

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Dave Schwanke, Rich Barrett, Dave McJunkin and Julie Parmenter.

Douglas Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

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

Dave Schwanke advised the Supervisors that him and Rich Barrett were here to represent the fire dept. He informed the board that there are fewer members and the fire department would like to work with the Supervisors to possibly formulate some kind of plan for recruitment. Dave thinks the sooner they can get started on this the better. Dave noted that he would like to have a representative at all of the Township meetings. He has sent a list of members to the Township secretary that are authorized to speak for the Fire Department. The secretary will put them on the agenda for the regular Wednesday night meetings.

Dave Schwanke asked if anyone had contacted the Township regarding the Frewsburg Fire Departments ATV dice run. They have not heard any definite plans for the route this will follow but it is suspected to go from Frewsburg to Scandia to Russell and back to Frewsburg. This event is scheduled to take place on June 15th. Doug Smith offered to contact a Supervisors from Frewsburg to inquire about this event.

Rich Barrett mentioned the proposed Lictus Oil project on Market Street. Lictus Oil purchased the property along Market Street that was previously earmarked for a housing development. They have plans to construct offices and a propane storage tank. It was indicated that a study of the water system and water pressure for that property has not been done since the water system was installed. Rich noted that this would be good to do so that they can determine if fire protection can be provided. Bob Nelson offered to bring this issue up at the water authority board meeting tomorrow evening.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the February 23, 2024 meeting by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated March 13, 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 \$17,131.40 for the general fund, \$36,671.68 for the sewer fund, \$8,929.94 for the sewer II fund, \$5.00 for the state fund, \$14,168.91 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 reported that they plowed a little the other day but there hasn't been much snow this season. He indicated that a bucket truck or some kind of equipment to trim trees would be productive in maintaining the roads. With a piece of equipment like this, they would be able to do more daylighting of the roads which would be beneficial in preserving the roads. It was noted from a representative from

Suit-Kote advised that all the problems with the roads are places where the road is shaded. Dave advised that they would need 50 ft minimum for tree trimming.

Doug asked about the truck that was priced out. Dave is waiting to hear back on this. They would also have to have it upfitted and he has contacted a place out of New York and he is waiting to hear back from him also. There was also some discussion on some other pieces of equipment but information still being obtained on these.

Linda questioned if they were going to do a road inspection. After some talk on the current road conditions, they agreed that they don't need to do this at the present time. If something comes up, then they will revisit this.

Dave brought up Reynolds Run and the fact that it is closed due to Elk Township doing some bridge work. He suggested that now would be a good time to do any maintenance work while it is closed. The supervisors would have to know what needs to be done and what it is going to cost before a decision can be made.

A motion to adopt **Resolution #3-13-24** to allocate the county aid funds for road maintenance was made by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The date for Spring Clean-Up is set for May 18th. The time will be from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The cost will be \$10 for cars and \$20 for trucks and trailers. They must be township residents and licenses will be checked. An ad will be posted with items that cannot be disposed of.

The certification of millage rates was reviewed and signed.

The supervisors discussed the appointment of a new tax collector since the resignation of the former one. After some discussion on this, Bob Nelson made motion to appoint Julie Parmenter as tax collector. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A conversation on tables for the conference room for ROAR to utilize was next. Linda commented that there was some talk about ROAR maybe using the Town Hall again for their meetings. It has not yet been determined if ROAR wants to move their meetings yet or not. The ROAR committee will see how the next meeting goes before any decisions are made. Linda prices some tables and mentioned that ROAR could pay for them. The Supervisors requested that she present a lay out of how the tables will be placed and they will revisit this issue at a later date.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 8:25 PM. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary