

**MINUTES FOR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Carmen Ferranto, Douglas Smith and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Art Sager, Charles Morrison, 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.

Art Sager spoke on the boat launch project at Larimer Park. He would like to have the launch area widened to accommodate people launching and those who are also pulling out. There was a brief discussion on this and the Supervisor's were all agreeable to this. Art will contact Nathan Welker to apply for the permit.

Linda Farnsworth inquired about the brush around the boat launch area and who would be clearing that. The Supervisor's noted that the road crew could do this when time allows.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2021, meeting by Douglas Smith. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated February 10, 2021. 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 \$31,807.43 for the general fund, \$36,733.69 for the sewer fund, \$6,916.71 for the sewer II fund, \$394.51 for the state fund and \$13,249.79 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 Supervisor's mentioned that there has been a lot of positive feedback on the conditions of the roads. Dave advised that currently everything is running.

The salt contract with COSTARS is due in by the middle of March. Dave will check into this and let the secretary know how much, if any, salt will need to be bid out.

The Supervisor's discussed Nathan acquiring his CDL and the fact that there seems to be some contradictory information on this issue from the solicitor. The Supervisor's asked the secretary to try to get some clarification on this through PSATS.

Carmen advised that there is a website for federal and state surplus items. He will get Dave the website and he can review it for items that the Township could use and let the Supervisors know.

There was a discussion on the current street light tax. The Supervisor's feel that street lights are a benefit to everyone in the Township. With that, they decided that the current tax is an unfair tax and it

should be changed to include all residents of the Township. A Resolution should be prepared for the next meeting to make this change.

The sewer pump malfunctions at the Mill Lane station have been repaired. Both pumps have been replaced and are in working order. We are currently waiting on Verizon so an automatic dialer can be installed.

Warren Webster advised that the generator on Gardner's Lane may need to be replaced. Harold noted that the problem is the generator is blowing circuit boards. They are working on this problem. It was suggested that a call to Northwest may be in order. The Supervisor's will wait until they hear back from Warren Webster first.

There was a short discussion on overtime policy. The Supervisor's just want to be clear that Dave is to make all decisions on overtime for the road crew employees.

The Cable Living Trust (Pangborn) Subdivision located along Norberg Road was next. This subdivision divides Tax Parcel #WN-002-338 into two lots. Lot 1 (20 acres) includes the lot with the house and barn on the west side of the road and a piece of vacant acreage on the east side of Norberg Road. Lot 2 (45.684 acres) includes the three remaining pieces south of Lot 1. Douglas Smith made motion to approve the Cable Living Trust (Pangborn) Subdivision and it was seconded by Carmen Ferranto. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Art Sager inquired as to whether the grant information he forwarded had been reviewed. Carmen Ferranto advised that he will look into this further.

The Supervisor's discussed that steps are being taken on the Niver property. They deliberated on what options are available to pursue on this property.

Linda Farnsworth informed the Supervisor's that the Pine Grove Days will not be held in May. They are considering moving the events to the fall.

There was a short dialogue on when township employees would be eligible for the COVID vaccine. The Supervisor's noted that this would be at the discretion of each employee.

Art Sager mentioned that there is a catch basin by the Handy Stop which seems to be falling in. It was noted that this is a State road. The Supervisor's advised the road foreman to take a look at this.

Douglas Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 to go into executive session to discuss employee's wages. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto reopened the meeting at 8:17 following the executive session. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to set the following salaries; Dave McJunkin, Nathan Markham and Andy Kuppertz will each receive \$1.00 per hour; Roger Colander will receive .50 cents per hour and Vicky Williams will receive \$3.40 per hour. This will bring these employees into the median range. Pay raises will begin with the next pay period starting February 7, 2021. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion for adjournment at 8:20 PM. 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 to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Secretary