

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2026

The regular meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 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.

No residents or visitors wanted to speak.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the September 25, 2026 meeting by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Bob Nelson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated October 14, 2026. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$45,259.63 for the general fund, \$29,091.56 for the sewer fund, \$5,402.48 for the sewer II fund, \$13,005.30 for the state fund and \$12,737.29 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 Bob Nelson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was an update from the Road Foreman. Doug inquired about the road repair project on Townline Road that the road crew is working on. Dave advised they are putting down millings, oiling it and rolling. He also advised that they have put down some gravel on Reynolds Run. Dave informed the Supervisors that the antiskid storage area has been upgraded with new cement barriers and all the old stone has been cleaned out.

Dave Schwanke reported on some statistics from the Fire Department for August and September. He noted that their year-to-date availability has improved. He also enlightened the Supervisors that membership has two new people and a couple new applications have been handed out. Their Safety Day was a success with a large turnout. Linda Farnsworth inquired about the Fire Department providing an accounting of the tax funds they receive from the Township. It was decided that early next year a report for 2026 will be provided to the Supervisors from the Fire Department.

The next item on the agenda was the termination of an employee that has been off for a considerable amount of time due to health-related issues. Under the advisement of the solicitor a notice of termination should be issued to Mr. Markham. Linda Farnsworth made a motion to terminate Mr. Markham's employment with the Township effective October 14, 2026. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Supervisor's reviewed the applications that had been received. There was some discussion on what a starting pay would be. It was decided that they would interview one of the applicants at the next

meeting on Friday, October 23rd. The secretary was advised to contact the applicant to set up the interview.

The secretary updated the Supervisor's on a quote received from Haines & Company. She advised that their fees are considerably higher than what is paid to our current CPA and that they could not guarantee that our reports would be filed any sooner. With that being said, it was decided to continue with our current CPA to perform our yearly audit and file our DCED reports.

Next was conversation on the property located at 2 Liberty Street. The current owner approached the secretary to see if the Supervisors might have any interest purchasing this property. The Supervisors would like to get some details on the property and also speak with the owner about what his intentions are with the property and what kind of price he is looking for. The Supervisors asked the secretary if she could get in touch with him and see if he is available to attend a meeting to discuss this further.

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

Next was a review of the budget. The Supervisors would like to further examine some of the line items on the budget before setting any amounts. A meeting for Wednesday, October 21st, at 9:00 am will be scheduled to go over the budget again.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 8:20 PM. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary