

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2023

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, February 3, 2023 at 8:15 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth via telephone. Others present were Ken Crosby and Julie Parmenter.

Doug Smith opened the meeting at 8:15 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.

Ken Crosby attended today's meeting to review the title search that was requested by the Supervisors on the North Main Street property. Mr. Crosby commented on some of the items contained in the report and their possible satisfaction timeframe. Ken informed the Supervisor's that confirmation will still need to be obtained from the revenue office. He would like to check into any judgements to see if they still need to be fulfilled, as they may not apply any longer. He also advised that there are back taxes on the property but there appears to be no IRS liens. It appears everything is from the PA Dept. of Revenue. He will do some more investigating on this subject and let the Supervisor's know what he finds.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2023 meeting by Linda Farnsworth. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Race Street property deed was discussed. The solicitor advised that the deed is complete but there is a 2% transfer tax. He informed the secretary that the transfer tax was not paid previously because the deed was never recorded. He asked how the Supervisor's would like to handle this transfer tax? A motion was made by Bob Nelson that the Township pay the transfer tax on the property. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A Resolution presented to the Supervisor's by the secretary for the destruction of certain records. A motion to pass **Resolution #2-3-23** for the destruction of certain records was made by Linda Farnsworth. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was a list from the road foreman of road signage that is either missing or possibly needed. Linda Farnsworth commented and thought the oil and chip signs would be a good investment. After scrutinizing the list, it was decided that this should be tabled until the remaining items can be clarified.

Warren Webster is currently working on the problems that were found after they used cameras to inspect the sewer system due to high volumes of waste water being sent to North Warren Municipal Authority for treatment. It was discussed that a few of the problems found are homeowner's responsibilities and those residents will be notified of repairs that need to be completed.

The secretary presented a bill to the Supervisors from Warren Webster of a resident who is putting flushable wipes into the system and it is clogging the pump. The Supervisors suggested sending a letter to the resident to notify them that if this continues, they will be responsible for any future charges occurring from wipes being put into the system from that address.

Bob Nelson informed Doug and Linda that Heather, from the Conservation District, is coming to the office to meet with Dave and himself. They are going to take a look at the water runoff issue along North Main Street to see what, if anything can be done to help remedy this problem. It was discussed that Stiffler McGraw has already reviewed this situation but the quotes received for their plans are much higher than anticipated. Bob will let the other Supervisor's know at the next meeting if they can come up with any other options for this issue.

Doug Smith brought up the Water Authority expenses that the Township has incurred recently. There was some discussion on whether or not the Authority could start to take on some of their own payroll expenses. It was communicated that maybe the Authority could give the Township a sum towards payroll reimbursement when they have extra funds in their account. Bob advised that he would have it put on the agenda for the next Water Authority meeting and confer with the Water Authority Board.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion for adjournment at 9:10 am. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary