

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2017

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Linda Farnsworth and Carmen Ferranto. Others present were Renea English (Aflac), Keith Niver, Scott Koersleman, John Bortz Jr., Linda Feeny, Mark Schwnake, Gary Swanson, 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.

John Bortz Jr. was the first visitor to speak. He was inquiring about the status on the liquor license. The secretary advised that she had spoken with the elections office and received information regarding the procedure to get this onto the ballot for the May elections. The Supervisors are checking into passing a resolution for this so that a petition would not be needed. Carmen Ferranto advised John to check with the office after first of the year to check on the progress.

Scott Koerselman, Koerselman Plumbing & Heating, spoke with the Supervisors about what is involved in provided services to the Township for sewer maintenance. Mr. Koerselman asked about the pumps and other items involved with the system and Charlie Morrison advised that he would get some information together on the system for Mr. Koerselman.

Next to speak was Renae English with Aflac. She spoke a little on supplemental insurance and asked if she would be able to get together with the secretary to go over what they offer. The secretary asked if she could call the office and they could set up a time to meet.

Mark Schwanke advised the Supervisors about the ongoing water project to extend the water system. He advised that the water authority needs to secure some interim financing while they apply for funding through Pennvest. The water authority is coming to the township for this financing and Mark advised that once funding is secure the township can submit a voucher for reimbursement. The water authority is asking for \$50,000 with the understanding that the Township will pay the bills for the project until funding is secured and then get reimbursed. Carmen advised to have an agreement drafted for this line of credit funding.

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 5, 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 October 11, 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 \$67,097.39 for the general fund, \$18,092.08 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, \$25,785.40 for the state fund and \$7,940.26 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 the excavator is working well, they are also grading roads now to get them ready for oiling in the spring. Ken advised they are doing some of this work now because if the Township is

awarded grants from the Conservation District for State Street and Hutlberg Road they will have those projects to work on next spring also.

Ken also informed the Supervisors that he had meet with a representative from Russell Standard for some recommendations on what would need to be done with certain roads within the township. He advised that a good portion of the roads we would like to upgrade would not necessarily need to be milled but some patching and seal coating would be sufficient. Ken advised the Supervisors that they may be able to do more roads this way because they would not have to incur the cost of milling.

Linda asked Ken if they had replaced a sluice pipe at Don Cable's residence. Ken advised that he had talked with Mr. Cable last year and advised him that if he purchased the pipe the township would install it but Mr. Cable does not want to purchase the pipe. Ken advised that the pipe has deteriorated so much that it continues to become plugged. Linda will contact Mr. Cable with this information.

Ken also advised that they still have more work to do on Townline Road. He noted that he has been in touch with Farmington Township and they will look into sharing maintenance on the road.

Next item for discussion was the salt shed. Ken received some pricing on concrete walls but advised that we will have to check into permits for this. Charlie noted that he would like to get the concrete work done this year. Ken stated that Conewango Township is also getting a salt shed and maybe we could check with them on their drawings. Carmen Ferranto made a motion for up to \$15,000 to cover the cost of the base for the salt shed. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried,

The Supervisors discussed the problem with the water runoff from the cemetery and causing damage to Linda Feeny's house. Ken thought if they hauled in enough gravel and put in water bars that this should alleviate the problem. He advised that they should get the roller for the gravel otherwise it may just wash out again. Carmen said they should consider getting the roller again to take care of this and any other jobs they may need it for. Charlie informed Ken to get this problem taken care of as soon as possible. The Supervisors noted that this is a cemetery issue but since it is affecting a resident they want to get it taken care of right away and they will get together with the cemetery committee later. Gary Swanson noted that there is some discension between members. Linda Farnsworth asked Gary if he would be willing to talk to some of the members and see if they would be willing to take it over so that Dave VanOrsdale could relinquish his duties.

Next was the budget review and the secretary updated the Supervisors on some questions they had had during the budget review meeting.

The Supervisors set the Trick or Treat hours for Halloween. Trick or Treating will be on Tuesday, October 31st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Trick or Treaters are to only go to homes with their porch lights on.

Next was the subdivision for Ryan and Crystal Russell. This subdivision is located along Valentine Run Road and the proposal creates Lots #2, #3, #4, and #5. Lot #2 is to be conveyed to Ryan & Crystal Russell this year, in 2018 Lot #4 is intended to be transferred to Sopkin (WN-1-9917), and Lot #5 (.445 acres) may also be transferred to Sopkin. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the Ryan and Crystal Russell Subdivision and Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth updated on the recent COG meeting. She noted that Penndot has a website which updates the status on all of the current projects in Pennsylvania. There were some handouts from fire services and a Penndot guide book.

Mr. Niver inquired about getting a copy of the meeting minutes from September 13th. He also would like the Resoulution declaring his property a nuicance ablolished. The Supervisors don't feel that enough work has been done on the property to rescind the Resolution. They advised to put this on the agenda for the November 8th meeting.

Mr. Niver also asked that something be done with the cats in the building next to his property. The Supervissor advised him that the Humane Socitey has already been notified of the situation.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion for adjournment at 8:15 PM. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Secretary