

## MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 20, 2022

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, May 20, 2022 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Bob Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were John Bortz, Jim Seder, Dave McJunkin and Julie Parmenter.

Douglas Smith opened the meeting at 8:38.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Douglas Smith read over the agenda.

John Bortz spoke about a project he has been working on to bring fiber optic to the area. He noted that at the golf course there is a desire by more and more people to book tee times online. He stated that they currently have DSL but it is limited and the technology has degraded but the demand has increased. He informed the Supervisors that there is a company that can come into the area and advise what is needed, which he believes would be Fiberoptic. He enlightened the Supervisor's about some funding through the Commonwealth for projects like this. He mentioned that there is a group in the process of creating a non-profit organization that can act as a pass through to received funding for this. He advised that this is in the early stages and he will provide updates on the progress. Linda Farnsworth noted that the Supervisors would support this effort in any way they can.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from May 11, 2022 meeting by Douglas Smith. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was some discussion on the recent damage to some of the appliances and tools in the garage from the power surge caused by the falling tree earlier this month. Dave advised that they lost the refrigerator, microwave, radio, modem, router and tool chargers. It was stated that there is a \$1,000 deductible if we file an insurance claim. The supervisors agreed that they should replace the damaged items and check into getting surge protectors. They advised Dave to purchase new tools to replace those that were damaged instead of just getting new charging units. A motion was made by Linda Farnsworth for the replacement of the damaged items. It was seconded by Bob Nelson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The quote from Moonlight Electric for the lighting upgrades to the garage was reviewed. A motion was made by Bob Nelson to accept the quote for lighting retrofit at the township garage in the amount of \$7,170.00 with this project being paid for from the ARP Funds. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Dave informed the Supervisors that they need to have the heat checking in the garage. And there is an issue with the toilet. The secretary will contact Warren Webster to meet with Dave to discuss what might be needed for repairs to the heat and toilet.

Linda Farnsworth mentioned that Martin Road has some damage from farm equipment. Dave said he is aware of this and advised that this shouldn't be a major fix. He stated that the road is drivable. He said when they get back to doing some cold patching, they will get this taken care of.

Doug noted that he and Dave met with a representative from IA Construction about the upcoming road work. They talked about a couple of different options for Ferncliff, Briarwood and Valley View that could be feasible. They will be meeting with a representative from Lindy Paving today to get some guidance from them also.

Next was an update on the mowing. There has been an issue with the belt on the mower. They are working on this and will replace the belt to see if that fixes the problem.

There was a short discussion on sending out letters to let certain residents know that they are in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance. (They will be sending letters out the Steve VanOrd, Steve Grant, Arthur Shine, Amy Kellogg and Keith Niver.

Dave informed the Supervisors that the new broom is not working as well as they had anticipated. He advised that it seems like it is creating more work than they thought. He will contact Wiggers to see if there is a representative from the company that he can get in touch with to come out and look at the issues.


The vandalism at the park was analyzed and it was determined that some type of security is needed. Bob obtained a quote from Allegheny Security for cameras. This was a little more than expected but it will include multiple cameras, one of which is very powerful, a hard drive which will keep approximately a couple weeks' worth of video and installation. A meeting will be requested with the representatives from Allegheny Security at our June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting for instruction on the system. A motion was made by Douglas Smith to move forward with the purchase and installation of security cameras from Allegheny Security with a purchase price of \$8,964.71 and payment for this project will come from the ARP Funds. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

There was some deliberation on the internet service at the office and how ineffective it has become. The supervisors advised the secretary to check into the Star Link.

Linda Farnsworth gave an update on the Pine Grove Days events. She noted that everything is moving along smoothly.

Motion to adjourn at 10:48 was made by Linda Farnsworth and seconded by Douglas Smith.

Sincerely,

  
Secretary