

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JULY 24, 2026

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, July 24, 2026 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Doug Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Marilla Norton and Julie Parmenter.

Doug Smith opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

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

Marilla Norton attended the meeting to advise that she is having a tree trimming service come in to cut down a tree and was wondering if the tree branches could be taken to the pit on Cidermill Hill by the contractor. The Supervisors expressed some concerns with letting a contractor take tree debris into the pit because they do not want contractor's dropping off trimmings there, as it is designated for residence to use. It was noted that all Township residents are permitted to using the pit for yard waste and as long as no large chunks of wood would be left, they do not have a problem with this. After some more discussion on this it was decided to approve the branches being taken to the pit by the contractor to be burnt.

Nathan Markham attended the meeting to give an update on his current medical condition. The treatments he is having do not seem to be working so he is scheduled for surgery. He does not have any information on the prognosis of the surgeries or how long the recovery is expected to be. They did discuss his possible termination and if he would be able to obtain more benefits. They also advised him that with the upcoming winter season they may have to find someone to fill his position and get some training.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2026 meeting by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

No representative from the Russell Volunteer Fire Department was present.

The water operator position will be filled by Dave Hice and possibly Nate to help him out as maybe splitting up the work or for a back-up. Rusty is willing to help out in order to get a new employee started. They will have to work out a pay rate. The water board will discuss a pay rate and it will be brought up at an upcoming township meeting.

Next was review of the personnel policy (handbook). After much review, there were a few items that need to be addressed and the secretary will check into these items and it will be reviewed again at an upcoming meeting.

The risk control recommendations were looked at. It was noted that the signs were ordered. The other items are being worked on one at a time.

The fall cleanup was discussed and the waste company has availability on October 10th. The prices and terms will stay the same as the spring cleanup.

Linda Farnsworth mentioned that a former employee, Ted Holt, passed away and mentioned making a donation in his memory to the Fire Department. A motion was made by Linda Farnsworth to donate \$250 to the Russell Volunteer Fire Department in memory of Ted Holt. It was seconded by Bob Nelson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion for adjournment at 9:56 am. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary