

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2022

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, March 4, 2022 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were James Hornstrom, John Larson, Gregg Bimber, David Hice and Julie Parmenter.

Douglas Smith opened the meeting at 8:30 a.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.

The Supervisor's spoke with representatives from Warren Webster regarding the sewer alarms going off due to high water from recent flooding. Greg and David advised that the vents for the vaults had been moved previously but that it is possible that the lines under the homes could be broken which would let water infiltrate the system. Some residents attending the meeting questioned whose responsibility it is to get this problem under control. It was decided to check the rules and regulations governing the sewer system to determine what responsibilities are the property owners to fix lines and what the time frame is, if any. Harold Bloomgren mentioned that we may want to contact Rural Water to see what assistance they can provide for testing the system for water infiltration. The Supervisors also determined that some kind of testing, either smoke tests or camera's, should be done in the problem areas. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to have Warren Webster draw up a proposal for this work and present to the Township for review. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Steve Horsley presented the newsletter layout to the Supervisor's and advised them that he would be taking it to the printer for a draft to be made for review. The secretary is currently working on a mailing list for Pine Grove Township residents. Harold Bloomgren advised that the Lions Club also utilizes Quick Solutions for their mailing and we may want to check with Quick Solutions to see if we can use that same mailing. The secretary will check into this.

Harold Bloomgren talked on the Walter Hodges endowment fund that was left for needy ladies in Pine Grove Township. The Supervisors would like the Lions Club to handle the distribution of these funds. The secretary will contact the County Commissioners about the balance of these funds and how to receive them. A motion was made by Bob Nelson to entrust these funds to the Lions Club for distribution to needy ladies in Pine Grove Township. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Harold also inquired about the Lions Club still being able to meet in the Town Hall and if they could hang their charter somewhere in the building. The Supervisors are fine with the Lions Club meeting at the Town Hall and hanging their charter here too.

Next was a lengthy discussion on possible uses for the ARP funds. The Supervisors talked about equipment needs, building repairs and road projects. They will continue to review these items and prioritize them.

There was review of some nuisance properties and what the next steps will be. The Supervisors advised the secretary to contact BIU about hiring them for code enforcement. And to move forward with the blight process on the property located at 106 Cottage Place.

The Supervisors need to schedule a road inspection date. The secretary will put this on the agenda for the next Township meeting.

Next was some discussion on Big Four Road, after much deliberation, the Supervisor's decided to check into putting this issue as a referendum on the upcoming ballot. The secretary was advised to check into this and see if we still have time to get this done and how the question should read on the ballot.

The Supervisor's talked on hiring someone to do outside landscaping around the Town Hall. They will contact Jim Seder about doing this work and billing us for it.


The secretary inquired about the possibility of getting a laptop in the office, which would be helpful in taking minutes during meetings. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to purchase a laptop and Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

There was mention of the Pine Grove Sportsman Club sign located at the intersection of Priest Hollow and Egypt Hollow. The secretary will contact George Powley about this.

It was noted that there is a dumpster located by Wendy Abbey's house that is in the road right of way. The Supervisors asked the secretary to send a letter to Wendy Abbey, as this could be considered a nuisance, and have it moved off of the right of way.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 10:55 AM. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary