

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JULY18, 2018

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, July18, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Carmen Ferranto and Douglas Smith. Others present were Timothy Bevevino, Township Solicitor; Mindy Snarburg, Linda Farnsworth, William Lucas, Keith Niver II, Bob Grant, Dylan Sharp, Mike Sharp, Mark Saullo, Priscilla Powley, Clayton Burke, Amber Orcutt, Karen Martin, Steve Grant, Rich Barrett, Amy Weatherby-Johnson, Katie Schuyler, Kenneth Porter and Julie Parmenter.

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

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Charles Morrison read over the agenda and continued with the first item of business.

The first item on the agenda was the discussion and adoption of the **Nuisance and Junkyard Ordinance #7-18-18**. Carmen Ferranto advised that the Supervisors wanted to upgrade the current Ordinance and that there were not a lot of marked differences with the exception of the junkyard portion. It was noted that the junkyard portion of this Ordinance pertains to licensed junkyards in commercially zoned areas. After questions and comments from residents and some discussion on the enforcement of this Ordinance, Carmen advised the visitors that it is not the Supervisors intentions to file charges related to complaints only to work with the residents in cleaning up properties that complaints have been received about. Timothy Bevevino, Township Solicitor, advised that when a complaint is received the resident should be advised that their name can be given out and they could possibly be called to testify. Douglas Smith made a motion to adopt **NUISANCE AND JUNKYARD ORDINANCE #7-18-18** and Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Mindy Snarburg spoke next on a neighbor that is target shooting and she noted that there are a large number of dogs on her street that this is bothersome to, along with the residents. Some of the other visitors in attendance also commented on this issue and wondered if there is anything that could be done to alleviate some of this problem. Carmen Ferranto offered to speak with the resident doing the shooting to see if some kind of compromise could be worked out.

There was a short discussion on a small piece of property that is owned by the Township which a resident expressed an interest in purchasing. The Supervisors asked for Mr. Bevevino's guidance on this issue and he stated he would need more information on this and to have the resident interested in purchasing this property contact him at this office to review the proposal.

Next to speak was Karen Martin, she was inquiring about the progress on the Filiatrault property. The Supervisors advised that a letter was sent to one of the owners some time ago but they have yet to receive a response. The Supervisors will proceed with declaring the property a nuisance as the owners are in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June13, 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 July18, 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 \$32,435.12 for the general fund, \$36,281.40 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, \$49,366.75 for the state fund and \$12,075.36 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 most of the oiling is done, gravel on Reynolds Run and Hultberg Road, trimming branches, working on trucks and mowing. He advised that there is an issue on Mill Road with water run off dumping into a resident's driveway that he believes is a Township problem. Also, on Norberg Road, there is another driveway that comes out onto the road and there are recurring pot holes. He advised that maybe some gravel would alleviate the problem.

There was some discussion on Gouldtown Road and that it may not get done this year. Linda Farnsworth spoke up and advised that earlier this year it was stated it would be done this year. After some discussion on this road, Linda said she would be fine if the bad spots could be fixed and they would put this road first on the list for next year. Carmen advised that the road crew should patch the bad places and that the Supervisors would make sure it gets on the top of the list for road work next spring.

Next was an engineering proposal received from Stiffler McGraw on the State Street Resurfacing Project. The Supervisors discussed this project and agreed that it would be in their best interest to hire Stiffler McGraw to prepare design documents and provide construction services for this project at an estimated cost of \$9,000. They suggested contacting Joel with Stiffler McGraw to meet with Ken on the placement of pipes, etc. Douglas Smith made a motion to accept the proposal from Stiffler McGraw for engineering services related to the State Street Resurfacing Project and it was seconded by Carmen Ferranto. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Charlie asked Ken if he would have the time to do all of Townline Road and still do the work for the State Street Resurfacing project. Ken figured it will take approximately two weeks for the State Street drainage.

There was some talk on Woodland Drive and turning that in for the low volume roads grant project. The Supervisors agreed to proceed with the low volume roads application for this road and to do temporary patching to get through the winter.

Repairs to Cidermill Hill Road were next on the agenda. The Supervisors decided to discuss this at a later date and try to put it in next year's budget.

The Supervisors' asked Ken about the salt shed. He advised that this would be considered a commercial building so it would have to be designed by an engineer. The Supervisors agreed that this is something that is needed and Douglas Smith made a motion to hire Stiffler McGraw to design this. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

William Lucas spoke up and inquired about the mowing in the Township. He stated that other Townships have mowed back farther than Pine Grove. Ken advised that some Townships designate one person to take care of all the mowing therefore they can mow back farther. Carmen advised that he would drive to other Township's and take notice of their mowing.

A resident mentioned the trees along Liberty Street at the bend near the Post Office and also at the intersection of Route 62 and Route 957. They advised that the sight distance is very limited due to the growing trees and weeds. The Supervisors stated that these are State Roads but the secretary could contact PennDOT to see if something could be done about this.

The Supervisors would like to meet with the Fire Department and scheduled it for either August 4th or the 18th. They will check with the fire department representatives to see if either of these dates will work for them.

Next on the agenda was the Fireworks Ordinance review. There was much discussion on this as residents were interested in placing a time restraint on this and possibly a location restriction. The Supervisor's advised that this particular Ordinance is only for professional grade fireworks being done by a licensed shooter.

Next discussion was on **RESOLUTION #7-18-18** for a small flow treatment system for Constance Whitling. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION #7-18-18** for the Whitling small flow treatment system and it was seconded by Douglas Smith. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was the subdivision for Kevin & Rosemary Ruttenbur. This subdivision is located along Briarwood Lane and severs Parcel A (.11 acres) from Tax Parcel #WN-249-6588 for annexation for WN-249-6678. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve the Ruttenbur Subdivision and Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was the subdivision for Kenneth & Debora Eernisse. This subdivision is located along Swede Hill Road and severs Lot #2 (1.999 acres) from Tax Parcel #WN-2-1592. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve the Eernisse Subdivision and Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferrantomade a motion for adjournment at 8:55 PM. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Secretary