

### MINUTES FOR MEETING OF APRIL11, 2018

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, April11, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Carmen Ferranto and Douglas Smith. Others present were Mike English, Linda Farnsworth, David VanOrsdale, Dave Martin, Bill Beck, Dave Schwanke, Ed Beardsley, Tim Ferrie, Vicky Ferrie, Jeff Pedersen, 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.

Dave VanOrsdale spoke on the cemetery association. He advised that the cemetery will be changing hands to Jim Roberts and Tom Russell. Dave will be relinquishing his responsibilities. Dave also thanked the Supervisors for all of their help in the past.

Mike English inquired on the gas line replacement to his mother's property due to the Egypt Hollow Bridge Project. PennDOT will be replacing the gas line that is currently attached to the bridge and boring under the creek to install a new service line. The cost for this line replacement will initially be paid for by the Township and once the project begins PennDOT will reimburse the Township 95% of the cost and the English's will reimburse the Township the other 5%.

Next to speak was Linda Farnsworth. She gave an update on the Pine Grove Days celebration and advised things are progressing. She requested the Supervisors participation in the parade and they agreed to take part. She also asked for some help in securing the Niver property. The committee approached Mr. Niver regarding the street dance and he advised he does not want people on his property during this event and he will spray paint his property lines so that no one crosses them. Linda requested some kind of cones and tape to help keep people off of his property and between the Supervisors and fire department they should be able to help with this situation.

Linda Farnsworth inquired about the road inspection on Gouldtown Road and advised that it needs gravel, tar and chipped, brush cut and ditching. Charlie commented that it is one of the roads scheduled to be worked on this year. She also questioned the posting and bonding of that road. Charlie mentioned that we are waiting to hear back from the engineer on this.

Next, Linda asked about the Akeley property that belongs to Mr. Grant and if this was being dealt with. The Supervisors advised that they are taking action on this. Planning and Zoning was contacted and has sent the owners a letter and the Supervisors will also be sending a letter advising them they are in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance. The property across the road was also mentioned because of the vehicles parked there. As far as the Township is concerned, this property does not fall under the Nuisance Ordinance violations but Planning and Zoning has also sent a letter to that property owner regarding the vehicles

Dave Martin was next to speak on the parking situation in town. Dave was asking if there could be some help from the Township to put down gravel for parking. The church will donate the area for parking for downtown patrons if the Township could help out with graveling the area. Ken said they will take a look

at the area, maybe Dave Martin or the Ferries could put down some paint marks so they know where the parking area will be.

Bill Beck was asking for some feedback on the drainage issue that is affecting his property, possibly from Mill Road. Ken advised of some work they will be doing to help alleviate this problem and stated that they had removed some antiskid from the area which should help. Mr. Beck inquired on a time frame for the work to be done but the Supervisors could not say for sure, only that this will be one of the first roads scheduled.

Dave Schwanke updated the Supervisors on the Fire Department and advised that the siren has not been working for some time. He stated that they checked into repairs but they were not cost effective, so a new sire was ordered. He approached the Supervisors with the cost of the siren and about the possibility of some financial help with this purchase. After some discussion a motion was made by Carmen Ferranto to give the Fire Department \$7,000 towards the purchase of the new siren. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. Charlie Morrison abstained for this motion, due to conflict of interest.

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

Douglas Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated April 11, 2018. 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 \$30,645.27 for the general fund, \$11,495.08 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund and \$8,703.45 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.

Next was some discussion on Townline Road. The Supervisors requested that Farmington Township Supervisors attend this meeting to discuss the maintenance of Townline Road. Ed Beardsley, Farmington Township Supervisor, was at the meeting and advised that he has concerns about this road but Farmington Township does not have the funds available to do any tar and chipping. After some discussion, it was agreed upon that Farmington will supply gravel and help with ditching and maintenance and Pine Grove will supply the oil for areas that need to be tared and chipped. An agreement will be drawn up for both Townships to sign relative to the maintenance of Townline Road.

Ken Porter reported that they are still doing a little plowing and have started brooming streets in town. Carmen asked Ken about the banners and Ken will call and set up a date to borrow the bucket truck to change them. Ken advised he is still working on the truck with Walsh and that Midtown has not gotten back to them yet. The guard rail quote should be in soon and we can attach that to the ARLE Grant so it is ready for submission

Charlie Morrison advised that we should roll the roads as soon as we rake them. Ken inquired about renting the roller again for the road work. Carmen made a motion to rent the roller as needed up to a cost of \$5,000. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next on the agenda was road materials to be advertised. The Supervisors conferred with Ken and they decided to bid out 2,000 tons of #8 stone, 7,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 125 tons of salt and 17,000 gallons of MC-70.

Charlie advised Ken to get a load of cold patch to fix some pot holes.

Next was Spring Clean Up date. The Supervisors set the clean-up date for May 19, 2018 from 8 am to noon. The cost will be \$10 for cars and \$20 for pick-up truck and trailers.

The Supervisors discussed the County Aid funds and agreed to use these funds for snow removal and road maintenance. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to pass **RESOLUTION #4-11-2018** to use the County Liquid Fuels allocation towards snow removal and road maintenance. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The next order of business was the Small Flow Treatment Facility for John Beard. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to adopt **Resolution #4-12-18** for John Beard Small Flow Treatment Facility. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was the budget review. The Supervisors agree to table this item until the next meeting so they will have time to review this and any questions can be presented at that meeting.

The Nuisance Ordinance was also discussed and tabled until the next meeting so that it can be reviewed by the Supervisors. The Supervisors requested that the secretary invite the solicitor to the May meeting to go over this Ordinance with them.

Charlie Morrison advised that some complaints have been received on the Steve Grant property in Akeley, the Robin Grant property located on Route 62 and the Jan Madigan property on Edgewood Lane for nuisance ordinance violations. The secretary was advised to send all of these individuals letters advising them of our nuisance ordinance.

Carmen Ferranto advised sending Mr. Niver another letter to inquire about what his intentions are with his property in town. If he is not going to continue with improvements then it will be forwarded to blighted property.

Ken inquired about the possibility of renting an excavator again this summer. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to rent this equipment as needed with the cost not exceeding \$5,000. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferrantomade a motion for adjournment at 8:45 PM. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Secretary