

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2022

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, August 19, 2022 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Jim Seder and Julie Parmenter.

Doug Smith opened the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Doug Smith read over the agenda and asked if there were any comments from visitors or residents.

Jim Seder advised that an electric pole located at the intersection of Big Four Road and Priest Hollow broke about a month ago and the light on the pole has never been replaced. He asked if a new light could be installed on the new pole. The secretary will contact Penelec regarding this, although a pole number would be helpful. Jim Seder offered to get the pole number and let the secretary know.

Jim inquired about the mowing along the roadways and mentioned that this is not getting mowed back far enough from the road. The Supervisors will talk with the road foreman about this and see if, once the road oiling is done, this could be attended to. Jim also asked if they could use the boom mower at Larimer Park along the bank.

Doug indicated to the other Supervisors that Dave contacted him about Andy working after hours. After much discussion on this, it was determined that this is something that Dave should be handling as it is part of his position.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2022 meeting by Robert Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was some dialog on the garage and the repairs to the roof and window in the office. The secretary informed the Supervisors that she has spoken to Dave Passinger about these repairs. Dave advised that he would take a look at these issues and get back to them.

Next was some discussion regarding the road foreman's cell phone. The Supervisors noted that the road foreman uses his personal cell phone to do most or all of the Township Business on, not the phone in the garage. The road foreman indicated that he uses his cell phone because he is not in the garage very much to use that phone. The solicitor was contacted about the possibility of the Township paying for the road foreman's cell phone and his advice was that this would be up to the Supervisors discretion on what they think is appropriate. The Supervisors were in favor of paying this for the road foreman as long as he turns in documentation to the secretary. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve payment of the road foreman's cell phone. Robert Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Employee bonuses were next on the agenda. Doug Smith noted that this had been brought up previously but no action had been taken on it. Bob Nelson proposed that the full-time employees receive a bonus from the ARP funds in the amount of \$1,500 each. Doug Smith made a motion to pay the four full-time employees the sum of \$1,500 each using the ARP funds. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Land Bank Initiative, which was discussed at a previous meeting, was brought up. The Supervisors would like to obtain more information about how this program works and what kind of properties would be included, so it was decided to table this until the next meeting.

The rural road initiative was next on the agenda. Doug Smith noted that he is in favor of this. Doug spent some time and looked at some projects to possibly include for the grant money. He also went over these projects with the road foreman. Doug noted that he spoke with the road foreman about any drainage issues with the projects identified and that they may want to consider this in with the grant so that the drains could be installed before the roads are resurfaced. Since not much is currently known about this initiative, the secretary informed the board that she had forwarded the information to the solicitor for review and advisement on this.


The Wenzel property was discussed. After much investigation it was noted that some information had been found regarding this issue and the secretary will get in touch with the solicitor for review of the documents. Once the solicitor reviews the information, he will be able to advise them on what, if anything needs to be done.

A complaint was received about the condition of the property located at 205 East Street. After review of the complaint by the Supervisors determined that the majority of the items on the complaint had already been taken care of. The Supervisors felt that since the concerns in the complaint had been addressed, a letter would not be required.

The email received from the Fire Department regarding the audit was presented to the Supervisors. It was discussed that the audit is not a request initiated by the Board but that it is a second-class Township law stating that an annual itemized listing of all expenditures of these funds be provided before the township may consider budgeting additional funding to the organization.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 9:55 am. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary