

### MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2024

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, June 28, 2024 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Mike English, Jeff Lockett and Julie Parmenter.

Doug Smith opened the meeting at 8:40 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.

Jeff Lockett spoke to the Supervisors regarding the recent RVFD public meeting and mentioned how informative it was. He noted his concern for Warren County and presented a handout to the supervisors. He referred to the lack of development in the County and the declining population. He spoke about data centers and how something like this might be an avenue to be pursued. There was some talk on the fact that the area now has fiber optic available which might be helpful in high tech business locating to the area. This could mean future growth for Pine Grove Township. The Board would support dialog on this issue and determined they may want to obtain more information to target this industry.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2024 meeting by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Mike English communicated that they have an Eagle Scout that wants to put in a pedestrian bridge across a stream in Warner Park. They are in the process of applying for a permit and advised that there is a fee for this but noted that if the township applies for this there is no fee. They are requesting that the township apply for this, the fire department will fill out all of the paperwork as long as the township will sponsor it. The Supervisor's were all in agreement that the Township will sponsor this.

The secretary updated the Supervisor's on the progress on financing for the new Ford truck. She advised that a couple of banks have gotten back with interest rates. A couple of requests to other institutions have gone out but no word from them yet. She will also contact Midtown Motors to see what they have available for financing.

The supervisors were presented with a letter from North Warren Municipal Authority regarding a new electrical service that is being required by Penelec. The letter stated the cost of this capital improvement as \$12,970.00 and the Townships percentage of this bill would be approximately \$8,753.45.

The sewer system repairs were discussed next. Pipework's has contacted the office via email and noted that they are starting on Cottage Place either this week or next.

The swearing in of the new tax collector was not done due to the fact that it was discovered that this has to be done by a notary, district justice or judge.

The Supervisors concluded that some recognition was in order for Doris Trumbull. She has been the tax collector for 34 years and retired earlier this year. The Supervisors feel it would be a nice gesture to

entertain her and her husband for an evening dinner. The secretary will get in touch with Doris and set up a date and time that works for her.

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

Sincerely,

*Julie Parmenter*

Secretary