

### MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JULY 8, 2020

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Carmen Ferranto, Douglas Smith and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Rich Barrett, Lisa Rivett, John Bortz, 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.

Linda Farnsworth noted that John Sitler was on the agenda to speak at tonight's meeting but he was unable to make it.

John Bortz spoke to the Supervisors about moving the township to a legal beverage status. It was suggested by Lisa Rivett to do a referendum on the fall ballot. John advised we are at the point of acquiring signatures on the petition and we should present the plain English statement with the petition. Lisa noted one change on the plain English statement, which would be to change the wording of 1900's to 1935. Once John has the plain English statement, he will collect signatures. Carmen Ferranto inquired as to the kind of license he is looking to acquire. John noted that there is an exempt status through the PLCB and privately owned golf courses are included in this category. Lisa also mentioned that the Township would be responsible for the costs involved in advertising for this. The Supervisors are all on board with this and will pay for the advertising.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2020, meeting by Douglas Smith. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda noted that the banners are all taken care of.

Carmen Ferranto inquired about the payment agreement with the Highhouse's for their tap in fee and cost of the grinder pump to hook on to the sewer system. The secretary will get in touch with Warren Webster to confirm that the work has been completed and then get an agreement signed with the Highhouse's.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated July 8, 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 \$19,942.22 for the general fund, \$25,931.46 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, and \$20,269.38 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.

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

Suit-Kote Corp.

23,232 SY HFRS-2 (Road Oil) & No. 8 Limestone	\$1.297 per SY
12,500 gallons MC-70, delivered & applied w/distributor	2.70 per gallon

Russell Standard

23,232 SY HFRS-2 (Road Oil) & No. 8 Limestone	\$1.517 per SY
12,500 gallons MC-70, delivered & applied w/distributor	2.75 per gallon

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to accept the bid from Suit-Kote for 23,232 SY HFRS-2 (Road Oil) & No. 8 Limestone at the price of \$1.297 with a total of \$30,131.90, and 12,500 gallons MC-70 at the price of \$2.70 per gallon delivered & applied with a total of \$33,750.00. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Dave McJunkin advised that the Johnny Run project is complete. Carmen inquired about checking into planting something in the area to keep it from eroding.

Dave also reported that Reynolds Run is finished and they have done some ditching on Egypt Hollow Road. Dave questioned Townline Road, he mentioned that Pine Grove used to do oiling on Townline Road to the New York State border. The Supervisors will review this issue some more.

Carmen suggested that the road crew change their uniform shirts to a high visibility, lightweight material for the summer and in the fall, they should check into getting some rain gear.

Dave mentioned the ditch along East Street by the Fire Hall has been repaired.

The grader and tractor will be getting the air conditioning repaired in them.

Carmen Ferranto brought up the Disaster of Emergency Declaration and noted that the Township would follow the County on this. We will keep ours in place to continue to help the fire department, if needed. Once the County rescinds theirs, we would move to terminate ours.

Next discussion was on fire rings in the Township. The Supervisors determined that as long as only wood and paper were being burned, and not garbage and plastics, fire rings are permissible.

A list of delinquent sewer customers was presented to the Supervisors. After reviewing the list, the Supervisors directed the secretary to move forward with filing charges with the District Justice against the following customers:

Deborah Deppas	Wendy Abbey
Barbara Steber	Mary Anderson
Steven Vilardo	David Whitten
Douglas Burge	Sara Jordan
Keith Niver	Mark Lucas
Lana Cunningham	Jonathan Porter

Linda updated the other Supervisors on the canoe/kayak launch at Larimer Park. The R.O.A.R. committee is working with the Watershed Assoc. for a possible grant. There is a meeting scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at the park.

The Supervisor's inquired as to whether any feedback had come in to the office regarding the closure of the Big Four Road. The secretary advised she had not heard anything about this yet. There is concern about the safety of this road. Although it will be maintained to some extent, the Supervisors will move forward with the process involved in closing this to make it a walking trail. The secretary will inquire as to the funding that the Township may lose by closing this.


Next was discussion on how aggressive the Supervisors want to get with the nuisance ordinance and if they want to adopt a property maintenance code. They discussed how this would be enforced and if our building code inspectors could enforce this.

Next was the subdivision for the Donald & Lillian Cable Revocable Living Trust. This subdivision is located along Norberg Road and the proposal severs Lot #2 (10.142 acres) from Tax Parcel #WN-2-338 (Lot #1) for annexation to Parcel #WN-2-3381. Douglas Smith made a motion to approve the Donald & Lillian Cable Revocable Living Trust subdivision and Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The secretary presented an invoice received from the tax collector for yearly dues to the PA State Tax Collectors Assoc. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to pay \$80.00 for the membership for the tax collector. It was seconded by Douglas Smith. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Douglas Smith made a motion for adjournment at 8:31 pm. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

  
Secretary