

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2019

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Charles Morrison, Carmen Ferranto and Douglas Smith. Others present were Jeff Pedersen, Linda Farnsworth, William Lucas, Ken 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 or residents.

Linda Farnsworth spoke and wanted to commend the road crew for the work they did on Gouldtown Road. She stated that her main reason for attending the meeting was regarding the new sidewalk that was just installed by ROAR. She noted that the company that completed the work poured the cement around a shut off for a fire hydrant which left a divot in the sidewalk. The concrete company was contacted and they brought up a cone to be placed there for the time being. Although, there is concern that someone could get hurt from this. Linda inquired as to whether or not the Township could take care of this for them. The Supervisors were all in agreement that this was a mistake on the concrete company's part, as the road crew had marked all of the water and sewer lines before the concrete was poured. Ken advised that there is also a shut off for the old hardware that was marked, in addition to the hydrant, and the hardware shut off is now under the sidewalk. After more discussion, the Supervisors advised Linda to contact the concrete company as they should be responsible to come back and raise the pipe for both shut offs so they are accessible.

Next, Linda advised the Supervisor's that ROAR is looking to put down more sidewalks in town, to make that area more walkable. The Supervisor's advised she may want to speak with an attorney regarding this as they may need consent from property owners and the maintenance of the sidewalk in the winter may be an issue. Carmen mentioned they may need to get an agreement with the property owners stipulating what they are responsible for. Linda inquired as to any interest the Township may have in helping with this project. The Supervisor's do not have any interest in helping with the sidewalk's but there may be other ways they could contribute.

A motion was made by Carmen Ferranto to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2019, meeting and it was seconded by Douglas Smith. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated October 9, 2019. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Charlie Morrison inquired as to what we can spend the Act 13 funds on and if the account can be closed. The secretary will check into this and let them know.

Douglas Smith made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$158,120.85 for the general fund, \$16,795.83 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, \$54,702.72 for the state fund and \$14,702.25 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 Carmen Ferranto. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Ken Porter reported they are grading, ditching, cleaning inlets, moving antiskid. They will be finishing up on Gouldtown Road and then starting on Egypt Hollow Road sometime next week. Charlie advised Ken to check into renting a roller for those roads. The Supervisor's also advised Ken to check into prices of used rollers that they may be able to purchase.

Next discussion was on the payment options that were provided for the North Warren sewer plant upgrade. After reviewing the payment plans, Carmen Ferranto made a motion to go with plan #2. This plan would have 238 regular monthly payments of \$5,000.00 and a final payment of \$4,228.18. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a couple of requests from residents for signs. First request was from a resident on Old State Road for Children at Play signs. And the second, was from a resident on Fox Hill Road for a Hidden Driveway sign. Charlie Morrison advised that he would contact these residents and take a look at the areas in question. The Supervisors asked Ken to check at the garage to see if we have any of these signs on hand.

There was some discussion on the health insurance renewal. The Supervisors tabled this issue so that they will time to review the rate and benefit comparison that was received from our insurance agent.

Next was more discussion on the PNC bank accounts. Request for proposals have been received from Erie Bank, Northwest Savings and PLGIT. The Supervisors will evaluate the options and make a decision at an upcoming meeting.


The Whitten Subdivision located along South Main Street was next. This subdivision severs Lot 2 (1.19 acres) from Parcel No. WN-279-543 (Lot 1). Douglas Smith made motion to approve the Whitten Subdivision and it was seconded by Carmen Ferranto. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The payroll reimbursement from the water authority to the Township was the next discussion. The secretary presented the payroll expense for this year for the water authority employees. Carmen Ferranto advised that he would bring this up at the next water meeting. The Supervisor's tabled this item until the next meeting.

Linda Farnsworth inquired about the Niver property. The Supervisors advised that they have contacted the city and sent pictures to see if they could provide any kind of assistance with this property.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion for adjournment at 7:47 PM. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,



Secretary