

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2018

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Carmen Ferranto and Douglas Smith. Others present were Linda Farnsworth, William Lucas, Todd Swanson, Ann Swanson, Cody Spicer, Ed Martone, Jill Martone, Keith Niver, Joel Romagna with Stiffler McGraw; Jeff Pedersen, 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.

Joel Romagna with Stiffler McGraw was first to speak, he wanted to update the Supervisor's on the ongoing projects. He advised that the SSES Study for the water infiltration is nearing completion and he is hopeful that they have some data shortly. Next, he spoke on the State Street Resurfacing project. There was some talk on the contract and Carmen asked about the items they would like to remove. Joel stated that this could be done at the preconstruction meeting. Joel advised that the contracts need signatures and that the project is scheduled to start around November 5th. He also spoke on the Big Four Road Bridge and that they would be up to check on the work that was completed and certify it. Lastly, he noted that surveyors for the salt shed should be coming up shortly.

Next to speak was Cody Spicer. He asked the Supervisor's for clarification on what the new information is that was mentioned in the letter he received regarding the rescinding of the motion relative to the 700 feet of roadway on Howard Road. The Supervisor's advised that because of all of the parties involved, they decided it was in the best interest of everyone that the motion be rescinded and the 700 feet of roadway be left the way it has been for many years.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 2, 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 October 10, 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 \$75,521.05 for the general fund, \$23,769.74 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, \$9,484.58 for the state fund and \$2,913.28 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 working mostly on State Street and should be done in a few days. He advised that residents along State Street have been very accommodating while they have been working there. They have also been responding to one calls and cleaning out pipes.

The Supervisors asked about the rental equipment and how that has been working. They talked some about the possibility of purchasing something used and Jeff advised that the size they have as a rental would be beneficial.

Doug Smith spoke to Ken about a grate in Valley View that is covered and the water is not draining as it should. Ken said that he could take a look at it anytime.

Next on the agenda was **RESOLUTION #10-10-18** to increase the charges relating to the sanitary sewer services. The Supervisors discussed this matter at the last meeting and decided that in order to operate the sewer system in a sustainable matter it would be necessary to raise the current rates. It was noted that Phase I and Phase II would increase by \$2.00 each starting January 1, 2019. Carmen Ferranto moved to pass **RESOLUTION #10-10-18** to change the sewer rates and Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Supervisor's discussed the Pennvest Financing Documents for the Municipal Authority. An Ordinance to approve the guaranty of the Authority's Pennvest Bond is in order. By passing **ORDINANCE #10-10-18** the Township pledges the full faith and credit of the taxing power of the Authority for the guaranty. However, this should not impact the Township's debt limitation because the anticipated revenues of the authority are sufficient to pay the debt service. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to pass **ORDINANCE #10-10-18** to approve the guaranty of the Pennvest Bond. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was **RESOLUTION #10-11-18** to amend the Articles of Incorporation for the Municipal Authority. A Municipal Authority is able to have a corporate existence of no more than 50 years at a time. Therefore, the Authority's current term of existence expires in 2032 and this will extend its life until 2068 giving the Authority sufficient long term to pay off the debt service. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to pass **RESOLUTION #10-11-18** to amend the Articles of Incorporation for the Municipal Authority. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Health Insurance renewal was the next item for discussion. The Supervisors decided to remain with the same plan as last year. Douglas Smith made a motion to stay with the same health insurance plan as the previous year and Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Buzz Felix brought to the Supervisors attention a line item in the audit in the amount of \$80,469 that was previously paid to the sewer fund from the general fund. He said this has been on the books ever since he started auditing the Township and does not know exactly what it is from. He noted that this amount could be paid back to the general fund if they so decide. It can be paid out all at once or in installments. After some discussion on this issue, the Supervisor's decided to leave this amount in the sewer fund in case they need it with the upcoming sewer improvements project that is going on at the sewer treatment facility.

A donation request was received from the Allegheny Community Center and presented to the Supervisors. They decided to table this request until the budget meetings.

Next was the subdivision for Charles & Kolette Johnson. This subdivision is located off of Route 62 and the proposal severs Lot 2 (1.43 acres) from Tax Parcel #WN-002-7332 for annexation to Parcel #WN-002-7331 (Praise Fellowship). The residual Lot #1 (the balance of WN-2-7332) is to be annexed to Parcel #WN-2-49982. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve the Charles & Kolette Johnson subdivision and Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Doug advised that Ken has been evaluating some of the roads for future projects to be included in the budget. Charlie suggested that if possible when we finish the lower end of East Street we include Pine Street in the same project.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion for adjournment at 7:35 PM. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Julie Parmenter

Secretary