

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JULY 13, 2022

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Pam Matve, Rich Barrett, Dave McJunkin and Julie Parmenter.

Douglas Smith opened the meeting at 7:00 p.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.

Pam Matve attended the meeting to talk to the Supervisors about the Land Bank Initiative and Rural Road Initiative. Pam first spoke about the Land Bank and how it is an arm of the Redevelopment Authority (RDA). Pam stated that through ordinances and intergovernmental agreements this transitions the RDA into an active land bank. This will allow municipalities to partner with the RDA to address blight and be more proactive.

Next, Pam spoke on the Rural Road Initiative. This pertains to a federal government grant for transportation, roads and bridges. Because of the \$5 million minimum project cost, none of our municipalities can accommodate this. The county is proposing that the municipalities build a coalition of projects and a single application can be developed. The county will submit the application to draw on these funds.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2022 meeting by Linda Farnsworth. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Bob Nelson made a motion to accept the Treasurers report dated July 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 \$51,216.50 for the general fund; \$38,251.56 for the sewer fund; \$6,957.01 for the sewer II fund; \$2,742.69 for the state fund and \$14,844.31 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 stated that he has been helping Glade and Farmington with oiling. He has to work on Peterson Hollow to get it ready for oil. He stated that he has oil scheduled for next week and is hoping to get Howard, Gouldtown and Norberg done, weather permitting. Stanton Hill has all of the cross pipes installed and most of the brush is cut, there are a few trees to finish trimming.

Mowing along roads is progressing and they have been using the tar buggy to fix the cracks and holes.

Dave mentioned that Townline is not holding up very well and he figures in a year or two it will need redone. Doug noted that this township has been very proactive in helping other townships and wants to be sure we are not being taken advantage of. Dave advised that this is not the case at all, the other townships go above and beyond to provide help to us when we need it.

There was some discussion on Farmington's section of Townline Road. Dave felt that this could be oiled but Farmington has completed their oiling. Dave mentioned Egypt Hollow should have a second coat and he would like to get that done before Townline. He did mention that we had agreed to help Farmington with the oiling of Townline.

Dave advised that the stone they bid out this year is much better than previous years. It is much cleaner.

Next was a discussion on passing a Resolution to join the COG. The COG has reorganized and a new Resolution needs to be passed. After some discussion on this issue and with the understanding that attendance of the meetings is not required, the Supervisors were in agreement with the Township being part of the COG. Bob Nelson made a motion to pass Resolution #7-13-22 authorizing intergovernmental cooperation by establishing membership in the Warren County Intergovernmental Co-op. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.


The internet and phone service were the next items discussed. The current service with Verizon is inadequate. Quotes were received for service to the office, garage and Larimer Park, to support the new security cameras being installed. Dave informed the Supervisors that he really has no need for internet to the garage and that he very seldom even uses the phone. He advised that since they had an electrical issue from a fallen tree the answering machine hasn't worked. He inquired as to whether the calls could just come to the office because Dave uses his cell phone. Bob suggested that if Dave is using his personal cell phone for Township business, and we disconnect the garage phone, could the Township pay for Dave's cell phone. Dave has some concerns because he doesn't want his number given out to the general public. The secretary will check into this and apprise the Supervisors. The Supervisors agreed to disconnect the phone and internet service at the garage. A motion was made by Linda Farnsworth to approve the switch to Breezeline for the office at a quoted price of \$125.99 per month and to connect service to Larimer Park with a quoted price of \$109.99 a month plus fees and taxes. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

It was brought up that the IRS has increased the mileage rate. The rate was 58.5 cents and it has been raised to 62.5 cents per mile. Linda Farnsworth made a motion that we adjust the mileage rate from 58.5 cents to 62.5 cents. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda presented some information on new chairs for the conference room. Linda did some research and presented a few different styles of chairs. She commented on the stackable padded chairs and that she prefers these. After a short discussion on the color to purchase a motion was made by Linda Farnsworth to purchase the natural blue stackable chairs at a cost of \$1,239.99 and it was seconded by Bob Nelson.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 8:37 pm. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary