

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Rich Barrett, Steve Grant, 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.

Steve Grant attended the meeting to discuss the letter that was received regarding the condition of his properties. He informed the Supervisors that his property on Market Street has made some progress in cleaning up the debris and mowing. He also has a rental property in Akeley and has spoken with the tenant about getting things cleaned up around the building. He noted that he will try to better job keeping on top of this issue.

Rich Barrett spoke on the new certification for all the emergency management coordinators. He advised the Supervisors that they are going to be required to obtain professional certification so that the EMC's are trained properly. Rich is willing to attend training to receive his national certification. He noted that there may be some travel involved and he would like to request that the Township budget for these expenses. The Supervisors were all in agreement that they will pay for mileage and costs associated with any training that is required.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2022 meeting by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to accept the Treasurers report dated September 14, 2022. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Doug Smith made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$195,152.18 for the general fund; \$20,092.88 for the sewer fund; \$7,006.82 for the sewer II fund; \$73,064.39 for the state fund and \$10,384.13 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 reported the oiling is done for the season. He is looking at Weeping Willow Lane to do some upgrades to this road. He stated that there are some trees that need to be cut back and there are lines in the area that are too low to get equipment in. After some discussion on this Dave figured they could possibly lift the lines, as long as no damage would be done to any property, in order to access the roadway.

Dave mentioned that they started using some of the millings on Townline Road. He will monitor how they work out on the road.

The secretary spoke with Dave Passinger about the repairs to the garage roof and the window that needs replaced. He has already looked at the window and he is hoping to look at the roof this week and get back to us with a quote on both items.

Warren Webster is checking into repairs to the garage heating. They were not sure if they could replace just the damaged section or if the whole tube would need to be replaced. They will let us know as soon as they get the information.

The secretary presented to the Board the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Pension Plan. This informs the governing body of the plan's expected financial obligation for the coming year.

Next was Resolution #9-14-2022 for the allocation of expended ARP funds for various items. This would include chairs purchased for the conference room, lighting upgrades to the township garage, Larimer Park electrical upgrades and new controls for the water system. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve Resolution #9-14-2022 for expenditures of the ARP funds and Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The ARP funds were next on the agenda. The secretary advised that the second tranche of ARP funds in the amount of \$132,615.18 has been received.

Next was some discussion on the sewer rates. The new coupon books will need to be order soon and a decision will need to be made on the monthly sewer rate. The secretary will try to get some information on any upcoming projects at the sewer plant. The Supervisors will take this under consideration and review it at an upcoming meeting.

The scheduling of the budget review date will be tabled until the Friday meeting.

The Supervisors set the Trick or Treat hours for Halloween. Trick or treating will be held on Monday, October 31st from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Trick or Treaters are to only go to homes with their porch lights on.


Bob inquired as to the possibility of some of the millings being placed in the parking lot at Larimer Park. They spoke to the road foreman about this and wondered if they had some slow time maybe they could try to put a layer in the parking lot.

Rich Barrett brought up an incident where a tree came down on North Main Street and the Fire Department took care of this. But his question was, can they take care of this being that it is a state road. Dave also wondered if in that situation, should he take care of this or not. The Supervisors advised that if emergency vehicles could not get through then to go ahead unless wires are involved then the Fire Department should be called and they may have to wait for the electric company to come before any further action can be taken.

Doug Smith commended the road crew for their progress and continuing efforts on the roads.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 8:09 pm. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary