of residents in the Township that are employed. This tax would be enacted by the Supervisors if they so decide.

Charlie Morrison advised that the man door on the water building at the end of East Street needs to be replaced. The Supervisors decided that this would be the Water Authorities responsibility. Carmen Ferranto advised that he would bring it up at the water meeting.

Carmen Ferranto mentioned that currently the Lions Club stores Christmas lights in the pump house on Race Street. He believes that they should not be inside the building because of the chlorination unit and will bring it up at the water meeting to see if some kind of lock box could be put on the outside of that building to store these items.

Linda Farnsworth asked about the cloudy water issue that is occurring in town. It was noted that there is some trouble with air getting into the lines and that is what is creating the cloudy water.

Carmen Ferranto advised that it was brought to his attention that there seems to be some runoff from the salt pile on Cidermill Hill Road into the ditches. Ken said they would take care of it.

Ken advised that he had checked into some salt storage buildings. He will check to see if they could put a new building on the creek side of the road so they don't lose storage space by the garage. Charlie asked him to get a price on this before the budget meeting.

Charlie advised that they should start pouring concrete next week on the Liberty Street Bridge Project.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion for adjournment at 8:10 PM. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Secretary