

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

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Carmen Ferranto, Douglas Smith and Linda Farnsworth. Other's present were Jim Seder, Greg Senyo, Keith Niver II, 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.

Jim Seder asked about how the boat launch at Larimer Park will be constructed. The Supervisor's advised that this is a R.O.A.R. project but they hope that gravel can be put down to allow people to carry their canoes or kayaks to the river.

Greg Senyo spoke on what a great job the road crew has been doing, indicating that Reynolds Run has been kept open and is in good condition.

Keith Niver attended the meeting to discuss his property with the Supervisors. He advised that he has been working on it and he would like to sell the property. Mr. Niver questioned if he was the only resident that was being asked to improve his property. The Supervisor's advised that they are working on a number of other properties that need to be addressed. They inquired as to whether or not Mr. Niver would be willing to have a structural engineer look at his building. Mr. Niver was not agreeable to this request. Mr. Niver advised that he has done everything that has been asked of him so far. The Supervisor's also inquired as to him being open to offers or having an appraisal done. Mr. Niver asked what they would like to offer and they offered \$25,000.00, to which Mr. Niver turned down. There is a car out back that needs to be removed. There was some more discussion and the Supervisor's suggested he get it cleaned up and make it look respectable.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2021, 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 March 10, 2021. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$17,249.92 for the general fund, \$30,580.69 for the sewer fund, \$8,697.66 for the sewer II fund, \$1,619.99 for the state fund and \$15,373.28 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.

Dave reported that they have been doing some plowing and sanding. They are currently working on cleaning up the garage and getting it painted.

Jim Seder inquired as to whether or not any decision had been made about the Big Four Road. The Supervisors advised that they would like to advertise a public meeting to be held possibly in April. They would like to get some feedback on this issue from the public. They also noted that with the closure of that road would come a substantial loss in their liquid fuels funds which would have to be taken into consideration.

Next on the agenda was the LERTA Ordinance first adopted. A motion was made by Douglas Smith to rescind Ordinance #8-14-19 due to the fact that a new LERTA Ordinance had been adopted at the last meeting. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

There was more examination on the current street light tax assessment. Currently, only residents within a certain distance of a street light are assessed this tax. The Supervisor's feel that the street lights are a benefit to everyone in the township and it should be an equal assessment to every one on the tax rolls. The Supervisor's agreed to draft an Ordinance to change this assessment and rescind the previous one.

The Supervisors reviewed the Hodge endowment that was recently brought to their attention. This is a fund that was left to be distributed to women in Pine Grove Township. The Supervisors felt it best to present these funds to the Lions Club for distribution, if they are agreeable to this. Carmen has communicated with the county about this and will speak to the Lions Club about drawing up an agreement. Jim Seder inquired as to if this is a one-time distribution or if it would be a yearly one. The Supervisor's did not have an answer to that but will check into it.

Spring clean up day was the next item on the agenda. The Supervisors set the spring clean up day for Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the township garage from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The fee for the clean up day will be \$10.00 for cars and \$20.00 for pickup trucks and trailers.

The Supervisors conveyed that there should be some type of control on credit card use. There will be a sign out sheet in the office that should be filled out when a credit card is taken.

There was a short discussion on residents that are delinquent on water or sewer charges. The Supervisors will continue to pursue these delinquent accounts by sending them to the district magistrate for collection of overdue accounts.

Greg Senyo asked if anything could be done on Reynolds Run for dust control. The Supervisors advised that they will be doing a road inspection in the near future and they will look into this problem.

Keith Niver informed the Supervisors that traffic on Route 957 travels at a high rate of speed. He asked if the township could notify the State Police of this problem. The Supervisors will contact the Police about this issue.

Charlie Morrison inquired about maintenance on the Township building. He offered to do the maintenance work again this summer but advised his rate increased \$1.00 per hour. The Supervisors were in agreement to having Mr. Morrison do the outside maintenance work on the Town Hall.


Linda Farnsworth advised that the Pine Grove Days for 2021 have been cancelled. They are rescheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. She inquired to Mr. Niver about the possible use of his property for the events. He would not commit and advised Linda that he would have to talk to his partner.

The Supervisors discussed the County Aid funds and agreed to use these funds for road maintenance. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to pass **RESOLUTION #3-10-2021** to use the County Liquid Fuels allocation towards road maintenance. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The COSTARS road salt contract was discussed. Dave noted that we still have salt from our last contract to be delivered and does not feel we need to bid out more at this time.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion for adjournment at 8:10 PM. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

  
Secretary