

### MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JULY 14, 2021

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Carmen Ferranto, Douglas Smith and Linda Farnsworth. Other's present were Steve Brown, Jim Seder, 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 made a motion to amend the agenda to reflect the purchase of an overhead door for the water building at the end of East Street. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto read over the agenda and asked if there were any comments from visitors or residents.

Mr. Brown attended the meeting to express his dissatisfaction with the condition of Cottage Place. The Supervisors discussed that this road has some storm water run ff issues that need to be addressed and the plan is to rebuild the road next year. The road crew will do some maintenance work on this road to help get it through until next year.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 9, 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 July 14, 2021. 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 \$55,853.92 for the general fund, \$29,768.26 for the sewer fund, \$6,881.62 for the sewer II fund, \$46,490.31 for the state fund and \$10,732.93 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.

There was some discussion on dust control. The Supervisor's talked with Dave about piloting a program on a section of road to see how it works. Dave's only concern is how it could possibly affect future oiling.

Dave advised that he has had to cancel his oiling dates because of weather conditions. He stated that the fire hall parking lot, Werner Park, Perrigo Lane and Townline Road are all scheduled to be oiled on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Linda mentioned to Dave that the weeds are growing up around the guide rails at Memorial Park, across from the Post Office. Dave will take care of this.

It was noted that the paving projects should start the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>. There was some conversation on how to notify residents along Conewango to have their cars moved off the street before this part of the project starts. There was some review of the trees along the road that will need to be trimmed

before the paving company gets on site. Douglas Smith made a motion to hire a tree trimming service to come in before the paving begins to have the trees that need trimmed along Conewango taken care of. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth advised that ROAR had obtained some help with cleaning the sidewalks in town. This is scheduled for July 22 with a rain date of July 29.

Dave advised that he contacted three companies about purchasing a tack distributor. He received a price of \$14,935.00 delivered from Asphalt Care. Douglas Smith made a motion to purchase the tack distributor from Asphalt Care at a price of \$14,935.00 delivered. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto mentioned compliance with the recently passed Act 65 to amend the sunshine law which states we must post the agenda 24 hours prior to the meeting and it is to be posted on the website and in the office. There was a short discussion on the particulars of this new law.

The Supervisors agreed that they would begin a formal assessment of the Big Four Road. There are concerns with the safety of a section of this road and the costs involved to upgrade the road are substantial. Doug Smith noted the nefarious activities that take place along this road. Access will be available for emergency purposes and to property owners. The Township will check into carrying liability insurance to alleviate this from property owners if it is used as a recreational trail.

Next was some discussion on the storm water run-off problem along North Main Street. The Supervisor's and Dave met with PennDOT to review this situation. They came up with a tier system with catch basins. These would need to be cleaned out periodically. PennDOT is willing to supply some of the materials but it would be the Township's responsibility to provide the maintenance. Dave explained that he thought it might be better to route the water directly to the creek. Although, this may affect some property owners and they would need to be notified of this. It was determined that they would put the gravel traps in for the time being and then proceed with an engineering study to divert the water directly to the creek.

It was noted that the water and sewer facilities have had some maintenance work which has improved the appearance. They reviewed the water building that houses the well head and generator and determined that a new garage door is needed. Quotes were received on a new garage door and a motion was made by Linda Farnsworth to accept the bid from Warren Overhead Door as quoted with a price of \$1,641.00 Douglas Smith seconded to motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The property located at 12 North Main was next on the agenda. According to the Township Code Section 1533, the Supervisor's may by ordinance require any dangerous structure on public or private property to be removed by the owner after notice is given to the owner to do so. It was noted that there is no water or sewer to the building and it is in disrepair. They will get legal advice to see if a structural engineer can review this building. The Supervisor's will also begin the process to condemn the building.


It was noted that the American Rescue Plan funds have been received. There was some discussion on what these funds could be used for. They will seek guidance on the expenditure of these funds.

The Hultberg Road project was mentioned. Heather advised that she is working on the bid packet and would like to start the project in September. The pipe for the project has already been purchased.

A short discussion on the boat launch at Larimer Park was next. It was noted that the current location of the launch is not favorable to pulling kayak's out of the water. They will relocate the launch upstream a short distance.

Douglas Smith made a motion for adjournment at 8:38 PM. Linda Farnsworth 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