

### MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2023

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, March 17, 2023 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Rich Barrett, Mike English, Steve Horsley, Dave McJunkin and Julie Parmenter.

Doug Smith opened the meeting at 8:37 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.

Steve Horsley was first to speak. He wanted to discuss the articles appearing in the spring edition of the Township Life. Linda mentioned a couple other features that will be finished up soon. Bob wrote up a short piece on some of the recent improvements made within the Township. Linda suggested the spring newsletter be published in April. Steve updated the Supervisors on the editorials to be incorporated into the newsletter.

Next, Mike English inquired on any update to the request for any signage or lighting available for Werner Park. The secretary has been in contact with PennDOT about this but does not have anything definite yet. We are checking into flashing lights on the park entrance signs but we have not heard back from PennDOT on this issue. It was suggested, by PennDOT, that we check into a message board for upcoming events. They talked about the land that the fire department owns and possibly diverting traffic onto Oak Lane and putting in a road to the park from there.

Mike also wanted to comment on the City of Warren's notice pertaining to the ambulance service fees. He suggested that we make this reciprocal on Pine Grove going to Warren with our equipment. He suggested that we reserve the right to bill the City when we have to go there. The Supervisors would like the secretary to set up a meeting with the City regarding this issue.

Mike informed the Supervisors that he is in the process of trying to recruit new members to the fire department. He enlightened them as to what may happen if they cannot find enough volunteers to keep the department up and running and the cost impact it would potentially have on Township residents. He also asked the Supervisor's to be on board with support in acquiring people to participate in the fire department. They discussed putting something in the newsletter which may be helpful.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2023 meeting by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was the road materials to be bid out. It was determined that they would bid out 6,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 35,000 gallons MC-70, 2,500 tons of stone and the same paving projects that were bid out last year. The secretary will get the bid packets ready and plan on opening bids at the April meeting.

A motion to adopt **Resolution #3-17-23** to allocate the county aid funds for road maintenance was made by Doug Smith. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.<sup>43</sup>

The certification of mileage rates was reviewed and signed.

Next was some talk on the Warren County School Districts master facilities plan letter which the supervisor's received. This letter was a request for attendance from community leaders. Bob mentioned that he feels it would be in the best interest for the Supervisors to be present.

The secretary spoke with Dan Glotz recently and he mentioned that Pine Grove does not have anyone appointed as a delegate for the COG. Rich Barrett attends the COG and informed the Supervisors that he believes good things are going to come out of the COG. He reported that it has become more structured than it used to be. Doug Smith volunteered to be the delegate.

An update on the N. Main Street water run off issue. The secretary has contacted Warren County Conservation District, PennDOT, the County and DEP about this to no avail. It was decided to contact Cable Excavating on putting a pipe along the beauty shop's property and diverting the water that way. Dave will contact Dan Cable about a cost estimate on this.

Next was the secretaries pay rate. The Supervisor's made a motion to increase the secretaries pay rate. Bob Nelson made a motion to award a bonus performance and Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Doug Smith made a motion for adjournment at 10:12 am. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Secretary