

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 6, 2022

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Bob Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Julie Parmenter.

Douglas Smith opened the meeting at 8:45.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Douglas Smith read over the agenda.

No visitors were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from April 13, 2022 meeting by Linda Farnsworth. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Property Maintenance Ordinance was discussed and it was noted that this will have to be advertised before it can be adopted. A new code enforcement company has been contacted about their availability to enforce this Ordinance if it is passed. It was cited that without a code enforcement officer it will be difficult to pursue enforcement of this Ordinance. Once we get confirmation from this company, we will then be able to make an informed decision.

Conversation on the road foreman status was next. Doug commented that Dave is doing a great job and is learning as he goes. There was talk about changing Dave's position to road master but that involves more experience in the management aspect. Bob also pointed out that the road master is an exempt position and Dave may not be interested in that type of position. They will revisit this issue when they do the annual reviews.

Nuisance properties were reviewed. Doug inquired as to when they can involve the State Constable. Letters will need to be sent out to some of the property owners to notify them that they are in violation of the Township's Nuisance Ordinance. It was requested that the secretary find out the cost to have these letters delivered by the Constable and how many he is able to deliver. The following property owners may receive a letter about the condition of their property:

- #1 Steve Grant
- #2 Arthur Shine
- #3 VanOrd- Townline
- #4 Patricia Gibson
- #5 Jonathan Porter
- #6 Amy Kellogg
- #7 Scott Mead
- #8 Charles Sellin/Gary VanOrd

The Supervisor's determined that they would like to hire someone for seasonal mowing at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Kevin Blakeslee is interested in this position. A motion was made by Bob

Nelson to hire Kevin Blakeslee as a seasonal employee for mowing at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Agility Agreement with PennDOT was presented to Supervisor's. They will review and bring this up at the May 11th meeting.

A proposal from Warren Webster was presented to inspect sewer lines with a camera to find any deficiencies in the lines at a cost of \$,1560.00. Bob Nelson made a motion to accept the proposal. Linda Farnsworth seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Bob apprised the other Supervisors on the Harrington gravel pit. Bob and Dave met with Darbee Harrington to discuss this issue and Bob noted that he is not clear on what exactly what she is inquiring about. She mentioned that she does not want a bigger footprint at this location. Bob does not have much understanding of the current agreement and that the Township may want to reach out to the solicitor for his advisement on this. Bob also mentioned that he had spoken with Heather Wilcox from the Conservation District about the pit and she said she would see what she could find out and get back with him.

Some discussion on the possibility of extending the line on Cidermill Hill was next. Stiffler McGraw was contacted and Joel advised that early estimates for the length of the extension would be approximately 1.2 million to run this. Joel will try to get some better estimates for the May 11th meeting.

Spring Clean Up was held and attendance was very low. It was noted that this year's cleanup day was held much earlier due to the fact that no other dates could be secured. They noted that maybe next year a better way to advertise this should be looked into and we will try to contact the waste service earlier to schedule for a possible mid-May date for next year.

Bob and Dave meet with Heather and Bill with DEP regarding the Akeley Run flooding. They walked the area to see if any help could be obtained from DEP to possibly alleviate this problem. Bill advised that DEP will provide no funding to correct this. Some forms will be sent to the office which could be distributed to residents that were affected by the flooding, if we so choose. The residents may fill out the forms if they would like and can return them to DEP. According to the DEP representative, this could take years to get through the process and there are no guarantees that we will see any relief from this effort. Heather Wilcox mentioned that maybe a G-3 permit could be obtained through the Conservation District to remove the gravel bar. This permit would have limitation but may be enough to take care of what we need.

The office is scheduled to be cleaned on May 15th, weather permitting. The contractor requested that the screens be removed before that date.


Doug brought up the lighting problem in the garage and that he had spoken with a representative from Moonlight Electric about this. Moonlight will get this on his schedule to come down and take a look. Bob advised that he heard about a Penile program for commercial lighting inside building. The secretary will check into this.

The new broom had some kind of malfunction and is back at the dealer for repairs.

Doug spoke on some of the road work that needs to be done. Dave has talked with a representative from Russell Standard on this.

Bob mentioned the water system upgrades and the original quote was around \$5,000. He advised that the current chlorine pumps are not compatible with the new system. The new quote is approximately \$11,000. This will be put on the agenda for the May 11th meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 10:46 was made by Linda Farnsworth and seconded by Bob Nelson.


Secretary