

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2019

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Carmen Ferranto and Douglas Smith. Others present were Diana Barrett-Klakamp, Kenneth Klakamp, Mike Scott, Ben Kafferlin, Trisha Durban, 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.

Mike Scott noted that he is going to try to attend more of the Township meetings so that he knows what is happening in the Township. He did express an interest in the new storage building. The Supervisors explained that this building would house the salt and have a section for equipment storage. There was some discussion on the metal roof and siding that may be used and the possibility of the salt damaging the metal. Ken advised that there are some Townships that have these kinds of buildings and they are holding up well. The Supervisors did note that in the past if they have an overage of salt which we are required to receive, there is no place to store the salt properly. Mike expressed that his main concern is storing the salt and equipment together due to the chance it could corrode the equipment.

Kenneth & Diana Klakamp spoke on the storm water runoff on Woodland Drive. Mr. Klakamp mentioned that this runoff is affecting his property and inquired about the possibility of repairs along the edge of the road. He advised that the berm along the front of his property is also washing out. The Supervisors asked the road foreman to take a look at this and see what needs to be done to alleviate this problem. They asked Mr. Klakamp to get back to them if the problem isn't corrected by the next meeting.

Ben Kafferlin spoke next. He advised that he will be running for re-election and asked if the Supervisors had any questions for him. He did mention LERTA and some discussion ensued about this topic. The Supervisors questioned as to if the School District is willing to participate and Ben informed them that the School District is interested but would like the municipalities to take the lead on this, as does the County. Ben then introduced Trisha Durban, who is running for election as a Commissioner.

Trisha spoke on her run for office and gave a little background about herself.

Carmen Ferranto conveyed to Ben and Trisha about the issues that the Revitalization Committee and the Supervisors are trying to accomplish in the Township. Ben stated that if there was anything he could help with, to get in touch with him.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 13, 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 March 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 \$83,997.72 for the general fund, \$21,444.74 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, \$3,510.86 for the state fund and \$118,335.54 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.

Next item on the agenda was the bid opening for a new excavator. Two bids were received, one from Best Line Equipment at \$55,295 and the other from Cleveland Brothers at \$99,871. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to accept the bid from Best Line Equipment with a cost of \$55,295 pending financing. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Ken Porter reported that they have been plowing, did some research on excavators and has been getting numbers together for Cidermill Hill Road. He mentioned that a representative from Suit Kote will be stopping by in the next day or so to review the project and suggest what might be a proper fix for that road. Ken advised that they may need to mill the road and then put oil down. He is estimating the complete project to be around \$75,000. He also communicated that they have been doing minor repairs on equipment. Potholes were also discussed and Ken stated that they could start repairing those if the Supervisors wanted.

The Egypt Hollow Bridge Project was discussed. The contractor would like to move the start date up. The secretary checked with PennDOT and National Fuel about this. PennDOT advised that they would need something in writing from the Township giving approval. Also, National Fuel stated that the gas line that is being relocating should be done by April 1st so that should not be a problem. The Supervisors gave their approval for an earlier state date.

The Supervisors discussed the County Aid funds and agreed to use these funds for snow removal and road maintenance. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to pass **RESOLUTION #3-13-2019** to use the County Liquid Fuels allocation towards snow removal and road maintenance. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next discussion was on **RESOLUTION #3-14-2019** for a small flow treatment system for Aaron Mocny. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION #3-14-2019** for the Mocny small flow treatment system and it was seconded by Douglas Smith. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Also, **RESOLUTION #3-15-2019** for a small flow treatment system for Charles Johnson. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION #3-15-2019** for the Johnson small flow treatment system and it was seconded by Douglas Smith. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The agility agreement with PennDOT was next on the agenda. After some discussion on this the supervisors agreed to pass a resolution to allow them to enter into an agreement. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to pass **RESOLUTION #3-16-2019** for an agility partner with PennDOT. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried,

Next was some discussion on the Niver property and what is the next step. Ben Kafferlin inquired as to whether a Phase I had been completed and Carmen advised that this had not been done. The

Supervisors will keep the pressure on the property owner and that if the opportunity arises, they would be interested in purchasing the property and cleaning it up for resale.

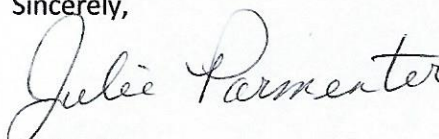
The zoning issue was mentioned. Carmen advised that he has done some research into this and due to the costs involved and trying to get volunteers to serve on boards, he does not see the Township taking on its own zoning. Ben Kafferlin mentioned some other avenues to explore regarding zoning issues and the Supervisors will research those to see if they would be viable options.

A letter was received from the Victim Impact Panel regarding a scholarship drive. This group works to raise awareness to the consequences of drinking and driving. They are a non-profit and are requesting a donation towards their scholarship fund. The Supervisors agreed to make a donation of \$50. Douglas Smith made a motion to donate \$50 towards the scholarship fund and Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Dog Park Ordinance that the county is creating was table until the next meeting.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion for adjournment at 8:13 pm. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary