

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2024

The Organizational meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Linda Farnsworth and Robert Nelson. Others present were Vance Lauffenburger, Richard Barrett, Jim Seder, Dave McJunkin, and Julie Parmenter.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Bob Nelson made a motion to appoint Linda Farnsworth as temporary chairman. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion.

The first order of business was the nomination of officers. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to nominate Doug Smith as chairman. Bob Nelson seconded the motion.

Chairman – Douglas Smith – Linda Farnsworth motion and Bob Nelson second. All in favor.
 Vice Chairman – Linda Farnsworth – Bob Nelson motion and Linda Farnsworth second. All in favor.
 Treasurer – Julie Parmenter – Linda Farnsworth motion and Bob Nelson second. All in favor.
 Assistant Treasurer – Bob Nelson – Linda Farnsworth motion and Bob Nelson second. All in favor.
 Secretary – Julie Parmenter – Linda Farnsworth motion and Bob Nelson second. All in favor.
 Vacancy Board Member – Jim Schrecongost – Linda Farnsworth motion and Bob Nelson second. All in favor.

Road Foreman – Dave McJunkin – Bob Nelson motion and Linda Farnsworth second. All in favor.
 Skilled Laborers – Nathan Markham & Andy Kuppertz – Linda Farnsworth motion and Doug Smith second. All in favor.

Solicitor – Swanson, Bevevino and Sharp Law & Know Law Firm as needed – Linda Farnsworth motion and Bob Nelson second. All in favor.

Depository – Northwest Bank and PNC Bank – Doug Smith motion and Bob Nelson second. All in favor.

Sewage Enforcement Officer – Todd Fantaskey with alternate Collin Fantaskey – Bob Nelson motion and Doug Smith second. All in favor.

Emergency Coordinator – Richard Barrett – Linda Farnsworth motion and Doug Smith second. All in Favor.

The Supervisors decided to go with the federal cost of living increase of 3.2% for a wage increase for the employees. Bob Nelson made a motion to increase the employees' pay rates by 3.2% and Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The following will be as follows for 2024:

Holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Black Friday, 1/2 Day on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Vacation: Road Crew and Secretary

1 year	5 days
2 through 9 years	10 days
10 through 19 years	15 days
20 years or more	20 days

Personal Days: 5

Sick Time: after 1 year	5 days paid sick time
2 years on	8 days paid sick time

Death in the Family - *Immediate Family - 5 days off with pay
 **Extended Family - 1 day off with pay

*Immediate Family – Mother, Father, Husband, Wife, Child, Sister, Brother, Grandparent, Mother-in-Law, Father-in-Law
 **Extended Family - Aunt, Uncle, Brother-in-Law, Sister-in-Law, Cousin

Bob Nelson made a motion to approve the holidays, vacation, personal days, sick days and funeral time. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Mileage Compensation: \$.67

Doug Smith made a motion to increase the mileage compensation to .67 cents per mile. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Bond Limit set at \$1,300,000

The treasurer's bond limit set at \$1,300,000 motion was made by Doug Smith and seconded by Bob Nelson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Voting Delegate to the State Convention – Douglas Smith

Supervisors meeting will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall and the 4th Friday of each month at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. A motion was made by Linda Farnsworth and seconded by Bob Nelson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Bob Nelson made a motion to adjourn the organization meeting at 7:16 p.m. Doug Smith seconded the motion.

Doug Smith opened the regular township meeting at 7:17 p.m.

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

Vance Lauffenburger inquired as to whether or not the township is part of the blighted property. He voiced his concerns about the property downtown that belongs to Mr. Niver and its condition. The Supervisor's advised that they have exhausted almost all avenues with this property. They advised that it has been sent to the Blighted Property Committee and they declined to proceed with it. The Supervisor's advised that if an opportunity presented itself in regards to this property they would move on it.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the December 15, 2023 by Bob Nelson. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated January 2, 2024. Bob Nelson 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 \$16,102.79 for the general fund, \$22,366.14 for the sewer fund, \$8,420.30 for the sewer II fund, \$5.00 for the state fund, \$6,741.67 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.

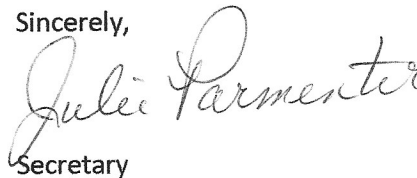
Dave reported that there has not been much going on. Mostly maintenance on the equipment. Doing some ditching and filling potholes. Doug asked about the big truck, Dave noted that they went to get it but doesn't know if any of the work was completed. The Supervisors mentioned maybe taking it somewhere else to get the work done. There is another truck out to get repairs done for inspection purposes.

Doug Smith mentioned that he is working on a 6-year plan and would like the other Supervisors to review what he has come up with. He will get it to them shortly.

Linda brought up the road to go to the boat launch. Bob mentioned that if the road isn't built correctly, they will have people getting stuck. There is some concern about getting around the ballfield. The Supervisor's decided that when spring comes, they could go down and look at the area to see if anything can be done.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 7:50 PM. Doug Smith 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 above the printed title "Secretary".

Secretary