

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2021

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Carmen Ferranto and Douglas Smith. Other's present were Greg Senyo, 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.

Mr. Senyo spoke about the storm water run-off on Reynolds Run and how it does not make it to the stream due to a plugged sluice, which he has cleaned out in the past. He advised that he does not have a problem with cleaning it out himself if need be but he wanted to be sure the Supervisors were aware of the issue. Carmen Ferranto advised that if there is something we need to do then the road crew will take care of it.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2021, meeting by Douglas Smith. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Douglas Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated August 11, 2021. Carmen Ferranto 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 \$27,435.88 for the general fund, \$29,415.28 for the sewer fund, \$7,694.16 for the sewer II fund, \$1,629.50 for the state fund and \$23,172.72 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 Carmen Ferranto. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Dave advised that they have used the tar buggy and are satisfied with it. Douglas Smith inquired about Howard Road and Dave that Howard and Egypt are both good. Dave informed the Supervisors that his next oil date is scheduled for August 19th.

Carmen Ferranto mentioned that there is a section on Big Four Road that has a considerable amount of tree coverage and may need to be daylighted. Dave received a quote on daylighting this section with an approximate cost of \$8,000. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to have this work done and it was seconded by Douglas Smith. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Dave also informed the Supervisors that Cottage Place has been graded.

The Supervisors discussed some options relative to the Big Four Road. They would like to check with the Conservation District on the vacating of a section of the road and if that will have any bearing on jeopardizing future grant possibilities. They noted that if it does remain open it will require maintenance and if they decide to vacate it what some options would be. They are hopeful a decision can be made on this issue in September.

There was a short discussion on the dilemma with the volume of waste water being sent to the North Warren Treatment Plant from the Township. The flow meters have been checked and are working properly but it was mentioned that this complication could be from a check valve. Warren Webster has been contacted to replace this valve to possibly fix this problem.

The American Rescue Funds were reviewed and numerous economic development items were brought up. The Supervisors recognized that the water and sewer systems are fairly up to date, although the water system could possibly use a new chlorination system. They will continue to debate what items these funds could be invested in.

The Hultberg Road project will go out for bid with the bid opening scheduled for the September meeting. Heather Wilcox from the Conservation District is working on this project.

The Supervisors stated that some of the township buildings have had some maintenance and repairs and are looking good.

There was talk on how much the Township spends on recreation. Currently, not much is spent on this and there may be an opportunity to invest in recreation with the American Rescue Funds. Dave inquired as to if there is a time frame on the boat launch that ROAR is currently working on.

Carmen Ferranto brought up the COG meetings. He was contacted by Dan Glotz regarding Pine Grove's participation in COG. The Supervisors agreed that they should take turns attending these meetings.

Douglas Smith made a motion for adjournment at 8:43 PM. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary