

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2020

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Carmen Ferranto, Douglas Smith and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Richard Barrett, Bob & Linda Nelson, Dave McJunkin 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.

The first order of business was the Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to the COVID-19 Outbreak. After review of the document, Linda Farnsworth made a motion to pass the Declaration of Disaster Emergency. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Richard Barrett, the emergency coordinator, updated the Supervisors on where things stand currently with the COVID-19 situation and the steps that have been taken to become prepared.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2020, meeting by Douglas Smith. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Douglas Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated April 8, 2020. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$44,740.05 for the general fund, \$14,474.30 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund and \$21,794.80 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.

Dave McJunkin reported that they been patching on Old State, grading on Howard & Townline, replaced a sluice pipe on Old State and filled holes on Big Four Road. He advised the Supervisors that Reynolds Run is in extremely poor condition and Cottage Place needs some work. Street sweeping has begun, the broom broke and should be fixed tomorrow so they can continue sweeping.

Dave advised the Supervisors that the complaint that was received from Mr. Wolf regarding water running off of the road onto his property has been reviewed and a small ditch has been placed near the residence in hopes of alleviating the problem.

Next, was some discussion on hiring a new Road Foreman and Road Laborer/Technician. The Supervisors interviewed qualified applicants and Douglas Smith made a motion to hire David McJunkin as Road Foreman with a start date retroactive to April 6, 202 and Nathan Markham as Road Laborer/Technician with a start date of April 9, 2020. David McJunkin will have a starting wage of \$20.00 per hour and Nathan will start at \$16.00 per hour. Nathan will be required to obtain his CDL as soon as possible. There will be a probation period of 6 months for both new employees. Linda Farnsworth seconded to motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Road materials to be advertised were discussed next. The Supervisors granted Dave McJunkin authority to specify the amount of oil and stone to be bid. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to bid out oil and stone in the amount Dave determines and to also bid out 7,000 gallons of diesel fuel. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Supervisors discussed with Dave about the possibility of putting gasoline in part of the tank that currently holds the diesel fuel. After some talk on this subject they asked the secretary to inquire as to whether it would be possible for Tidioute Oil to clean out one portion of the tank to hold gasoline or could a stand-alone tank be provided for the gasoline.

The Hultberg Road project was brought up. This project is through a grant with the Conservation District. Douglas Smith suggested that we get in contact with Heather Wilcox regarding this project and see if she is available to get together with Dave McJunkin on this being this is his first Conservation District Grant project. The secretary will get in touch with Heather on this.

Next on the agenda was the agreement for repayment to North Warren Municipal Authority for the treatment plant improvement project. Douglas Smith made a motion to start making payments to NWMA on May 1, 2020, in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 239 months, per the agreement. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Pine Grove Township Clean Up Day was discussed. The Supervisors agreed to schedule the clean up day for May 30th, providing that date is available. The time for the clean up will be from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The secretary will contact the waste collection company to check the date.

The water runoff issue by Ter-Lin's was the next item discussed. Bob and Linda Nelson attended to formally ask for any assistance that could be offered by the Township to help with this situation. Bob Nelson advised the Supervisor's that he did some investigating to see if he could determine where the problem might be originating from. After much discussion on where the water is coming from and how it is diverting to their property the Supervisors advised the Nelson's to contact Adam Elms with PennDOT to see if he could provide and answers due to the fact that this is located on a state road. The Nelson's were provided with a contact number for Adam Elms and the Township will follow up on this also.

Carmen Ferranto brought up Larimer Park and the COVID-19 situation. The Supervisor's considered closing the park so that large groups don't congregate there but after further review, it was decided that placing some kind of signage about social distancing would be sufficient.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion for adjournment at 8:10 pm. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary