

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2023

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, December 15, 2023 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Doug Smith, Linda Farnsworth and Robert Nelson. Others present were Tim Bevevino, Dave McJunkin and Julie Parmenter.

Doug Smith opened the meeting at 8:34 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.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2023 meeting by Doug Smith. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was the review of the workers comp and municipal liability package renewal. It was noted that there is an increase in the premiums. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to renew the AmTrust Workers Comp and the Trident Municipal Package. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Supervisors set the employee Christmas party for Friday, December 22nd. A motion was made by Doug Smith to purchase the food for the Christmas party and the employee gift cards. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.


Tim Bevevino spoke to the Supervisor's regarding the property maintenance ordinance. He reviewed the template that we provided and advised that he has concerns regarding how intrusive it is. He stated that it pertains to both the inside and the outside of buildings. He also noted that it makes reference to a code enforcement officer, which we do not have. He believes a lot of the content of the ordinance could require having an engineer or architect involved because of the wording of the ordinance. Tim did a considerable amount of research and came across an ordinance from another township that deals with just exterior conditions of a property. Although, he noted that still leaves us with the problem of enforcement. Tim believes that 80% of the items the Supervisor's are concerned about would be covered under our existing nuisance ordinance. The Supervisor's will review the ordinance that Tim provided. Linda gave Tim a copy of an ordinance they had been working on, which he will look over.

Next was a zoom meeting with Jay Grasso. He gave some background on the company. He has been doing grant work and most of his clients are smaller and rural. They will look for grants pertaining to our needs. He inquired as to what our needs are. Doug advised that we have old antiquated equipment that is outdated and we are concerned about the life of the machinery. Jay mentioned the USDA loans are low interest and can be taken for the life of the equipment.

Linda gave an update on the Russell Vol Fire Dept in the absence of Mike English. She noted they had election of officers at their last meeting.

Doug Smith made a motion for adjournment at 10:25 am. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary