

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Carmen Ferranto, Douglas Smith and Linda Farnsworth via telephone. Other's present were Jim Seder, Shawn Young, Dan Cable, Heather Wilcox, 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.

The first order of business was the opening of bids for the Hultberg Road Project. There were two bids received, Cable Excavating and Hoffner Excavating. Hoffner Excavating came in at a total project cost of \$151,408.00 and Cable Excavating was a total project cost of 98,734.00. Douglas Smith made a motion to accept Cable Excavating's bid with a total project cost of \$98,734.00. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Shawn Young, PA State Constable, attended the meeting to advise the Supervisor's of his interest in possibly serving the Pine Grove Township area. He informed the Supervisor's that he is a certified state constable and listed some of the other Township that currently utilize his services. A motion was made by Carmen Ferranto to appoint Shawn Young as the constable serving Pine Grove Township. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 11, 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 September 8, 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 \$269,991.41 for the general fund, \$15,620.96 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, \$100,003.00 for the state fund and \$11,830.08 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.

Dave advised that the oiling is almost complete. He would like to finish Norberg and Gouldtown Roads and all of Mill Road. There was some discussion on recoating a few of the roads that were done last year but it was decided to hold off on this. Dave also advised that they will see how the E-11 that was used on Cottage Place holds up. He also mentioned that they had acquired a used sander box.

The Supervisors reviewed some of the options on Big Four Road. They discussed some of the issues with keeping the road open versus issues with closing it. They also talked about how it could affect the property owners if it were to be closed. The topic of liquid fuels funds from that portion of the road also came up. The Supervisor's questioned if the road were opened up for a month or so during the year, could they still receive funds for this or not. The secretary will check into this.

Next was **Ordinance #9-8-21** amending sewage rate Ordinance #4-96. This Ordinance pertains to sewage connection charges. This Ordinance is for property owners connecting to the sewer system with a connection fee of \$2,000.00 for each EDU. A motion to increase the tap in fee to \$2,000.00 was made by Linda Farnsworth. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The American Rescue Funds were mentioned. Information has been received that the final rule on allowable expenses is expected to be released by October. It was advised by PSATS that non-entitlement municipalities hold off on spending any of the funds until after October 1st in order to simplify the first report and ensure funds are property spent.

The secretary presented to the Board the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Pension Plan. This informs the governing body of the plan's expected financial obligation for the coming year.

The property maintenance ordinance was next on the agenda. The Supervisor's will move forward with this once Linda Farnsworth returns from vacation.

Next was the upcoming budget meeting. The Supervisor's agreed to do the budget talk on Friday, October 15th at 8:30 am at the Town Hall.

Next was the subdivision for D. Clark & Samantha L. Whitaker. This subdivision is located along Easy Street and the proposal severs Lot 2 (.12 acres) from Tax Parcel #WN-2-9796 (Lot 1) for annexation to WN-2-97881. Douglas Smith made a motion to approve the Whitaker subdivision and Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Supervisors set the Trick or Treat hours for Halloween. Trick or treating will be on Sunday, October 31st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Trick or Treaters are to only go to homes with their porch lights on.

Jim Seder inquired as to any progress with the 12 N. Main Street property and also advised that there is a property located on Big Four Road that is vacant and dilapidated. The Supervisors advised that they will go look at the Big Four Road property and assess it.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion for adjournment at 8:17 PM. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary