

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2022

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, June 3, 2022 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Bob Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Janeen Beard, John Beard, Carl Stroup, Karen Stroup, Allen Stanton, Dave McJunkin and Julie Parmenter.

Douglas Smith opened the meeting at 8:36.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Douglas Smith read over the agenda.

Doug Smith wanted to go over some of the agenda items with the road foreman before the visitors' comments so that Dave could get back to the garage. Doug inquired about appliances that were damaged from the fallen tree. Dave informed the Supervisors that the refrigerator and the microwave have been replaced.

Dave informed the Supervisors that the upgrades to the red truck are finished and they have picked the truck up.

There was some discussion on the upcoming bid opening for the repairs to the garage floor and drain. An addendum has been prepared and sent out to the contractors bidding on the project. Everything should be in place for the bid opening scheduled for June 8, 2022.

It was noted that the new lights for the garage have been ordered and once these arrive Moonlight Electric will get in touch with us to schedule the work.

Next were visitors' comments. Mr. Stanton remarked on the signage posted on Stanton Hill about the road closing. The information seems to be inaccurate and there is a lack of communication with residents. He stated that he did not see any mention of this project in the minutes and the residents inquired as to if something could be posted, possibly on the website about upcoming road projects. The residents have concerns with the straightening of this curve and how it will increase the speed of traffic. Linda Farnsworth mentioned that, with the curve taken out, it could increase traffic speed and the Township has no way to enforce speed limits. The residents feel that there are more problems with the lower part of the road from the wash boarding. Dave advised that they are planning to do some work on the lower portion of the road and on the ditches. Dave advised that in the winter that curve is a concern when a snow plow meets a car. Doug stated that they have spoken to other Townships and they all felt that this is the best solution. They are also doing some daylighting to this area of the road and once that and the ditching is completed, they would like to tar and chip. Dave mentioned the possibility of leaving the curve and taking out some of the bank. He asked the residents what they thought of this idea. The residents were in agreement that this would be a better solution. Doug advised that the Township has not had a tax increase for 12 years and we are still running on this budget even with all the price increases. Dave will try to keep the secretary informed of upcoming projects weekly. The Supervisors appreciated that the residents came in to comment on this.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from May 20, 2022 meeting by Linda Farnsworth. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Some discussion on mowing along the roads was next. It was noted that this needs to be kept up with so that things don't get too overgrown along the roads. After some deliberation on who could do the work and how time consuming it is, the Supervisors agreed that they would approve necessary overtime for this if needed.

Next was some review on the road work quote from IA Construction. The Supervisors reviewed the various options presented and the costs. They deliberated on the options and decided to table this issue until the meeting on June 8th in order to obtain more information about this and make a knowledgeable decision.

The Agility Agreement with PennDOT was the next item discussed. This agreement was reviewed at a previous meeting and a motion was made to proceed but no Resolution was passed. In order to move forward with this agreement, Resolution #6-3-2022 will need to be passed. Bob Nelson made a motion to pass Resolution #6-3-2022 to enter into the Agility Agreement with PennDOT for an initial period of five years. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Supervisor's inquired as to a time frame for when the sewer line inspections should be starting. The secretary spoke with Warren Webster about this and they anticipate the work to begin the week of June 13th.

Next was the progress on the property located at 106 Cottage Place. The paperwork is complete and it can now be forwarded to the Blighted Property Review Committee.

The property located on North Main Street was reviewed. The supervisors advised the secretary to contact the solicitor and have him move forward with the legal process.


The Supervisors inquired about an update on the nuisance letters to some of the residents. They have not been sent out yet but the secretary will try to get those out next week.

Next was the Russell Volunteer Fire Departments audit that the Supervisors requested. A completed audit has not been presented from them yet. The secretary will contact them and ask for an estimated completion date on this.

Bob Nelson updated the Supervisors on the security cameras to be installed at Larimer Park. He spoke with Allegheny Security and they are currently working on a job but expect to be done shortly and should be able to start the work at Larimer Park in the next couple of weeks.

Motion to adjourn at 10:17 was made by Bob Nelson and seconded by Linda Farnsworth.

Sincerely,



Secretary