

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

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Carmen Ferranto, Douglas Smith and Linda Farnsworth. Other's present were Don & Pam Hanna, Buster Godden, Greg Senyo, Jim Seder, Dave McJunkin and Julie Parmenter.

Douglas Smith opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

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

Don Hanna informed the Supervisor's that he lives on Hultberg Road and was attending the meeting to see if there is any way they could open Hultberg Road back up to traffic. Pam Hanna advised that she has been walking the road and it seems as though it is settling and asked if anyone had been up to check it recently. She noted that there is a section that is still soft but wondered if something could be done there in order to open it. The Supervisor's did advise that a considerable amount of funds had gone into that road and they do not want to open it too soon and cause damage. The Supervisor's will get in touch with the Conservation District to see if anything can be done. Dave informed the Supervisor's that he had not been up to check on the road for a week or so. Doug Smith asked Dave and the Hanna's if they could all meet on the road tomorrow to review.

Buster Godden was also inquiring about the Hultberg Road Project. He questioned the engineering on this project and where the gravel was acquired. There was much discussion on this issue and the Supervisor's informed him that they are within their rights to close the road until it is safe for travel. He feels something needs to be done with the road to get it reopened.

Greg Senyo inquired as to the status of the Big Four Road. The Supervisor's advised that they need to consult with the solicitor on this issue.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 13, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 2021, meetings by Linda Farnsworth. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated November 10, 2021. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Carmen Ferranto made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$59,716.06 for the general fund, \$23,182.53 for the sewer fund, \$8,012.85 for the sewer II fund, \$3.00 for the state fund and \$14,531.90 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 worked on Big Four Road, Martin Road and Peterson Hollow. The mower has been repaired. The truck that is at Dyke's for inspection did not start, Dave will go back tomorrow to pick it up. The red truck is still at Seigworth's for repairs. Dave is waiting for the quote. The secretary will contact Seigworth's tomorrow to see if that can be expedited.

Next was the health insurance renewal. After some review of the medical coverage options, the Supervisors decided to renew the current UPMC Small Business Advantage Gold PPO plan at the presented renewal rates. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to renew the current health care plan and it was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

There was some review on the budget which will be adopted at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Supervisor's conferred on road work for next year and there was some conversation on crushing the millings located in the pit on Cidermill Hill Road. Dave received and estimate of approximately \$9,200.00 for this. They may also need to have more gravel crushed for next year. The contract for the Harrington Pit will expire next year. The Supervisor's asked the secretary to contact Mr. Harrington on the status of his pit.

Some information on a flagpole light for the flag in front of the office was evaluated. The Supervisor's advised the secretary to go ahead and order one of the recommended lights.

The next order of business was the copy machine for the office. The current machine has not been working properly. The secretary received a price of \$695.00 for a new Brother machine that would do everything needed. A motion was made by Carmen Ferranto to purchase the new Brother copy machine at a price of \$695.00 and it was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth informed the other Supervisor's that the Property Maintenance Code Ordinance would be ready for review on Friday and if everything was satisfactory it could be forwarded to the solicitor for assessment.

Next was some discussion on the request from Mr. Kopf to have the Township relinquish any interest in the vacant property located along Walker Avenue. Under advisement from our solicitor, this should be done by a quitclaim deed which would need to be prepared by the resident and reviewed by our attorney.

There was some discussion on the current Treasurer's Bond held on the secretary. At the Fall Convention, it was learned that the current policy for this may not be adequate. The bond should be the total amount of all the Township accounts. Currently the bond is in the amount of \$500,000 and the total of funds held by the Township are approximately \$1,147,555. Douglas Smith made a motion to increase the Treasurer's Bond to \$1,300,000. It was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Information was received by the Township from K&B Recycling LLC. This company is offering a recycling event in the Township. They will hold a 3-day event on any weekend they have available. There is not cost to the Township other than some advertising costs, and they ask for a place to set up. They will supply trucks needed, labor and traffic control. A question was brought up, if this would replace the annual spring clean-up. The Supervisor's advised that this would be in addition to the spring clean-up. Carmen Ferranto made a motion to contact K&B Recycling to book a date and it was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was the Greenland-Manelick Subdivision located along Cable Hollow Road. This proposal severs Lot 2a (17.58 acres) from Tax Parcel WN-2-6358 (Lot 1a) for annexation to Parcel #WN-2-6391. The proposal also severs Lot 2b (.95 acres) from Lot 1b (WN-2-6391). A motion was made by Linda Farnsworth to approved the Greenland-Manelick Subdivision and it was seconded by Carmen Ferranto. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion for adjournment at 8:21 PM. Carmen Ferranto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

  
Secretary