

## MINUTES FOR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2022

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Greg Senyo, 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.

There were no comments from visitors or residents.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2022 meeting by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Doug Smith made a motion to accept the Treasurers report dated November 9, 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 \$89,526.14 for the general fund; \$24,339.57 for the sewer fund; \$7,557.14 for the sewer II fund; \$1,556.08 for the state fund and \$13,036.38 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 Doug Smith. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Dave reported that they did some trimming along the river at the boat launch at Larimer Park. He noted that there is still a little hand work to be done, weather dependent.

He also updated the Supervisors on the truck repairs. The small truck is being worked on, one of the plow trucks is at Dykes and the red truck needs a water pump, which they are waiting on.

The property located at 106 Cottage Place was reviewed. A motion was made by Linda Farnsworth to pass **Resolution No. 11-9-22** declaring this property to be blighted. A letter will be sent to the property owner with a copy of the Resolution giving them a time frame to remove the blighted structure. If no response is received after the 30 days, it will be forward to the Blighted Property Committee. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was the **Resolution No. 11-10-22** for the purpose of authorizing an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the Warren County Land Bank. This resolution will allow Pine Grove Township to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Warren County Land Bank which will authorize and encourage the land bank to operate within the municipality. A motion to pass **Resolution No. 11-10-22** to enter into the intergovernmental agreement with the Warren County Land Bank was made by Doug Smith. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the Warren County Land Bank and Pine Grove Township was discussed. This agreement between the Land Bank and Municipality is designed to address vacant, abandoned and tax delinquent properties in their joint jurisdiction.

A motion was made by Linda Farnsworth to enter into this Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with the Warren County Land Bank and Bob Nelson seconded it. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The health insurance renewal was evaluated for the coming year. After reviewing the medical coverage options, the Supervisors decided to continue with the current plan. Bob Nelson made a motion to renew our coverage for the UPMC SBA Gold PPO plan. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was the liability insurance for the Township. The renewal rates have not yet been received from the insurance company. The Supervisors will budget for this accordingly and if need be revisit the budget once the rates are acquired.

Rich Barrett spoke on PEMA's guidance on municipalities signing on to the new Emergency Operations Plan. PEMA is encouraging municipalities to place more emphasis on a planning process instead of just a written plan. Rich noted that they are trying to ensure a readied Emergency Operations Center to support jurisdictions and regionalization between two like subdivision. This would make it possible for an Emergency Management Coordinator to support other municipalities providing both entities participated in the planning process. This directive permits the municipalities to adopt the county plan as their own. Rich is hoping to acquire more information on what schooling is required when he goes to Harrisburg next week.

There was some conversation on the sewer line repairs. Warren Webster Corp. inspected some of the problem areas of the sewer system with cameras. There were multiple locations with water infiltration. Most of the problems are the Townships obligation. Although, there are a few that appear to be the homeowner's responsibility. The solicitor has been contacted for guidance on this issue. He is reviewing the rules and regulations and the sewage connection ordinance. He will advise as to what our options are.

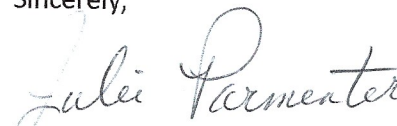
A request was received for a direction sign to the Martz Observatory at the intersection of Gouldtown and Akeley Road. After some discussion, it was noted that the Supervisors have no problem with a sign. Although, it was realized that this is a state road and because of this, PennDOT would have to be contacted. The secretary will get in touch with PennDOT about the possibility of placing a sign at the requested intersection.

The Supervisors evaluated the proposed 2023 budget and without any additional changes, it was agreed that the budget is ready to be advertised for review.

The Clifford & Norma Cable subdivision was next. This subdivision proposal divides parcel WN-3-424 into four (4) lots. The Supervisors reviewed the map and signed it.

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

Sincerely,

  
Secretary