

## MINUTES FOR MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Linda Farnsworth and Robert Nelson, Doug Smith was absent. Others present were Ken Larsen, Rich Barrett, Jim Seder and Julie Parmenter.

Linda Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Linda Farnsworth read over the agenda and asked if there were any comments from visitors or residents.

No comments were made.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the November 17, 2023 meeting by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Bob Nelson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated December 13, 2023. 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 \$27,042.45 for the general fund, \$24,843.42 for the sewer fund, \$7,056.80 for the sewer II fund, \$5.00 for state fund and \$15,007.33 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 McJunkin was not available for the road report. It was noted that he has just returned to work this week after his surgery. Dave did advise Bob that they have been doing upkeep on the equipment. He also stated that they may start some ditching on some of the back roads as long as the weather stays nice.

Rich Barrett commented on the multi municipal emergency services 2024 agreement. He does not have much information on this yet. Rich advised that currently they are trying schedule people so they have coverage. The Supervisor's will table this issue until a further information can be obtained.

Next was the engineering services agreement received from Stiffler McGraw. In the past, we have used them as our engineers but have entered into any agreements. The Supervisor's agreed that they would use Stiffler McGraw on an as needed basis but wish to refrain from entering into the agreement.

The increase of real estate millage was next on the agenda. It was stated that all three Supervisors have discussed this issue at previous meetings and all were in favor of the increase. Due to the rising costs of equipment, repairs, and general expenses, they feel that this is necessary. The increase will be 1 mill which will change the real estate tax rate from 4.0 to 5.0. The millage for fire services will remain unchanged. Bob Nelson made a motion to pass **RESOLUTION #12-13-23** to increase the millage rate and Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The 2024 Budget with revenues set at \$657,300.00 and expenses at \$642,000.00 was reviewed. Bob Nelson made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget as presented with a 1 mil real estate tax increase and it was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Rich Barret inquired as to if we had a line item to put money aside for equipment purchase because of the age of our existing equipment. The Supervisor's informed him that they do have a fund for those kinds of purchases.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 7:33 PM. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

  
Secretary