

## MINUTES FOR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, September 26, 2025 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Rich Barrett and Julie Parmenter.

Douglas Smith opened the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

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.

No visitors were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2025, meeting by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Rich Barrett gave an update on the Fire Department's out of service status. He advised that they have been out of service more than usual due to some members being unavailable. He also stated that the Emergycare agreement that was previously reviewed has been losing participating municipalities. He thinks they may remove some of their ambulances from the area due to lack of participation. The Supervisors emphasized that they had requested a copy of the contract with Emergycare to review, but never received one. Rich noted this and advised the he will get in touch with someone and try to get a copy of the contract for the Supervisors. The Supervisor's discussed that maybe this is something that they could budget for in 2026.

Next was a short discussion on the Collin's case. The solicitor, Tim Bevevino, advised that he will no longer be able to represent the Township in this case due to the fact that there has been a filing naming him in the case. He informed the secretary the Matt McCullough with MacDonald Illig had previously represented Mr. Fantaskey in this case and is familiar with it. Mr. Bevevino thought that Mr. McCullough would be the best choice to represent the Township moving forward. Bob Nelson made a motion to retain Mr. McCullough with MacDonald Illig to represent the Township in the Collin's case. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The upcoming Health & Vision Insurance renewal was reviewed. The Supervisors will examine the options for renewal and discuss this at next meeting.

Some complaints have been received on the recent seal coating project that was completed on various road. Residents have noted that they feel there is excessive stone left on the roadways. The secretary advised that she spoke with the contractor regarding this and they recommend that this material be left on the roads as it is better for the road with the changing seasons. Doug Smith mentioned that he thinks the road crew may have already been on those roads and swept this off. The secretary will check with the road foreman to see if this has been done.

Bob Nelson advised that he and Fred Stanton had met with a contractor for the electrical work that needs repaired at Larimer Park. An estimate was received from Swanson Electric in the amount of \$1,800, with the exception of the excavation work. Bob Nelson mentioned that he spoke with the Lions and Lioness about contributing towards this project. Both organizations are willing the contribute some funds towards this. Doug Smith made a motion to accept the estimate of \$1,800, with a down payment of \$800, for the electrical work at Larimer Park. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The 2026 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Emergency Medical Services between the City of Warren and Pine Grove Township was reviewed. There were no substantial changes to this agreement other than it now establishes

the effective period as January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Bob Nelson made a motion to accept the agreement and Doug Smith seconded it. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Township has an old truck that has reached its usefulness. The Supervisor's discussed this and agreed that they would sell this at a price of \$500. The secretary will inquire as to what is needed to proceed with the sale of this vehicle.

The Supervisors set the Trick or Treat hours for Halloween. Trick or treating will be held on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Trick or Treaters are to only go to homes with their porch lights on.

A short discussion on a resident who has requested that she not have to pay the penalty amount of her County/Township 2025 Taxes. She sent a letter to the Supervisors stating that she never received her 2025 County/Township tax notice in the mail, although she states that she had a change of address with the Post Office. The tax law states that failure to receive notice shall not relieve any tax payer from the payment of taxes and shall be charged his taxes as though he had received notice. The Supervisor's will have to contact the tax collector on this. No action will be taken on this issue at the present time.

Next was some conversation regarding a proposal from a property owner on the possible interest that the Supervisor's might have in acquiring it. The Supervisor's would like to do some further investigation into the situation and how to go about a property purchase, if they are so inclined.

Next was the budget meeting dates. The Supervisors will meet to review the budget on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. If it is determined that another meeting is necessary, they will set it at the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Doug Smith made a motion for adjournment at 9:34 am. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,



Secretary