

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 13, 2020

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Carmen Ferranto, Douglas Smith and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Harry Greg Senyo, Mike Grill, Pauline Grill, 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.

Mr. Senyo spoke on his concerns with the dirt roads in the Township. First, he wanted to thank the road crew for the work they have been doing on Reynolds Run to help alleviate some of the problems there. He presented some suggestions on the maintenance of Reynolds Run, one being, possibly not tearing the road up but finding a better way to seal it. He also inquired about giving the land back to the land owners in the area. The Supervisors advised Mr. Senyo that, for this year, the road crew will work on the road to repair it as best they can. Their hope is to apply for some grant money and if awarded, next year they will be able to do some major repairs to that road. Mr. Senyo also brought up some issues with Big Four Road, he mentioned that this road is used by many area residents for walking, biking, etc. but the traffic along a section of this road makes it dangerous for pedestrians. He inquired as to whether this road could be closed or possibly gated and made into a walking trail. The Supervisors will take this into consideration. The Supervisors advised the secretary to contact the solicitor regarding Big Four Road and if it would be possible to make that a limited use road.

Next, Mr. Senyo advised the Supervisors that there seems to be an increase in the use of township roads by ATV's. He inquired as to whether the township has an Ordinance pertaining to this. The Supervisors informed him that there is an Ordinance in regards to ATV's and they will review it.

The UCC Inspection Services agreement currently held with the City of Warren was the next discussion. A letter was received from the City regarding their downsizing and the fact that they will no longer be able to provide UCC inspection services. Mike and Pauline Grill, with Construction Code Inspectors, spoke to the Supervisors about the services they offer. They advised the Supervisors that they would be able to administer the building codes with little to no cost to the Township. They presented their fee schedule and noted that permit applications can be filled out online and submitted via email. The Supervisor's would like to review the information given to them and table this decision until the next meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2020, meeting by Linda Farnsworth. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Douglas Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated May 13, 2020. Linda Farnsworth 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 \$17,198.88 for the general fund, \$20,560.03 for the sewer fund, \$6,906.62 for the sewer II fund, \$10,414.54 for the state fund and \$22,368.26 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.

The next item on the agenda was the opening of road material bids:

Tidioute Oil Co., Inc.

7,000 gallons Diesel Fuel .279 cents per gallon over rack price on day of delivery

Girts Sand & Gravel, LLC

10,000 yards gravel crushed & screened \$ 4.40 per yard

Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.

Milling of existing asphalt pavement \$ 10.50 per SY

Binder Course, 19 MM, 2.5' depth 99.00 per ton

Leveling Course, 9.5 MM, Fine-Graded, 90# 90.00 per ton

Wearing Course, 9.5 MM, 1.5" depth 90.00 per ton

Wearing Course, 9.5 MM, Fine-graded, 1" depth 90.00 per ton

IA Construction Corp.

Milling of existing asphalt pavement \$ 4.30 per SY

Binder Course, 19 MM, 2.5' depth 76.35 per ton

Leveling Course, 9.5 MM, Fine-Graded, 90# 80.90 per ton

Wearing Course, 9.5 MM, 1.5" depth 82.25 per ton

Wearing Course, 9.5 MM, Fine-graded, 1" depth 76.40 per ton

Lake Shore Paving, Inc.

Milling of existing asphalt pavement \$ 4.60 per SY

Binder Course, 19 MM, 2.5' depth 102.85 per ton

Leveling Course, 9.5 MM, Fine-Graded, 90# 127.35 per ton

Wearing Course, 9.5 MM, 1.5" depth 121.15 per ton

Wearing Course, 9.5 MM, Fine-graded, 1" depth 133.90 per ton

Lindy Paving, Inc.

Milling of existing asphalt pavement \$ 7.60 per SY

Binder Course, 19 MM, 2.5' depth 93.00 per ton

Leveling Course, 9.5 MM, Fine-Graded, 90# 104.00 per ton

Wearing Course, 9.5 MM, 1.5" depth 104.00 per ton

Wearing Course, 9.5 MM, Fine-graded, 1" depth 105.00 per ton

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to accept the bid from Tidioute Oil Co. for 7,000 gallons Diesel Fuel delivered at the price of \$.279 cents per gallon over United Refining Co. (URC) rack price on day of delivery. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Douglas Smith made a motion to accept the bid from Girts Sand & Gravel for 10,000 yards gravel crushed and screened with a top size of 1 1/2" or smaller at a price of \$4.40 per yard with a total of \$44,000.00. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Douglas Smith made a motion to tentatively accept the bid from IA Construction Corp. for milling of existing asphalt pavement surface, 3.5" depth at a price of \$4.30 per SY; binder course, 19 mm, 2.5" depth at a price of \$76.35 per ton; leveling course, 9.5 mm, fine-graded, 90# at a price of \$80.90 per ton; wearing course, 9.5 mm, 1.5" depth at a price of \$82.25 per ton; and wearing course, 9.5mm, fine-graded, 1" depth at a price of \$76.40 per ton contingent upon clarification with road foreman of bid work. Total project cost is \$91,143.00. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Dave McJunkin reported that they are working on Reynolds Run. There was discussion on putting some gravel on Reynolds and compacting it along with the possible benefits of daylighting that road. Dave noted that once repairs are made to Reynolds Run, they will need to do more ditching. Dave advised that some sluice pipes on Townline Road and Smith Hill may need to be replaced.

The Supervisors inquired as to the status of the truck repairs. Dave informed them that work is being done and it should be ready to go back to Pine Grove Transmission in a week or so.

Dave advised the Supervisors that Mr. Levari, who lives on Creek Road, approached him about the condition of this property. Dave noted that the creek is invading on his property and causing damage. The Supervisors will have to contact the Conservation District about this issue to see what, if anything, can be done to help mitigate this problem.

Next, was some discussion on the trailer purchase. Dave acquired phone quotes from three companies and the best price was from Rampant Trailers, LLC. Douglas Smith made a motion to purchase the trailer from Rampant Trailers at a price of \$16,133.00 delivered with funds coming out of the General Fund. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Supervisors discussed the County Aid funds and agreed to use these funds for equipment purchase. Douglas Smith made a motion to pass **RESOLUTION #5-13-2020** to use the County Liquid Fuels allocation towards equipment purchase. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto advised the other Supervisors that the township had received notification that New York State Rails to Trails received approval to extending to the Pennsylvania state line. Some discussion followed on how to proceed with the Bike/Hike Trail to connect with this. The secretary advised she had informed Dan Glotz of this development.

Scanning Ordinance's was the next item discussed. The Supervisors noted that the Ordinance's should have some kind of back up, due to the fact that we only have one copy of them. This will be looked into for the near future.

It was noted that the Clean Up Day for Pine Grove Township residents previously scheduled for May 30th had to be rescheduled for June 6th. The time will remain the same and the cost will be the same as last year.

Carmen Ferranto mentioned that a report was received from the Russell Volunteer Fire Department for their response times, which are very commendable. They are also well prepared and trained for COVID-19 situations.

Douglas Smith mentioned that he had spoken with Dave Schwanke from the Fire Department about looking into fire codes. Dave will research this and get back to him.

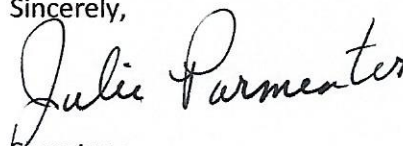
Carmen Ferranto noted that the Supervisor's will need to do a new employee assessment in the near future.

Carmen Ferranto also mentioned that, in these times, they will need to be attentive of the Township revenues.

Dave asked if there was any protocol for closing a road they are working on. The Supervisors advised that there is nothing in place, just to place signage out stating there is road work being done and it will be closed. They discussed that it might be a good idea to notify the fire department ahead of time if they will have a road closed for the day in case of an emergency.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion for adjournment at 9:06 pm. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,



Secretary