

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2021

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith and Linda Farnsworth. Other's present were Jim Seder, John Scott, Dave McJunkin and Julie Parmenter.

Linda Farnsworth opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

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

Jim Seder inquired about the possibility of putting a mirror at the end of Cidermill Hill due to the fact that sight distance when turning off of Cidermill Hill is so limited. The Supervisor's will go through the attorney to see if there are any liability issues.

Jim also inquired about the status of the property located at 12 N. Main Street. The Supervisor's are finalizing the property maintenance code and have sent it out to the attorney for review. They are awaiting response from the attorney on this and what the next step in this process will be.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 3 meeting by Douglas Smith. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Douglas Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated December 8, 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 \$258,639.94 for the general fund, \$17,888.50 for the sewer fund, \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund, \$3.00 for the state fund and \$5,589.48 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 reported they have been plowing and sanding. One of the trucks is currently getting insta-chains put on but also needs another part. Dave advised that they will have them get the part and if it doesn't take too long, they will wait and pick the truck up when all of the work is completed. He also mentioned that they will need to acquire another spreader box before spring. He will do some research on the purchase of one.

The remainder of our previous salt contract with COSTARS is scheduled to be delivered tomorrow. We should have approximately 75 tons coming.

The 2022 Budget with revenues set at \$595,300.00 and expenses at \$633,250.00. Douglas Smith made a motion to approve the 2022 Budget as presented with no tax increase and it was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was the liability insurance renewal. Further review on the quotes received is needed. Douglas Smith made a motion to table this decision upon further review and it was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next business was a discussion on the Fire Department purchasing a new generator. The generator they currently have quit working and a new one was purchased. The Fire Department said, if possible, any help from the Township would be appreciated. No commitment from the Supervisor's on this will be made until further review.

The owner of the property located next to Larimer Park, John Scott, mentioned to the secretary a short time ago that he may be willing to selling the property and wondered if the Township would have any interest in it. The Supervisor's advised the secretary to contact Mr. Scott.

Some discussion on building a new garage in the future and a location for this was the next item. They talked about some property on Cidermill Hill that is currently for sale but they are not sure if this area is feasible. They also noted that Larimer Park is already owned by the Township but it is quite wet there. Douglas Smith noted that this project is in the early stages and they will have to see how things play out.

Next was a short discussion on the Big Four Road. It was stated that no formal decision has been made yet. It was decided that until the property owners have been notified no action will be taken.

Linda Farnsworth mentioned that the Hometown Christmas was successful and well attended. There was a small parade, tree lighting, bon fire and refreshments.

Mr. Scott came in to the meeting late and requested his water be shut off. Douglas Smith advised him if he really wants his water shut off, he will need to bring in a signed notarized statement to that effect. Douglas Smith also inquired to Mr. Scott if he is interested in selling his property to the Township. Doug informed Mr. Scott that is he is serious about selling his house and brings in a signed notarized statement saying that, the Township will pay for the assessment and that is what they will base an offer from.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion for adjournment at 8:15 PM. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary