

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2019

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Carmen Ferranto and Douglas Smith. Others present were James Stowe, Rachel Stowe, Gary VanOrd, Laura Stowe, Carol Stowe, Megan Trask, Gregory Bauer, Robin Bauer, Lance Pangborn, Sandy Campbell, Garry Campbell, Joel Romagna, Michael Lyon, Ken Porter and Julie Parmenter.

Charles Morrison opened the 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 or residents.

Carol Stowe spoke and advised she was there to convey her disappointment with Mr. Morrison. She questioned why, if a complaint regarding her daughter's chickens had been received by him, didn't he approach them about this. Mr. Morrison advised that he had investigated a complaint regarding odor and couldn't find any from the chickens. Carmen Ferranto mentioned that there is a setback requirement that has not been met. Michael Lyon mentioned that there are others in the Township with chickens and some have met the setback requirements and others have not. The ones that have not met the requirements have had to remove the chickens.

Rachel Stowe spoke and noted that she understands the setback issue and didn't realize this early on. She advised she has tried to go about this the right way and knows she can't meet the requirements. She filed a variance and was told that this is for backyard chickens. She is asking the Supervisors to take action on the Township level regarding the Ordinance pertaining to backyard chickens. Michael Lyon spoke on some facts on the zoning for municipalities.

Jim Stowe spoke next on the subject. He stated that he feels the best form of government is local government. He is asking the Supervisors to consider what other Township's have done and check into opting out of the county zoning. He relayed his disappointment in how this issue was handled.

It was discussed that the next step for the Stowe's regarding this issue would be to appeal to the Court of Common Pleas. Carmen Ferranto advised that, as Supervisor's, they have no standing in this issue. He did inform everyone that they would investigate what it would entail to leave the county zoning and take this on at the local level. He noted that it may take a few months to get all the information they need to make an educated decision.

Mr. VanOrd was present relative to the Sellin/VanOrd property located on Old Mill Road. He advised the Supervisor's that he uses this for storage. The Supervisor's requested that he makes sure the building is secure so that no one can enter. Mr. VanOrd spoke on the sewer line that was put in some time ago and it has caused a problem on his right-of-way. He advised that traffic comes through there and is encroaching on his right-of-way. The Supervisor's will look into this.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2019, 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 February 13, 2019. 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 \$117,812.11 for the general fund, \$21,819.15 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, \$4,559.43 for the state fund and \$7,557.83 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.

It was discussed that someone has been putting garbage in the dumpster located in Larimer Park. This dumpster is not for residents to put household trash in. The company that provides the dumpster was contacted and advised that a lock could be placed on the dumpster. Charlie Morrison noted that there is no place to put a lock.

Ken Porter reported that they have been plowing, doing some repairs, and cutting brush on Gouldtown Road. He mentioned that they haul some gravel up to Egypt Hollow Road to fill some of the holes. He also advised that the section at the bridge that is bad would need to be built back up.

There was some talk on another spreader box. Ken advised that he had located one for around \$400. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to purchase a spreader box at a cost of up to \$450. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The next discussion was on the purchase of road salt. The Supervisors would like to purchase this through COSTARS. The secretary was advised to get in touch with the appropriate people to get the process started on this. Carmen made a motion to purchase salt through the county. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Ken updated the Supervisors on the purchase of an excavator. He has gone to look at a used one and mentioned that it was in very good condition. There was some discussion on the financing of this piece of equipment due to the fact that there are some roads in the village that will have to be repaired this year. The Supervisors advised the secretary to check in to financing of this and to go ahead and put out a bid for this.

The Bidwell property was next on the agenda. The structure on this property has been removed and all the debris cleaned up. The Supervisors would like a note sent to the property owner thanking him for his prompt action in this matter.

Next was the subdivision for Allen & Fannie Troyer. This subdivision is located along Route 957 and the proposal divides Tax Parcel #WN-1-6697 into three (2) parcels; Lot #1 (64.68 acres) located along the western side of Route 957 and Lot #2 (43.35 acres) located along the eastern side of Route 957. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve the Troyer subdivision and Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Douglas Smith mentioned the condition of Cidermill Hill Road and Woodland Drive. He asked Ken what could be done with these roads as they are deteriorating. Ken said it would probably have to be milled. He will get some measurements on them.

Charlie Morrison mentioned that he had spoke with Adam Elms regarding millings. Charlie asked the secretary to set up a meeting.

Douglas Smith made a motion for adjournment at 8:40 pm. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Julie Parmenter

Secretary