

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, April 10, 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, Jim Seder, Daniella Langianise – Times Observer, Dave McJunkin and Julie Parmenter.

Douglas Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 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.

Rich Barrett spoke on an EMS plan for the township. Rich presented information to the Supervisors about what would be involved with this Multi Municipal Agreement. Rich advised that they would have to pass a resolution to join the plan and that they would want to consider the different options available to fund this. There was conversation on whether to increase the tax rate or make a contribution to support this program. Emergycare would be the one to consult with regarding the cost to sustain this in lieu of a tax increase. Rich will have the information forwarded for the Supervisors to review.

Dave Schwanke mentioned that it would be the 90th Anniversary for the Fire Dept. They will have banners made.

Bob Nelson requested that, if possible, the Fire Department could have a piece of equipment at the Pine Grove Days in May. They stated that they should have something available for this event.

Jim Seder asked who is responsible for the upkeep on the new sign at Larimer Park. He mentioned that the Lions Club fixed the electric that was damaged during the installation of the sign. He also noted that there is a flag missing and wondered where it is. It was advised that they could go to Kathy Rapp's office and get a new flag at no charge. The Supervisor's advised that we will go ahead and get a flag for the pole.

Jim Seder also inquired about the maintenance around the office and if they would like him to continue with this work. The Supervisors have been very satisfied with his work and stated that they are fine with him doing the outside maintenance. Jim advised that he is able to do the work at the present time but if that should change, he will notify them.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the March 22, 2024 meeting by Bob Nelson. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Bob Nelson questioned the transfer of the funds from Northwest to PLGIT. The secretary advised that this has been completed and the first transfer was made. The rest of the funds can now be moved since the account is active. The secretary advised that the State Fund account, which is in PNC Bank, gets little to not interest and there is an analysis charge that is more than the interest. Maybe they want to consider moving these funds to PLGIT also. The Supervisors would like to move these funds also. The secretary will contact PLGIT about this.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated March 13, 2024. Doug Smith 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 reported that they have been sweeping the roads within the village. They have also been doing a lot of tree trimming along Egypt Hollow. They have a piece of rental equipment to do the trimming. The Supervisors stated that if they need to extend the rental by another week or so they are on board with this.

Dave mentioned that a new truck is going out for bid. Once the bids come in then we can move ahead with this process.

Next was review of the Quit-Claim deed to Kopf with respect to the unopened portions of Beechwood, Maplewood, and Elmwood Avenues. Under advisement from the solicitor, the Supervisors will not proceed with signing the Quit-Claim deed as they have no interest in this.


There was some talk on the Cottage Place property which has an interested buyer. Nothing further has been heard from the interest party, so at this time it was decided to table this issue. At such time as progress is being made with the individual obtaining the piece of property, they will review it.

Resolution #4-10-24 regarding rental properties was reviewed. This motion states that owner(s) of rental properties in the Township are ultimately responsible for water, sewer and other municipal services provided to the property. From the date of passing Resolution #4-10-24, the owner of any rental property shall be responsible and pay for water, sewer or other services delivered to the property. Any accounts for such services shall now be in the name of the property owner, not the tenant(s). Doug Smith made a motion to pass Resolution #4-10-24 and it was seconded by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Supervisors reviewed the letter regarding the Frewsburg Fire Departments upcoming Dice Run Fund Raiser. There has not been any further communication from Frewsburg regarding the progress on this event. The Supervisors reviewed the letter, which would relieve them of any liability, and signed the letter of support.

It was mentioned that someone contacted the office about possibly purchasing the property located on N. Main Street. The inquired as to a contact number as the number on the For Sale sign is not legible.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion for adjournment at 7:53 PM. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Secretary