

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, September 25, 2026 at 8:30 am at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Doug Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were 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.

No visitors or residents were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2026 meeting by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

No representatives from the Fire Department were present. Although, an update was received from Dave Schwanke stating their EMS availability is increasing slightly and they possibly have 2-3 people that may be interested in joining the Department. He also inquired about possibly closing down Perrigo Lane on October 3rd from 11 am – 2 pm for the Fire Department's annual safety day events. This is a precautionary measure because they usually have a numerous people attending, a lot of which are children. The Supervisor's approved the closing of Perrigo Lane for this event.

Next was the 2027 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the City of Warren for Emergency Medical Services. The agreement reflects no substantial changes from the current version other than the update on the effective period as January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027. After some review, Linda Farnsworth moved to approve the agreement. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The recently received information regarding the upcoming sale of 44 +/- acres of state game lands by the Northern Allegheny Conservation Assoc. to the Pennsylvania Game Commission was reviewed. After some inspection of this sale, it was noted that the Supervisor's oppose this acquisition. Their opposition to this acquisition, due to the loss of tax base and the burden on taxpayers, was relayed to Senator Scott Hutchinson's office. Senator Hutchinson did send a letter supporting the Township's views on this sale.

Health insurance renewal rates and options for other plans were examined. There was some discussion on the possibility of employee contributions being instituted. After some conversation about other options, the Supervisors decided to table this matter until they have time to review all the options.

Next was the one-year review on the new employee, Mike Jackson. It was concluded that he has demonstrated a strong work ethic and dedication to responsibilities. Doug Smith made a motion to increase his hourly wage \$2.00/hour starting with the upcoming pay period. This was seconded by Bob Nelson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The supervisors considered a possible tax increase. They would like to get some more information on what kind of revenue will be brought in with a tax increase. The secretary will check into this and have

more details available for the next meeting. They will begin working on the budget and see how the numbers come out, then they will be able to make an informed decision on this.

Some complaints have been received in the office about bulls from a farm on Cole Hill Road roaming into neighbor's yards. The supervisors advised the secretary to contact the solicitor and the Humane Society about this problem.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 10:00 am. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,



Secretary