

### MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2022

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Jim Seder, Craig Hefright, Michael & Sarah Bogniak, Janet Jespersen, Byron Jespersen, 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.

Craig Hefright advised the Supervisor's that he recently purchased 16 acres on Cidermill Hill and inquired as to possibility of getting sewer service to that location. He is planning on building there and may subdivide the land into 5 or 6 lots. After much discussion on the subject, the Supervisor's informed Mr. Hefright that they will have to do some research on this and get back to him. There was also some talk on checking with North Warren Municipal Authority to be sure they have capacity to take on more EDUs from Pine Grove.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2022, meeting by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Bob Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2022, noting a correction to the Walter Hodges endowment funds. Originally, it was thought that these funds would be forwarded to the Township for disbursement at which time the Township was planning on advancing the money to the Lions Club to disburse to needy women in the Township. It was determined, after the secretary talked to the Commissioner's Office, that these funds stay with the county and that needy women residing in Pine Grove Township may apply for the money through the Commissioner's office. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated March 9, 2022. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$13,291.00 for the general fund, \$20,497.95 for the sewer fund, \$6,821.62 for the sewer II fund, \$1,673.38 for the state fund and \$14,699.91 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 Bob Nelson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Dave reported that Peterson Hollow has a collapsed, washed-out drain pipe. They are planning on fixing that tomorrow. They have done some work on the blue truck. He noted that the roads seem to be holding up pretty well.

The salt contract was discussed. Dave will look into how much we may want to bid through COSTARS.

The Supervisor's would like to do a road inspection. They decided that on April 6<sup>th</sup> they will meet at the Township Garage at 8:00 am to take care of this.

The Emergency Operations Plan was next on the agenda. Bob Nelson made a motion to pass **RESOLUTION #3-9-22**, to adopt the EOP for Pine Grove Township dated February 1, 2022. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

There was conversation on some of the nuisance properties in the Township. The Supervisor's would like to check with our current code inspector and see if they are willing to condemn properties in the Township that may need to be. If this is not something they will do for us then another firm should be contacted about taking care of these issues. The Supervisor's will meet at the Township Office on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am to review nuisance properties.

The Pine Grove Clean Up Day will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until noon at the Township Garage. The price will remain the same as last year with cars being \$10 and trucks and trailers \$20. Driver's licenses will be checked to verify township residency.

Information was received from K&B Recycling LLC on township's holding an electronic recycling event. The Supervisor's are not interested in pursuing this at the present time.

A COVID-19 policy pertaining to quarantine and paid time off was reviewed. This policy will cover expectations and paid time off related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to adopt the COVID-19 Policy and it was seconded by Bob Nelson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Big Four Road was the next issue discussed. The Supervisor's would like to put this on the ballot and let the residents of the Township decide. Mr. Bogniak spoke and he has no concerns if the road is left open or closed. There was some concern brought up from other residents along that road, as to the possibility of them not being unable to get out if the dirt section is vacated and if the bridge at the other end would happen to get closed. There is a section of the blacktop that is getting bad, the residents inquired about that possibly getting repaired. The Supervisor's talked about maybe milling that section and putting down oil and limestone.

It was also mentioned that perhaps that road should be bonded, especially if we are going to do repairs to it.

Byron Jespersen conveyed the great work the road crew is doing.

Linda Farnsworth indicated that ROAD is holding the Pine Grove Days events and they are scheduled for May 28, 2022. There will be a 5K, parade and fireworks.

Byron Jespersen inquired as to why there is nothing about Pine Grove Township in the newspaper anymore. Linda Farnsworth informed him that Steve Horsley wrote those articles but he no longer writes for the newspaper. She enlightened him that the Supervisor's are sponsoring a Pine Grove Township Newsletter that should be going out very shortly to the residents.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 8:20 PM. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Parmeter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Secretary