

### MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2020

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Carmen Ferranto, Douglas Smith and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Greg Senyo, Mike & Autumn Highhouse, Priscilla Powley, 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.

Priscilla Powley was attending the meeting on behalf of R.O.A.R. First, she wanted to thank the Township and Road Crew for the gravel that was placed at the point. Next, she mentioned to the Supervisors that R.O.A.R. would like to purchase three "Welcome to Pine Grove Township" banners and advised them that she had researched prices on these. She received the best price from All Image Graphics with a price of \$103.00 each. She inquired as to whether the Township could pay for the cost of the banners. She noted that these banners would be taken down in the winter months so as to add to the life of the banners. Douglas Smith made a motion to purchase the banners at a cost of \$333.90 and Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. Linda Farnsworth abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next, Priscilla inquired about the possibility of getting some assistance with installing a bracket on a telephone pole for one of the banners. The Supervisors advised she may want to get permission from the utility company before placing a bracket on their pole. Otherwise, they did not see any problems with helping her with the installation of the bracket.

Mr. Senyo was next to speak. He commented on the work that has been done on Reynolds Run and offered a small parcel of his land if needed for drainage to further improve the road. He also spoke on the ATV use on the road and asked that the roads not be accessible to ATV's. The Supervisors advised that they will follow up on this and review the current Ordinance that is in place regarding the use of roads by ATV's and snowmobiles.

Mike and Autumn Highhouse attended to ask about the possibility of tapping into the sewer system. The current system stops just before their property and they inquired as to whether it would be feasible to extend it on to them. The Supervisors did some research on this and advised them that they would be responsible for the tap in fee, the grinder pump and the cost of putting in a line from the main to their residence. The Township would incur the cost of extending the main line onto their property. The Highhouse's were acceptable to this agreement. Douglas Smith made a motion that the Township will extend the main sewer line onto the Highhouse property and it was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 13, 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 June 10, 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 \$29,889.30 for the general fund, \$21,452.81 for the sewer fund, \$6,801.62 for the sewer II fund, \$2,974.62 for the state fund and \$7,880.49 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.

Dave McJunkin reported that they are mostly working on Reynolds Run. He noted the crew is working well, they are doing some repairs to the trucks and noted that the steering is not good on one of them and may need to be looked at. Carmen mentioned that Dave needs a little time off and the Supervisor's discussed that since he does not turn in time for meetings that he could use that time.

Carmen Ferranto mentioned the condition of Egypt Hollow Road in Glade Township and inquired as to how they take care of that road. A discussion followed about daylighting Pine Grove's portion of Egypt Hollow to see if that would be beneficial.

There was some discussion on upcoming road work. It was stated that the cost to bid out seal coating on Cidermill Hill would not be much more that if the road crew were to do the work. The Supervisor's advised the secretary to get a bid ready for 12,500 gallons of MC-70 to open at the July meeting. They also decided to get phone quotes to put a wearing course on State Street instead of tar and chip. The road crew will tar & chip the township office parking lot, fire hall parking lot, Perrigo Lane and the drive way going into Werner Park.

The Supervisor's discussed the Municipal Services Agreement currently in place with the City of Warren and the fact that the City is requesting an early termination of this agreement due to the current fiscal constraints from the COVID-19. Douglas Smith made a motion to pass **RESOLUTION #6-10-20** to terminate the Municipal Services Agreement with the City of Warren per their request. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was the appointment of a new Building Code Official. Construction Code Inspectors attended the previous Township meeting and presented fees and explained their services. Douglas Smith proposed a motion to appoint Construction Code Inspectors as the Township's new BCO. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Winter Maintenance Agreement with PennDOT was discussed. An email was received from PennDOT advising the Supervisor's that due to Covid-19 budget impacts they will not be pursuing and agreement renewal this season. They will evaluate agreements in the future years.

The Supervisor's conversed about some of the properties in the Township that fall under either, nuisance or blight. It was determined that something needs to be put in place in order to get some of these properties cleaned up. They will be taking a closer look at this issued and acting upon it in the near future.

Carmen Ferranto brought up the fact that the water authority needs to hire a new meter reader. He informed the other Supervisors that the water authority had made a decision to hire Tess Parmenter to take over this position with a starting wage of \$10.00. The Supervisors were all in agreement with this.

Next was a short discussion on delinquent sewer accounts. It was noted that Mr. Porter has a very large delinquent account and the Supervisor's advised the secretary to move forward with this and have the attorney file charges on this issue.

The next item for discussion was the possible closure of the Big Four Road. The Supervisors are checking into making this a bike/hike trail. Carmen Ferranto advised the other Supervisors that he had spoken to Dan Glotz regarding this and Dan stated that he had received positive feedback from Lindell's to use a section of their field. The township also spoke with the Conservation District about this and they are also in favor of the project as long as it can still be used for educational purposes. The Supervisors advised the secretary to check into how this would affect our Liquid Fuels funds and contact the solicitor on this process.

The Passinger Subdivision located along Cole Hill Road was next. This subdivision severs Lots 2, 3 & 4 from Tax Parcel No. WN-3-7770. Lot 2 is 1.99 acres; Lot 3 is 1.94 acres and Lot 4 is 1.00 acre. Linda Farnsworth made motion to approve the Passinger Subdivision and it was seconded by Douglas Smith. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Douglas Smith made a motion for adjournment at 8:12 pm. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Secretary