

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2022

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, November 18, 2022 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Tim Bevevino and Julie Parmenter.

Doug Smith opened the meeting at 8:30 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.

There were no comments from visitors or residents.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2022 meeting by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Tim Bevevino attended the meeting to advise the Supervisors on what options are available for them relative to the property located at 12 N. Main St. The Supervisors stated that this is an issue that they have been working on for a number of years with little to no progress. Tim advised that they could approach this with the current Nuisance Ordinance. He recommended an official nuisance letter be sent out and served by the constable. This would be filed with the district justice and it would levy a fine. Then, if they so choose, they could follow through with the Nuisance Ordinance which states that every day constitutes a new fine. This would eventually add up and a bench warrant can be issued and an arrest made for nonpayment of fines. Another avenue would be to execute on the lien and put it up for sheriff sale. Although, he advised he would need to check into the liens further. He also informed the Board that there is a Township that has a demolition ordinance but this is something that would need to be adopted first. He advised that with the demolition the Township would pay for the initial cost and a lien could be put against the property owners to reimburse the township. After further discussion, it was Tim's recommendation to proceed with the Nuisance Ordinance due to the existing condition of the property. A conservatorship was brought up but decided that is not how the Board would like to handle this. The Supervisors agreed that they should have a letter served on the property owner and follow through with the violations attached to the Ordinance. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to send a Nuisance Ordinance violation letter to the property owner for the property located at 12 N. Main Street, Russell, PA. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Supervisors discussed the blighted conservatorship that Linda Farnsworth did some research on. Doug Smith commented that he read the handout and concluded that this would be something that would be under the land bank. Bob Nelson agreed with Doug on this issue.

Bob Nelson advised that at a recent water authority meeting Rusty approached the water board about a unit at the water tank that needs to be cleaned weekly. Rusty briefed the Board that every time they clean this the seal does not adhere properly and needs to be replaced approximately once a month. He informed them that there is a product available that is self-cleaning. Bob advised Rusty to get a price on this and he would take it to the Board of Supervisors to discuss possible funding for this.

Stiffler McGraw met with Bob Nelson on the water run off issue along N. Main Street. They went over three scenarios on this problem. Bob explained the three scenarios to the other Supervisors. He stated that Joel will take all of the information regarding this problem back to his office and they will develop a design and bring back to the Supervisors. He also mentioned that there is the possibility of getting some grant money. These generally are a 15% match but we may also be able to get help locally with the 15%. They asked the secretary to check into any local grant money that may be available.

Next was some talk on the sewer system repairs. A sample letter was received from the attorney to forward to residents that need to have repairs done to their service lines. The Supervisors would like to move forward with repairs that need to be done by the township before proceeding with the residents.

Linda spoke about the newsletter and its content. She advised that a committee has been established and some rules are now in place for future newsletters.

Doug Smith made a motion for adjournment at 10:10 am. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Parmenter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Secretary