

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Tom Vancermark, Theodore Smith, Holden Smith, Dale Trubic, 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.

Theodore Smith spoke on the property at 106 Cottage Place which is listed on the upcoming Judicial sale. He questioned as to whether this property has both water and sewer and he was advised that it does. He inquired with the Fire Department representatives at the meeting, if they could do a controlled burn on the structure. They informed Mr. Smith on what the process would be to make this happen. Mr. Smith also referred to a discussion with the Supervisor's regarding the possibility of the Township putting in drainage on the property. The Supervisors advised that, quite possibly, something could be worked out with the drainage. Mr. Smith also inquired as to any ordinances the Township may have pertaining to items that can be stored outside of homes, in regards to neighboring properties. The Supervisor's advised him that it would depend on what items are stored outside and the condition of said items.

Next item on the agenda was the opening of road material bids. After review of the bids, it was decided that action on the bids would be tabled, with the exception of the diesel fuel bids, until the next meeting pending review of available finances and budget considerations.

Melzer's Fuel

6,000 gallons diesel fuel, on road, low sulfur	\$ 0.1000 over rack price
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Kane Liquid Fuels

6,000 gallons diesel fuel, on road, low sulfur	\$ 0.1500 over rack price
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A motion was made by Bob Nelson to accept diesel fuel bid for 6,00 gallons, on road, low sulfur diesel fuel. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Bob Nelson made a motion to table remaining bids until the next meeting. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the April 24, 2026 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 May 13, 2026. 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 \$105,077.04 for the general fund, \$23,771.17 for the sewer fund, \$7,616.45 for the sewer II fund, and \$9,914.98 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.

Next was the road report. Dave advised that they are still working on sweeping. The broom broke down today but they were able to repair it. He stated that they have changed a pipe on Norberg Road. Also, they have been working on numerous one calls for the gas companies line betterment project. Mowing has been getting done with the exception of some areas that are a bit too wet.

Dave Schwanke, with the Russell VFD, reported on the calls that they responded to. He informed the Supervisor's that they should have another EMT certified in a few days along with another EMT that should be cleared in June. He advised that they are progressing in a forward direction.

There was some discussion on the hydrant flow test. Dale Trubic was able to find some equipment that they could use. Bob Nelson stated that Dave Hice also has equipment that could possibly be used for this. Bob gave Dave Hice's phone number to Dale Trubic to get in touch with him regarding this issue.

Dave Schwanke spoke on the ambulance/EMT merger and stated that they are still working on the details of this.

Dave Schwanke also advised that the Fire Department is all ready for the upcoming Pine Grove Days events.

The proposal for crack fill for Hickory, Sylvan and Oak was presented. After review the Supervisors decided to proceed with this. Bob Nelson made a motion to approve the crack fill from Suit-Kote Corp. at a cost of \$13,194.75. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was the discussion on possibly purchasing a back-up pump for Willow Lane and have the old one rebuilt. Warren Webster was not able to obtain a price for tonight's meeting. They advised that the last one that was purchased, priced at approximately \$18,000 – \$20,000. Bob Nelson made a motion to approve the purchase of a back-up pump and to also rebuild the existing pump. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.


The recent Willow Lane sewer release clean-up is almost complete. Warren Webster advised that they hope to be backfilling topsoil next week.

A request was received in the office about the possibility of a "Hidden Driveway" sign being placed at 733 North Main Street. Resident advised that vehicles travel at an excessive speed around the corner. Bob Nelson made a motion to approve contacting PennDOT regarding the possibility of acquiring a "Hidden Driveway" sign at the above-mentioned location. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A letter was recently received from the Lawson Pallet advising the Supervisor's that they are going out of business. It was noted that he intends to sell the buildings and land and was inquiring to see if the Township would have any interest in purchasing this. After some consideration, the Supervisor's decided that this is not something that they feel would be of any interest to them.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 8:34 PM. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,



Secretary