

**MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2020**

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Carmen Ferranto, Douglas Smith and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Bill Beck, Ken Porter and Julie Parmenter.

Carmen Ferranto opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Carmen Ferranto read over the agenda and asked if there were any comments from visitors or residents.

Bill Beck spoke on the problem with the water runoff on Mill Road. He mentioned this has been a problem for the last couple of years and it is not getting any better. This year seems to be the worst. Ken believes that another pipe is needed in that area. Carmen suggested this be put on the list and get to it as soon as possible. Ken advised that they will be in the area tomorrow and will take a look at it.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2020, meeting by Douglas Smith. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated March 11, 2020. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Douglas Smith made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$85,878.83 for the general fund, \$16,106.58 for the sewer fund, \$6,767.62 for the sewer II fund, \$41,710.02 for the state fund and \$11,479.42 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 Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Ken Porter reported that they have still been doing a little plowing and sanding, the plow truck that was out of service is now repaired. He mentioned that the roads are in better shape than he had thought and they did fix the potholes on Gouldtown Road. He also stated that Norberg and Howard Road seem to be the worst and they are hoping to do some work on these roads tomorrow.

Ken informed the Supervisors that he has been in contact with Heather Wilcox, from the Conservation District regarding the Hultberg Road Project.

There was considerable discussion on reconstruction of some roads. The Supervisors would like to check into bidding out the hauling of gravel for any reconstruction project to help expedite the work.

The Supervisors agreed to bid out gravel crushing. They spoke with Ken and it was determined to bid out 10,000 yards to be crushed. The secretary will advertise for this service.

Carmen Ferranto inquired about the trailer for the roller. Ken said they are still looking for one.

The Supervisor's stated that Ken Porter had given his 3 weeks' notice on March 6<sup>th</sup> and they noted how much they appreciated his hard work while employed by the Township.



The next item on the agenda was a letter presented to the Supervisors from R.O.A.R. requesting permission to host the Pine Grove Days events on May 23, 2020. Douglas Smith made a motion giving permission for the Pine Grove Days events and Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

There was some discussion on hiring someone to do maintenance work around the office building. It was noted that Charlie Morrison had offered to do this work and after discussing this issue the Supervisor's decided to go ahead with hiring Mr. Morrison. Douglas Smith made a motion to hire Charlie Morrison at a rate of \$15.00 per hour to do some Spring and Fall cleaning on an as needed basis. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next on the agenda was nuisance and blighted properties. A property on Townline Road was discussed as there seems to be a camper on the property possibly without sanitary facilities. Doug Smith advised that he will check with Planning & Zoning on this issue.

Also, a property located within the village was discussed as it seems to be deteriorating to the point where it can be turned over to the Blighted Property Review Committee.

Next discussion was on **RESOLUTION #3-11-20** for a small flow treatment system for the Calvert/Passinger property located at 1081 Cole Hill Road. Douglas Smith made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION #3-11-20** for the Calvert/Passinger small flow treatment system, with the stipulation that the attached resolution and forms not be signed and dated until March 15, 2020, to assure no written comments are received within the allotted 30 days of the notifications which were sent out February 15, 2020, and it was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Levari Subdivision located between the Conewango Creek and abandoned railbed was next. This subdivision severs Lot 1 (11.62 acres) from Parcel No. WN-2-8463 for annexation to WN-284-240. Linda Farnsworth made motion to approve the Levari Subdivision and it was seconded by Douglas Smith. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Douglas Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 to go into executive session to discuss employee's wages. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto reopened the meeting at 8:23 following the executive session. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to increase the water operator's (Rusty & Jasmine) wage by 2%. Douglas Smith made a motion to approve the wage increase for Rusty and Jasmine by 2% starting with the pay period of March 8, 2020. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Supervisors talked about posting an advertisement in the newspaper for the road foreman position and to have the ad run for 5 days. They advised the secretary to get the advertisement in the paper as soon as possible.

Douglas Smith said he received some information about the intersection of Cidermill Hill Road and Priest Hollow with respect to the possibility of putting some kind of mirror there due to the fact it is difficult to see oncoming traffic when pulling out from Cidermill Hill Road. He was advised that mirrors can no longer be utilized but "Blind Intersection Ahead" signs could be posted.

Douglas Smith made a motion for adjournment at 8:32 pm. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

*Julie Parmenter*

Secretary