

## MINUTES FOR MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, 2018

The special meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Carmen Ferranto and Douglas Smith. Others present were Harold Hice and Julie Parmenter.

Charles Morrison opened the special township meeting at 9:00 a.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.

No visitors were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2018, meeting by Carmen Ferranto. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Supervisors discussed what they would be looking for in a new road crew employee. It was noted that they would be interviewing two applicants, Andy Kuppertz and Frank Salsgiver. Both applicants are attractive candidates and possess the skills and qualifications needed for the job.

Charlie Morrison made a motion to adjourn into executive session to interview the applicants at 9:20 a.m. The motion was seconded by Carmen Ferranto.

Charles Morrison made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 10:33 a.m. and it was seconded by Carmen Ferranto.

The Supervisors discussed wages for the new employee and it was mentioned that Andy Kuppertz may possible decline the insurance offered and if he agreed to sign a waiver stating such they would like to offer him a starting wage of \$16.00 per hour without health benefits. The Supervisors advised the secretary to contact Andy Kuppertz and offer him the position with an agreement to waive the insurance.

Next was some discussion with Harold Hice from Warren Webster. He happened to stop in with a proposal on the water infiltration problem that has been going on. Harold advised that he believes that the risers are some of the problem but there are other factors involved such as junction boxes, etc. They talked about a couple of other locations, such as the Hansen property on Cottage Place, where the house had been demolished. Charlie advised that he will try to get in contact with the property owner and find out if the sewer had been capped at that location and if not, maybe they would give permission for us to go ahead and take care of that problem. They told Harold that they would take all of this into consideration and get back to him on how they would like to proceed.

Carmen brought up the Howard Road issue and asked Doug Smith to reconsider his motion on the 700 feet of road that they were going to vacate. Carmen advised that in light of new information relative to this situation he feels it would be best to rescind the previous motion regarding vacating the road. Carmen advised the other Supervisors that he had spoken with the solicitor regarding this matter and they are within their rights to rescind the motion vacating that road. Douglas Smith made a motion to rescind the previous motion to vacate the 700 feet of Howard Road made by himself at the September

12, 2018 meeting. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen updated the other Supervisors on the ROAR Committee. He mentioned that they are trying to acquire a grant for sidewalk improvements along Liberty Street but they need to get their 501C3 status. Carmen asked how the other Supervisors felt about donating the funds for the legal fees related to acquiring the 501C3 status. All of the Supervisors were in agreement to this, Carmen said he would find out the approximate costs before any final decisions are made and bring this up at the regular October meeting.

The secretary advised the Supervisors that Joel with Stiffler McGraw had contacted her regarding the salt shed. He mentioned that if they still wanted this on the creek side of the road, core samples could be taken at an additional cost of approximately \$2,000. The Supervisors said they will leave this on the same side of the road as the garage as previously figured.

Tim Wachter with Knox Law Firm called in to advise that there will be an Ordinance to pass at the next meeting relative to the Water Authority's debt for the new waterline replacement project. Also, a Resolution will be presented at the same meeting to extend the life of the Water Authority.

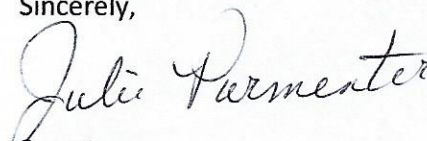
Charlie Morrison mentioned having the secretary apply for a fleet card from Kwik Fill because the new truck that is on order will be using regular fuel and not diesel.

The Supervisors mentioned a line item in the audit that the auditor advised has a balance of approximately \$80,000. They asked the secretary to speak with the auditor regarding this and find out what we should do with it.

Douglas Smith mentioned that he had spoken with Adam Elms from PennDOT about an agility agreement. Adam would like to meet with the Supervisors to discuss the program in more detail.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion for adjournment at 11:00 AM. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

  
Secretary