

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2022

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Bob Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Lee Spangler, Paul Wendel, Jim Seder, Charlie Morrison, Craig Hefright, Jacob Devereaux, Dave McJunkin and Julie Parmenter.

Linda Farnsworth opened the meeting at 7:00.

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.

Paul Wendel spoke on the Cunningham property located at 106 Cottage Place. He noted that the house is vacant and there is garbage all over. He is concerned about the vermin situation on the property and the fact that, as the weather gets warmer, they will have to deal with the odor from the garbage. Linda advised that the Supervisors are aware of the situation and a letter has been sent to the property owners giving them 15 days to respond. Once that time period has passed, the Supervisors will be able to forward this on to the Blighted Property Committee. Mr. Wendel noted his concerns that this process may be lengthy. There was some talk on the property possibly going up for tax sale and, if that is the case, it may be the quickest solution. Charlie Morrison inquired about the possibility of contacting the Commissioners or Kathy Rapp's office to check on assistance with this matter. Mr. Wendel stated that he wanted to approach the Supervisor's before moving on to the Commissioners. The Supervisor's did advise that a property maintenance ordinance is ready for adoption but a code enforcement officer is needed for enforcement.

Ken and Joan Larson expressed their thanks to the Supervisor's and road crew for the work they did on Howard Road. They are very happy with the condition of the road and noted it is the best it has been in years. Ken also wanted to make a request for any ditch dirt they may need to dispose of, he would be willing to take some. He also advised that the intersection of Old Route 62 and Howard Road has numerous maple trees that are hollow. Dave will take a look at this but advised that it may be a State Road problem.

Craig Hefright just wanted to check the status of the possibility of extending the sewer project along Cidermill Hill Road to his property. They will request a consult with an engineering firm regarding this issue. The secretary will get in touch with the engineering company to get more information on this.

Jake Devereaux informed the Supervisors that he lives in the area and heard about the meetings and wanted to attend.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from April 1, 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 Treasurer's Report dated April 13, 2022. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Bob Nelson made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$28,211.42 for the general fund; \$27,855.58 for the sewer fund; \$7,761.89 for the sewer II fund; \$2,316.86 for the state fund and \$11,714.08 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 McJunkin reported they have been cleaning up around garage and some scrap steel was recycled. A new broom for street sweeping just arrived so sweeping will, hopefully, start in the next week or so. Dave is in the process of determining what materials will be needed to be bid out for oiling.

Craig Hefright inquired about any protocol the Township has on residents receiving ditch dirt. Dave informed Mr. Hefright that it depends on where they are ditching and who is closest. Also, how much demand they have and how much ditching gets done.

The Supervisors meet with conservation district about the North branch of Akeley run and the flooding that occurred there early this year. A gravel bar has been built up and is pushing the water in another direction. Due to this problem, the last flooding event caused a lot of issues for residents along that area. The Supervisors noted that the creek has to subside in order for anything to be done. This could possibly be fall before any relief can be made. Also, this would only be a temporary fix until permits can be acquired. Heather Wilcox, with the Conservation District, can only provide so much help with this before it has to be forwarded to DEP.

The Supervisors discussed the County Aid funds and agreed to use these funds for road maintenance. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to pass **RESOLUTION #4-13-22** to us the County Liquid Fuels allocation towards road maintenance. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was the approval of **RESOLUTION #4-14-22** for America250PA. This is a commemorative resolution to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States. The hope is to bring up the Commonwealth's history and to inspire future leaders. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION #4-14-22** for America250PA and Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

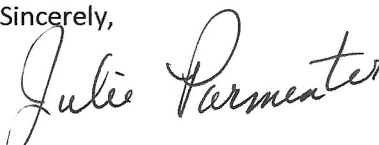
Maxwell Hoenes presented a quote for washing the Township Office building with a cost of \$265.40 for labor and supplies being approximately \$90.00. Linda Farnsworth moved to accept this quote and Bob Nelson seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried. The secretary will contact him to start the work.

Jim Seder inquired about the pine trees behind the office to see if they are on township property. The Supervisors advised that they are the Township's responsibility. He also advised that the rose bushes out front need to be cut back. Linda stated he could go ahead and trim the bushes and clean around the trees and the trimmings could be taken to the dump on Cidermill Hill.

Next was the Kent D. Wilcox Subdivision located along Old State Road. This severs Lot 2 (10 acres) from Tax Parcel #WN-1-3370 (Lot 1) for annexation to WN-1-36154. Bob Nelson made a motion to approve the Wilcox subdivision and it was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 7:54 PM. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,



Secretary