

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2018

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Carmen Ferranto and Douglas Smith. Others present were John & Maria Palmieri, Tim Ferrie, 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.

John & Maria Palmieri inquired as to whether anything could be done with the noise from Route 62. He advised that they live in Greenbriar Circle and the trucks coming down the hill are very noisy. Whether it be their jake brakes or the rumble strips along the road, the residents are disturbed by it. John noted that he had also spoken with PennDOT about this issue and was coming to the Township to see if there was anything they could do to help alleviate this problem. The Supervisors will check into this and see if they can help find a solution to this problem. The Supervisors asked the secretary to contact Adam Elms to address this issue and pursue a solution.

Next to speak with Tim Ferrie. He advised that the parking lot between his building and the church has no drainage now and he has standing water near the back of his building and is concerned about it leaking into his basement. He asked if there was any way to create some ditching for the water to flow to the drain. Ken thought that they could cut in down to the drain to help with this problem.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 23, 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 November 14, 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 \$69,564.25 for the general fund, \$28,476.23 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, \$17,295.60 for the state fund and \$13,200.36 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 they have been doing truck maintenance, cold patching, and cleaning ditches. He mentioned that the grant applications for the Dirt & Gravel Roads and the Low Volume Roads had been completed and turned in to the Conservation District. He believes we have a good chance at getting the dirt & gravel road grant for Howard Road. Doug Smith brought up the low volume road grant application for Woodland Drive and said he had spoken with Heather from the Conservation District who advised that there wasn't much drainage work on that road and that is what the Conservation District is looking for in a project.

Charlie Morrison mentioned that a couple of complaints had been received on the condition of the roads. Ken said that if they are calling for a dusting of snow, they will go out early and travel every road.

The Supervisors inquired about the new truck. Ken said they are making the bed for it and hopefully we should have it sometime in December.

Next discussion was on **RESOLUTION #11-14-18** for a small flow treatment system for Robin Valone. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION #11-14-18** for the Valone small flow treatment system and it was seconded by Douglas Smith. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next on the agenda was **RESOLUTION #11-15-18** to decrease the cost of the design and construction of the Egypt Hollow Bridge #1 over Akeley Run Project to the amount of \$1,198,888.00. This will represent an estimated cost to the Township of \$59,944.40. Carmen Ferranto moved to pass **RESOLUTION #11-15-18** to decrease the cost of design and construction for the Egypt Hollow Bridge Project and Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Big Four Road Bridge Project was the next item up for discussion. The Supervisors noted that the work had been completed on this project and the pay estimates had come in from the contractor in the amount of \$59,675.00. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve payment for this project in the amount of \$59,675.00 and Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The secretary will make payment on this and then forward copies of all documents over to the County for reimbursement in the amount of \$45,000.00 from Act 13 funds for the project.

An email was received from Terry Williams, Director of Codes, Permits and Recreation Services for the City of Warren, regarding the UCC Board of Appeals policies and procedures. She advised that in order for the City's Board of Appeals to hear appeals for projects in municipalities outside the city of Warren, they need each municipality which they have intermunicipal agreements with to appoint the individuals who serve on the current Board of Appeals as our own Board of Appeals. The current BOA members have all agreed to be appointed in each municipality. Also, these individuals should be added to our current Public Officials insurance policy. Douglas Smith made a motion to appoint Harvey Stone, Thomas Eaton Sr., Jason Hagberg, Albert Webster, Donna Zariczny as Board Members with Steven Sigmund serving as an alternate member. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was some discussion on delinquent sewer accounts. The Supervisors feel they need to get some guidance from the solicitor on the best way to handle the delinquent accounts. They advised the secretary to contact the solicitor and inquire about what we need to do to start this process.

Carmen Ferranto advised that he has received some complaints about the intersection of Conewango and State Streets, that people are not stopping there. They discussed some options for that intersection and they will look into this further.

Next was some discussion on the proposed 2019 Budget. The 2019 budget has been prepared and is now available for inspection.

The Bidwell property was discussed. There has been some contact with the property owner and the Supervisors decided to table this issue until the next meeting to see if any progress is made with this property.

The Sellin/VanOrd property located on Old Mill Lane was the next item discussed. Mr. VanOrd was in the office a short time ago and advised he was going to use the structure. The Supervisors decided to table this until the next meeting.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion for adjournment at 7:55 PM. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Julie Parmenter
Secretary