

## MINUTES FOR MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2022

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Jim Seder, 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.

Jim Seder commented that the bank at Larimer Park looks much better since it has been cut back. He would like to commend the road crew on the work they did there.

Rich Barrett attended the meeting to advise the Supervisor's that he has gathered some figures for possible upcoming EMC trainings. He thought this information would be beneficial for the approaching budget meeting.

Jim Seder advised the Supervisor's that Mr. Daughtery has purchased the Litzinger property. His intentions are to demolish the existing home.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2022 meeting by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Bob Nelson made a motion to accept the Treasurers report dated October 12, 2022. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$97,388.46 for the general fund; \$25,204.34 for the sewer fund; \$6,981.62 for the sewer II fund; \$3.00 for the state fund and \$16,713.12 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 Bob Nelson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Dave informed the Supervisor's that they have put some drainage in on Mill Road. They have done some additional drainage work around the garage and cleaned up the parking lot. The garage floor has been completed. The man door has been raised to eliminate the water that has been pooling around that area.

The heating for the garage was discussed. Warren Webster was contacted about this and they advised that they could only get a whole new tube, not just a piece, with an approximate cost of \$4,000 plus shipping. Otherwise, they could remove the piece and repair it. There was some talk on new hanging heaters compared to the cost of a new tube. They talked that if this could be taken down it could be repaired. They suggested the secretary contact Warren Webster about taking it down and doing the repairs.

The Supervisor's discussed the change order for the garage floor work. Additional work was discovered that was needed. A motion was made by Doug Smith to retroactively approve the change order for the garage floor at an additional cost of \$11,780. It was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was the motion to adopt RESOLUTION #10-12-22 to adopt Act 57. Act 57 states that failure to receive a tax notice shall not relieve any taxpayer from payment of the taxes imposed and such taxpayer shall be charged with their taxes as though the tax notice was received. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION #10-12-22 for Act 57. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The sewer rates were discussed and it was mentioned that Warren Webster has begun checking the system for groundwater infiltration. The solicitor will be contacted about who is responsible for these repairs. After much discussion on whether or raise rates or not and ordering one- or two-year books. It was decided that one-year books would be ordered and hopefully during the next year some of these leaks can be repaired which will give a better perspective on how they system is performing.

A resident complaint was received about the no parking sign on N. Main Street. He noted that it is in bad condition and he would like it removed or replaced. PennDOT was contacted and they advised it is a township sign. The supervisors advised the road foreman to remove the sign.

The Larimer Park property was analyzed and it was discovered that this was never recorded. The secretary will contact the appropriate parties to get this issue finalized. Any expenses related to this will be funded by the Township.

The Supervisor's decided to review the budget at the upcoming meetings.

Doug Smith mentioned that a question was brought up about our current vacation policy. There is not intention of changing any of the current policies.

The Bortz Subdivision was brought up and a motion was passed to add this to the agenda. Bob Nelson made a motion to add this as an agenda item and Doug Smith seconded it. The subdivision was reviewed and approved by the board.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion for adjournment at 8:10 pm. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

  
Secretary