

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2018

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Carmen Ferranto and Douglas Smith. Others present were Linda Farnsworth, Anne Beck, Bill Beck, Rich Barrett, Dave Martin, Lisa Miller, Ken Porter and Julie Parmenter.

Charles Morrison opened the 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.

Bell Beck spoke on some drainage concerns on his property coming from Mill Road. He advised that since sometime last fall he has experienced some undermining of his driveway which he thinks might be from the work that was done on Mill Road over the summer. He would like to request someone to take a look at this at the appropriate time to see if there is anything that can be done to alleviate the problem. Charlie Morrison advised that they would be doing road inspections in the near future and we will notify Mr. Beck when they will be in the area so that he can be present when they investigate this.

Dave Martin was next to speak. He spoke on the parking situation downtown. Currently there is little to no parking in the downtown area for the public to utilize. He suggested the lot next to the church be turned into parking and the church is willing to let this lot be used for parking. Dave asked if the Township would be willing to make upgrades to the lot for this purpose. Charlie Morrison asked Dave if he had contacted Planning and Zoning about this and he advised that they had not. The Supervisors advised the secretary to get in touch with Planning and Zoning to see if this could be done.

Next to speak was Linda Farnsworth. She wanted to update the Supervisors on the Pine Grove Days celebration and presented a handout requesting a donation to ROAR from the Supervisors. She advised them of the numerous activities that are being planned and that everything will occur in the downtown area. They talked about the parade route and she requested cones and barricades from the Township to help block off streets during the parade. Lisa Miller advised that one of the vendors they are trying to secure is the Brokenstraw Winery. She inquired to the Supervisors as to whether or not they would be willing to have this vendor at the event. The Supervisors gave their permission to support this vendor at the event. Lisa also advised that she would be willing to donate a sign advertising the event and asked if it could be placed at the intersection of South Main Street and Route 62. The Supervisors were not sure who owns that particular parcel and Linda Farnsworth offered to contact Evelyn Harris to see if she has any insight into the ownership of this property.

Linda Farnsworth asked if there were any plans for work on Gouldtown Road. She mentioned that it has not been worked on for some time now. Ken advised that there is a road check scheduled and they would look at it. She also inquired about some work that has been going on in the area and the supervisors mentioned that they were having a study done in order to post the road.

Next, Linda mentioned the Horner property in Akeley and advised that there is a lot of junk around the building and asked if something could be done about that. The Supervisors agreed to send a letter advising the owners that they are in violation of the nuisance ordinance.

Rich Barrett questioned the Supervisors about the Water Authority's project. He heard that the water lines were being extended and he wanted clarification on this. Carmen advised Mr. Barrett that there are no plans in extending the water system, they are only upgrading the current system.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2018, meeting by Carmen Ferranto. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated March 14, 2018. Douglas Smith 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 \$44,883.07 for the general fund, \$17,762.80 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, \$1,773.21 for the state fund and \$9,511.53 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 Douglas Smith. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Ken Porter reported that they have been plowing, cutting brush, patching holes, cleaning pipes and doing maintenance on equipment. He advised that he should have some prices on the truck in the next week or so. Also, he noted that the wing plow on the small truck broke and is not repairable. The Supervisors suggested he check into purchasing a used one to get through the winter season.

Ken advised that they had sold some scrap and purchased items for the shop with the proceeds.

Doug Smith inquired about the new table and chairs for the garage. The Supervisors advised Ken to go ahead and pick out something appropriate for use at the garage.

Next item discussed was the road inspection. The Supervisors and Ken looked at some dates to get together and check the road conditions. They set the inspection date for March 30th at 9:00 am. They will meet at the garage.

A reimbursement agreement for the Big Four Road Project was presented. This agreement has a 10 percent match for the Township on the bridge project. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to accept the reimbursement agreement. Doug Smith 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.

Next was the subdivision for Proukou and Fox. This subdivision is located along Route 62 and severs Lot #2 (10 acres) from Tax Parcel #WN-2-4983. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve the Proukou/Fox Subdivision and Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

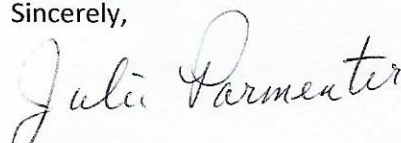
The secretary presented a letter to the Supervisors from Katie Walker, Pine Grove Days Parade Chair, requesting permission to hold the Memorial Day Celebration on May 26th and 27th. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve this event and it was seconded by Doug Smith. All were in favor and the vote was unanimous.

Carmen Ferranto noted that he would be writing the article for the next Russell News to be posted in the newspaper. He asked for any input anyone may have on items to be included in the article. Ken suggested placing the upcoming State Street improvements in the article.

Next was a short discussion on a complaint received from Karen Martin on water run off along the front of her property. She noted that since the water bars have been installed in the cemetery to alleviate the water run off onto Linda Feeny's property she seems to have more water along her property. The Supervisors have looked at this problem and at the current time there is not much that can be done with this. Ken suggested that maybe this should be the next project to turn in to the Dirt and Gravel Roads Program to get assistance with drainage and road work on Pine Street.

Doug Smith made a motion for adjournment at 8:18 PM. Charlie Morrison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary