

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2022

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Kevin Henry, Carl & Karen Stroup, Dan Hanson, Veronica Sterling, Landon Sterling, Stephen Leonhardt, Jim Seder, Dave McJunkin and Julie Parmenter.

Douglas Smith opened the meeting at 7:06 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.

Kevin Henry from Five Star Equipment spoke to the Board regarding the possible purchase of a new grader. He presented information to the Supervisors and road foreman and reviewed pricing. He offered a quote on a John Deere and advised that the price he cited would be good until the end of December. He anticipates pricing will go up the beginning of the year. He talked on the warranty which is good for one year. He went over the options on the grader and presented a quote showing what the annual payment would be with \$100,000 down. If a decision is made to move forward by the end of the month, it will lock in the pricing. Doug suggested that before a decision is made on a purchase of this magnitude the Board should review the budget. Kevin suggested that he could evaluate our current grader and submit to the Supervisors an estimate and he also advised the Board that they could go onto Municibid where we may get a considerable higher price. The Supervisors will take all of this information under consideration.

Carl and Karen Stroup attended the meeting to extend their thanks to the road crew on the great work they did on Stanton Hill.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2022 meeting by Doug Smith. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Bob Nelson made a motion to accept the Treasurers report dated December 14, 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 \$43,583.04 for the general fund; \$25,171.90 for the sewer fund; \$6,701.62 for the sewer II fund; \$5,113.46 for the state fund and \$10,335.12 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 Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Dave reported that things have been quiet.

Jim Seder wanted to recognize the good work that the road crew is doing with keeping up with the condition of the roads.

The 2023 Budget with revenues set at \$715,300.00 and expenses at \$658,260.00. Doug Smith made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget as presented with no tax increase and it was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance package quote was received from Erie Insurance. The renewal showed an increase in costs. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to renew our policy with Erie Insurance and Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The water authority presented a proposal from Kuntze for an upgrade to the system along with a list of incidental items. The upgrade is for a Krypton DIS Touch Measuring system. The current system needs cleaned weekly and each time the maintenance is performed, the seal weakens needing replaced monthly. The new system is self-cleaning and will eliminate the need to replace the seal. The Supervisors agreed that they would pay for this upgrade using ARP Funds but the list of incidentals would have to come out of the water authority funds. A motion was made by Bob Nelson to approve payment of the new Krypton DIS Touch Measuring system in the amount of \$4,960, with funds to come out of the ARP Fund. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The secretary advised that the Race Street property subdivision is almost complete. The Planning Commission approved this and the mylar map has been recorded. The solicitor will prepare the deed.

The Tyler Wagner subdivision was next. This subdivision located along Fox Hill Road proposes to sever Lot 2 (11.37 acres) from Lot 1 (Tax Parcel WN-2-6830). Access to Lot 2 will be via a 40' wide right-of-way that will be conveyed with and be part of Lot 2. The Supervisors reviewed the map and signed it.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion for adjournment at 8:19 pm. Douglas Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary