

**MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2022**

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, March 18, 2022 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Jim Seder, Steve Horsley and Julie Parmenter.

Douglas Smith opened the meeting at 8:43 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.

Jim Seder inquired about the maintenance work to be done around the Township Office. Linda Farnsworth presented a list of items that they would like to be taken care of. Jim agreed to the items listed with the exception of the pressure washing. The Supervisors will hire someone else to perform this work and they advised the secretary to see if this can be completed before any mulch is put down. Jim Seder will submit an invoice for work that is done.

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

A request was received from Adam Elms for the Township's approval to raise quail on his property. An approval from the local government body is needed to accompany his application for this. The Supervisors were all in agreement with this and directed the secretary to draft a letter for Mr. Elms.

Next was some discussion on an upgrade to the water authorities metering pump. Rusty had advised that with the current controls there could be a possibility that if the water was tested at certain times, it could show that we are out of compliance. With this new control system that would not happen and things can be monitored from the operator's phone. A quote was provided from RAFA Systems totaling \$4,962.00. Rusty advised that he is waiting on an updated quote to be sure the wells at the garage are also include. Bob Nelson made a motion to allocate ARP funds to upgrade the metering pump not to exceed \$7,500.00. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A letter was presented to the Supervisors from R.O.A.R. requesting permission to host the Pine Grove Days events on May 28th. The Supervisors granted their approval to hold the Pine Grove Day events.

The milage rate form was presented to the Supervisor's for their signatures. The Supervisors noted that there was not change in the tax mills. The form was signed and will be returned to the Warren County Assessment Office.

After more deliberation on the Big Four Road, the Supervisor's determined that due to the legal fees involved and that all avenues for making this a recreation trail have been exhausted, they will be leaving the Big Four Road open. The Supervisors will research posting the road with speed limit signs.

Some comment on the recent flooding from the North Branch of Akeley Run. Bob Nelson questioned if this would fall under the Stormwater Management which lies with the Township. The secretary will get in touch with the Conservation District about this issue for some guidance.

ROAR requested an invoice from the Township for work that was performed on the boat launch at Larimer Park. They ROAR Committee needs an invoice the this so that they can allocate the grant money received for the project. The secretary will get an invoice to ROAR for the work completed.

A letter was received from the Department of Human Services requesting the Township's participation in the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program. This program is designed to provide payment of existing arrearages caused by the Covid-19 pandemic to prevent disconnection of drinking water or wastewater services for low-income households. The Supervisor's approved participating in this program with the Dept. of Human Services.

There was much dialog on upgrades to the garage and equipment. Doug Smith briefed on some items like plow blades & shoes and a reverse broom process. He mentioned that the red 550 is at Seigworth's for hydraulic upgrades. The garage is in need of some repairs to the floor drains and roof. They will check into pricing on these items.

Doug spoke with Dave about restoring lawns after the plowing season. Dave advised that he has checked lawns and they are in pretty good shape.

Jim Seder questioned the winter maintenance on the sidewalk on the bridge. The Supervisors informed him that this was not going to happen. They have no place to put the snow, it cannot be put into the road nor can it be put into the creek.

The subject of storage was addressed. There is a need for more storage for equipment and Doug mentioned that Dave has a building that he is no longer using and would consider selling to the Township. He noted that there is not heat in this building only electricity. The Supervisors will request Dave to submit an asking price for their consideration.

It was noted that a new pipe was installed on Peterson Hollow Road. Dave would like to grade, rake, oil and chip this road.

A conversation about the Harrington gravel pit was next. Dave is concerned that this pit may be reaching its limits per OSHA's height requirements. It was noted that the gravel in the pit is not very good. The Supervisor's requested that the secretary contact Mr. Harrington about his intentions relative to our contract with him. If we cannot continue to get gravel from here, we may have to bid it out.

Steve Horsley advised that the newsletter has gone to press and some extra copies will be sent to the office. They mentioned that the fall letter should probably go out in September.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 10:43 PM. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Secretary