

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF OCTOBER 30, 2020

A special meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Carmen Ferranto, Douglas Smith and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Julie Parmenter.

Carmen Ferranto opened the special township meeting at 8:55 a.m.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Carmen Ferranto read over the agenda.

No visitors were present.

Carmen Ferranto brought up that all of our bridges are inspected yearly and a report is received from the engineering company with recommendations on the condition of the bridges. It was decided that at the November meeting the Supervisor's will review these reports.

Next was some discussion on the employee insurance renewal. A motion was made by Carmen Ferranto to renew with the UPMC Gold PPO plan with the Township reimbursing the employees for the first \$500, with receipts, of the deductible and the employees being responsible for the remainder of the deductible. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

There was some talk on amending the LERTA Ordinance. Dan Glotz offered to meet with the Supervisor's to go over the existing Ordinance that the county and school district currently have. The Township can adopt an Ordinance in conjunction with the county and school district for industrial or commercial property. The Supervisor's advised the secretary to set up a meeting with Dan Glotz to review this information.

It was suggested that the Supervisor's should talk with Rich Barrett about the Emergency Operations Plan. The secretary will contact Rich to set something up.

There was some more discussion on the radio's in the trucks and office. Doug suggested that Dave should look into this and contact someone to check the radio's to be sure they are in working order.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2020, meeting by Douglas Smith. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was the request received to consider officially recognizing January 24 – 30, 2021 as School Choice Week in Pine Grove. After some discussion on this issue, Douglas Smith made a motion to pass the proclamation declaring Jan. 24 – 30 as school choice week in Pine Grove Township. It was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

There was a discussion on the trees in Larimer Park that need to be removed. An offer was received from Nate Welker to cut down the dead Ash trees, burn the brush and give the wood to those in need. The Supervisor considered his proposal because it would free up time for the road crew to work on other projects and reduce the liability of other people coming into the park to collect any wood.

Douglas Smith made a motion to accept Nate Welker's proposal as long as a relief of liability is signed and the wood is not resold for profit. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried

Next on the agenda was **RESOLUTION #10-30-20** to increase the charges relating to the sanitary sewer services. The Supervisors discussed this matter at the last meeting and decided that in order to operate the sewer system in a sustainable matter it would be necessary to raise the current rates. It was noted that Phase I and Phase II would increase by \$3.00 each starting January 1, 2021. Linda Farnsworth moved to pass **RESOLUTION #10-30-20** to change the sewer rates and Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The proposed 2021 Budget was reviewed. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to make the budget available for review. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried. The 2021 budget has been prepared and is now available for inspection.

There was a short conversation about budget reviews next year. The Supervisor's would like to start reviewing the budget on a quarterly basis.

Linda Farnsworth inquired as to whether or not Nathan would be able to do snowplowing this winter. It was noted that he would and he is currently working on acquiring his CDL. She asked the secretary to send her an updated list of which employee plows what roads.

Linda Farnsworth advised that Art Sager is working on the grant for the boat launch at Larimer Park. He needs some information relative to in kind services pertaining to this project. It was determined that she should talk with Dave McJunkin about that. She also inquired about an access road leading to the boat launch. They Supervisor's would like to do this but will have to check into if it can be done. There are also plans to tar and chip the parking lot.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion for adjournment at 10:20 AM. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Parmenter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name "Secretary".

Secretary