

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2017

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Linda Farnsworth and Carmen Ferranto. Others present were David VanOrsdale, Jeff Pedersen, Doug Smith, Daniel Larson (Findley Lake Insurance), Kenneth Porter and Julie Parmenter.

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

Charles Morrison read over the agenda.

Dan Larson with Findley Lake Insurance Agency presented a proposal to the Supervisors for their liability and workers compensation insurance. Dan advised the Supervisors on the coverage and premiums listed on the quote. The Supervisors considered the quote and announced they would compare it with other quotes and make a decision.

Dave VanOrsdale was the next visitor to speak. Mr. VanOrsdale wanted to thank the Supervisors and road crew for the recent work they did on the cemetery road. He advised that there have not been any problems with the road washing out from rains since the work has been completed. Carmen Ferranto advised Dave that the cemetery association may want to look into installing a sign advising visitors that the water bars are safe to drive on. He noted that there have been people parking along the street because they do not know that these are okay to drive over.

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 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 December 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 \$19,964.88 for the general fund, \$19,329.84 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, \$4,398.76 for the state fund and \$7,780.85 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 they have been plowing, cleaning pipe inlets, fixed a pipe on Howard Road, cutting brush. Some comments were received on how well the roads have been kept during the recent snow storms.

Ken also advised that he had spoken with the Conservation District regarding the funding for State Street and Hultberg Road. He is quite sure we will qualify for funding for State Street but he didn't think Hultberg Road would qualify this year. He also mentioned that the Conservation District wants to do some more work on Big Four Road as an educational project.

There was some discussion on the roads and Carmen mentioned that Woodlawn Drive seems to be in need of some repairs. He mentioned that he had received some complaints on the condition of this road. Ken also brought up Gouldtown Road and advised that maybe they could take off the top layer

and contact the Game Commission and see if they would be interested in using the materials for the lower end of Martin Road.

Next, Charlie Morrison wanted to review the insurance renewal quotes received. The Supervisors discussed the quotes from Findley Lake Insurance and Gray Insurance and decided to continue coverage with Gray Insurance. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to renew insurance coverage with AmTrust North America through the Gray Insurance Agency. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The 2018 Budget was the next item on the agenda. After reviewing the budget Carmen Ferranto suggested that due to the unexpected repairs needed to the Big Four Road Bridge and the costs involved the Budget should be reviewed in March. The Supervisors advised the secretary to contact Stiffler McGraw for a cost figure for the bridge. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve the 2018 Budget as presented with no tax increase and it was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto advised the other Supervisors that he was approached by residents on Werner Drive regarding street lights. The residents noted that there are street lights in Greenbriar Circle and Pine Grove Acres but none on Werner Drive. Carmen told the residents that he would bring it to the Board for discussion. Charlie mentioned that maybe a letter should be sent out to all of the residents on Werner Drive advising them that if the Supervisors proceed with street lights on that road there will be a light assessment tax levied on each household benefiting from the street lights and asking for feedback from them on this issue.

Charlie informed the other Supervisors that he had a resident on Sunset Lane approach him regarding some of his yard sinking. The resident seemed to think this was due to the sewer line. Charlie inspected the area and informed the resident that this would be the homeowners responsibility because it was not caused by a leak in the line nor was it on the main line. He said he would look at it again in the spring.

Next was a short discussion on the Act 42 of 2017 authorizing the placement of Category 4 casinos, "mini-casinos", and the municipalities authority to prohibit the location of these casinos within the boundaries of the municipality. The Supervisors decided not to pass a resolution relating to this issue.

Linda Farnsworth brought up recent problems in the Erie County area with Airbnb's. She advised that people can rent out houses and there have been problems with this relative to disturbances of the peace. Carmen Ferranto suggested that the Supervisors will keep an eye on local properties and if there seems to be a problem they will act on it then.

There was an update on the Fire Department, Charlie advised they had election of officers and they are the same as last year. There was some discussion on the tax credit incentive for fire department volunteers and it was tabled until after the March meeting with the Fire Department.

There was no COG update because Linda Farnsworth was unable to attend the meeting.

Charlie Morrison noted that he had attended a seminar regarding fireworks. He advised that the additional tax on the sale of fireworks would be distributed throughout the state for training purposes. Charlie suggested that all of the Supervisors not sign any permits for fireworks unless the person applying is a pyrotechnician and has a 2 million dollar bond.

Carmen Ferranto mentioned that the Water Authority should be closing on the loan and possibly starting work in the spring.

Charlie and Carmen mentioned how nice it has been working with Linda Farnsworth during her term as Supervisor.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion for adjournment at 8:13 PM. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Julie Parmenter

Secretary