

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Rich Barrett, Tom Vandermark, Jim Seder, 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.

Jim Seder mentioned that he stained the back steps and the front ramp. He advised that the front ramp is in need of repair but he will not be able to do it this year due to his health. He will be taking care of the landscaping in the next few weeks and will need some mulch shortly.

Next item on the agenda was the opening of road material bids:

Suit-Kote Corp.

Asphalt Seal Coat, 6,075 SY, Werner Dr. \$ 3.53 per SY

Midland Asphalt Materials

Asphalt Seal Coat, 6,075 SY, Werner Dr. \$ 4.85 per SY

Russell Standard

Asphalt Seal Coat, 6,075 SY, Werner Dr. \$ 4.97 per SY

Suit-Kote Corp.

25,000 gallons HFMS-2, delivered & applied \$ 2.72 per gallon

Midland Asphalt Materials

25,000 gallons HFMS-2, delivered & applied \$ 2.673 per gallon

Russell Standard

25,000 gallons HFMS-2, delivered & applied \$ 3.23 per gallon

Suit-Kote Corp.

5,000 gallons MC-70 delivered & applied \$ 4.25 per gallon

Midland Asphalt Materials

5,000 gallons MC-70 delivered & applied \$ 4.275 per gallon

Russell Standard

5,000 gallons MC-70 delivered & applied \$ 5.17 per gallon

Melzer's Fuel

6,000 gallons diesel fuel, on road, low sulfur \$ 0.2500 over rack price

Kane Liquid Fuels

6,000 gallons diesel fuel, on road, low sulfur \$ 0.3500 over rack price

Glenn O. Hawbaker	
1,500 tons No. 8, LBW 1.0% aggregate	\$18.44 ton/Delivered
Allegheny Aggregate	
1,500 tons No. 8, LBW 1.0% aggregate	\$19.24 ton/Delivered
IA Construction	
1,500 tons No. 8, LBW 1.0% aggregate	\$20.00 ton/Delivered
Jamestown Macadam	
1,500 tons No. 8, LBW 1.0% aggregate	\$26.28 ton/Delivered
Allegheny Minerals Corp.	
1,500 tons No. 8, LBW 1.0% aggregate	\$46.30 ton/Delivered
F600 XL 4X4 Chassis Cab DRW/145 or equivalent	\$70,390.00

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to accept the bid from Suit-Kote Corp. for approximately 6,075 SY Asphalt Seal Coat to be applied to Werner Drive at a price of \$3.53 per SY, delivered and applied with a total cost of \$21,444.75. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Bob Nelson made a motion to accept the bid from Midland Asphalt Materials for 25,000 gallons HFMS-2, delivered and applied at a price of \$2.673 per gallon with a total cost of \$66,825.00. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. Some discussion followed regarding if we have to take the lowest bidder or if we could accept the bid from a supplier that we have used for the past few years. The secretary stated that to her knowledge you have to accept the lowest bid but she would confirm that with the PennDOT representative. Bob Nelson made a motion to rescind the motion to accept the bid from Midland Asphalt Materials until confirmation is received from the PennDOT rep. Doug Smith seconded this motion. This bid will be tabled until the next meeting on May 24th and awarded at that meeting. The votes were unanimous and the motions carried.

Bob Nelson made a motion to accept the bid from Suit-Kote Corp. for 5,000 gallons MC-70, delivered and applied at a price of \$4.25 per gallon with a total cost of \$21,250.00. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to accept the bid from Melzer's Fuel for 6,000 gallons diesel fuel, on road, low sulfur, delivered at a price of .2500 cents over United Refining Companies posted rack price as of the date of delivery. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to accept the bid from Glenn O. Hawbaker for 1,500 tons No. 8, LBW 1.0% aggregate, delivered at a price of \$18.44 per ton with a total cost of \$27,660.00. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Bob Nelson made a motion to accept the bid from Warren Midtown Motors for the F600 XL 4X4, Chassis Cab DRW/145 or equivalent with a price of \$70,390.00. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the April 26, 2024 meeting by Doug Smith. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Doug Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated May 8, 2024. 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 \$20,276.06 for the general fund, \$23,948.00 for the sewer fund, \$6,871.62 for the sewer II fund, \$5.22 for the state fund, \$11,298.43 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.

Dave reported they have been trimming trees on Egypt Hollow using the equipment that was rented. They have also been doing some street sweeping.

There was some talk on the new truck and the upfit that it will need. Dave has received a quote from a company that is through Costars that could do this work. He was advised that this could take up to a year to complete. Dave will be checking with some other companies who can provide this service to see what prices and time frames they have available.

Dave informed the Supervisors that a Hydradig Wheeled Excavator from Stephenson Equipment will be dropped off next week for a couple of days in order for the road crew to try it out. A demonstration will take place at Mead Township, and Mead Township will have the equipment for a couple of days then it will be delivered to Pine Grove for a trial period.

Dave gave an update on the telescopic boom they recently rented. There was some dialogue on the benefits of purchasing a bucket truck as opposed to renting equipment so that the road crew could use it whenever they had time. They looked at the costs compared to renting and buying. Dave has been looking around for a used bucket truck and has come across one that seems to be in good condition. The Supervisors advised him to check into this further and they would take this purchase under consideration.

Next was Rich Barrett who spoke about the Right of Way behind the fire hall and the pavilion the Fire Department is replacing. They have had the property surveyed in order to put up the new pavilion. Due to the fact that there were some property line issues, the surveyor is taking care of the leg work related to this in order to get it straightened out. Rich stated that a Quit Claim Deed would have to be drawn up and requested from the Supervisors that, if possible, they could cover the cost of the Quit Claim Deed as this has turned into a much larger project than anticipated. Doug Smith made a motion to have the Township solicitor draw up the Quit Claim Deed for the Fire Department and the Township will cover the fees related to this. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Rich mentioned all is going well with service, they do not have very many dropped calls. He has been attending the Multi Municipal EMS meetings. They are working with Emergycare and things are moving along.

The cell tower that has been down for the last week is now back on line. AT&T supplied a First Net temporary tower for the first responders. They will be taking that unit out tomorrow.

Next was a short review of the Kopf Quit Claim Deed. A response was sent to the Kopf's attorney from our solicitor stating that the Township has no interest in this. The secretary will respond to Mr. Kopf's email to be sure he was informed by his attorney of the Townships position.

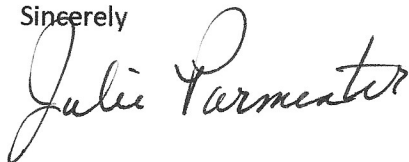
A request from the Area Agency on Aging for a donation to the senior picnic they host for older residents in the area. This will provide a free lunch for all of the seniors that visit the five community centers in Warren and Forest Counties. Doug Smith made a motion to donate \$100 and Bob Nelson seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

There was a brief review of delinquent sewer accounts. The secretary will contact the Township solicitor for his recommendation on what our next steps are.

Linda spoke on the Larimer Park recreational grant. She mentioned they were at the park looking at the possibility of an access road to the boat launch. After some consideration, they have decided that might not be feasible so they would like to use the grant money towards upgrading the current parking lot. They will have to develop the best solution for this parking lot. The grant will not be enough to cover this so the Township may be able to put some funds towards this.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 8:50 PM. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Parmenter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely".