

## MINUTES FOR MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2018

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Carmen Ferranto and Douglas Smith. Others present were Jeff Pedersen, Cody Spicer, Kiley Spicer, John Tarr, Joseph Roddy with Stiffler McGraw, 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 asked if there were any comments from visitors.

Cody Spicer was first to speak. He approached the Supervisors about the possibility of Howard Road, from the end of Ann Swanson's property to the orange stake in the roadway, being vacated by the Township. Cody Spicer stated that he is willing to waive his right to the vacated portion. After much discussion on this issue Carmen Ferranto advised that the Supervisors would have to review this request

Cody also stated that he agrees that the Township may still use his driveway as a turn around. The Supervisors will need something in writing in regards to this matter.

Next, Cody Spicer addressed Charles Morrison and asked for him to step down as Supervisor. He stated that Mr. Morrison was out of order in his duties. He said they have had to put a considerable amount of money into damages among other items from Mr. Morrison's actions relating to the Rizzardi/Spicer dispute. Carmen stated that he would not request Mr. Morrison to resign and Doug Smith agreed to the same. Carmen requested some kind of paperwork regarding these allegations and Cody Spicer advised that his attorney has that. Carmen stated they present the paperwork to the Township's attorney for review. Doug also agreed that this should be handled by the attorney's.

Next visitor to speak was John Tarr. Mr. Tarr was questioning the Fireworks Ordinance that is on the agenda. He wanted to clarify that it is for commercial display's and not public use. The Supervisors stated that he is correct and the only item they will approach relating to fire works displays would be if there is a noise issue.

The Supervisors reviewed **ORDINANCE #8-8-18** regulating public displays of fireworks in Pine Grove Township. The Supervisors discussed that this is for the protection of the Township. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to adopt **ORDINANCE #8-8-18** and Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next item was the bid opening for the Big Four Road Bridge Project. The only bid that was received was from H & K Services in the amount of \$59,675.00. The bid came in more than was expected and the Supervisors discussed what options they have with Joe Roddy from Stiffler McGraw. The Supervisors talked about the 10% portion that would be the Township's and wondered what the time frame would be for the reimbursement of the Act 13 monies. The Supervisors would like to discuss this with Dan Glotz before deciding. They agreed to table this for approximately 10 days in order to give them some time to research their options.

There was some discussion on the State Street project. Joe advised that Joel was working on the drawings and he would like to have everything ready to advertise and open the bids at the September meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 18, 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 August 8, 2018. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

After reviewing the Treasurer's Report, Carmen Ferranto suggested we look closer at the Sewer Account to see if anything can be done in regards to the analysis fees. He advised to check with the auditors about this.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$15,048.07 for the general fund, \$212.22 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, and \$7,183.97 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 they are grading, cutting brush, mowing, cold patching, did repairs to the dump truck and will be oiling on Townline Road on Friday. He advised he has been working on pipe and basins for the State Street Project. He also stated that there is a driveway on Mill Road that needs pipe as the water is running right into a resident's yard. And, if there is time this year, Howard Road needs some cross pipe to keep the water run off from washing out the road.

The Supervisors asked for an update on Gouldtown Road. Ken figured it will take approximately 7 weeks to do the work that needs done on this road. He advised that they can start on Gouldtown once they have completed their work on the State Street Project.

Next item for discussion was the Filiatrault property located at 15 Pine Street. The Supervisors decided to declare this property a nuisance in fact and see if the owners clean it up and if not then the Supervisors will take the necessary steps to do the cleanup. Carmen Ferranto made a motion the pass **RESOLUTION 8-8-18** declaring the property located at 15 Pine Street owned by John Filiatrault and Kevin Filiatrault to be a nuisance in fact. The motion was seconded by Douglas Smith. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The next item discussed was the sewer rates. The secretary will have to order new coupon books and if there is going to be any price increase she will have to include the change. The Supervisors discussed that there are going to be some substantial upgrades coming to the North Warren plant which we will need to take into consideration. The Supervisors agreed to table this issue and revisit it at the next meeting.

The street light agreement for upgrading some of the lights to led was discussed. The Supervisors agreed to move forward with upgrades to 24 lights at this time and evaluate the costs before proceeding with any more lights. Douglas Smith made a motion for street light upgrade and it was seconded by Carmen Ferranto. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The reimbursement agreement with the English family was presented and the Supervisors advised the secretary to acquire the signatures needed for this agreement.

Next was a discussion on the water infiltration into the sewer system. Joe advised that the flow metering has been completed and they are working on a plan for smoke testing. Joe recommended seals and extending vents to help with some of the problem. Carmen suggested getting started on the seals with Warren Webster. Joe mentioned that PA Rural Water will come out and work with a representative from the Township on smoke testing. He thought it may help the Township on some of the cost if they could do some of the work on their own. Joe advised that Joel needs just a little more time to pinpoint the areas of infiltration.

Joe also mentioned the salt shed. He said he would have their architectural division come up and get some drawings started on this.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion for adjournment at 8:50 PM. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Secretary