

## MINUTES FOR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were David Basnah, Dale Trubic, Rich Barrett, Dave Schwanke, 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. There were no visitors' comments.

Rich Barrett noted that due to the growing demand for emergency services and the challenges with recruitment, this has created shortages in response times and efficiency of emergency medical services. This ultimately impacts the community; therefore, he feels the Supervisor's should take under consideration the Multi-Municipal Services that is offered. David Basnah, from Emergycare, attended the meeting to provide information to the Supervisor's about the program. He advised that Emergycare would provide daytime services when the local emergency service was unavailable. There was further discussion on the coverage that would be provided and the approximate cost for the Township. It was estimated that this would be approximately \$900 per month based on the current call volume. David suggested that the Township join the Multi-Municipal Emergency Services Commission as there are no fees to be on the commission but it would provide information on the operations.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the August 23, 2024 meeting by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated September 11, 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 \$17,867.09 for the general fund, \$24,585.43 for the sewer fund, \$11,406.79 for the sewer II fund, \$91,190.62 for the state fund; \$11,211.22 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 McJunkin reported that they are doing some more oiling tomorrow. Doug asked if he heard back from US Municipal and Dave advised that he had and they cannot do what we want. They discussed other options as to who else may be able to upfit the truck. Dave would like to check around to see if there is someone else to do this. The Supervisor's talked as to whether they should get the truck back to the Township building instead of leaving it at the dealership.

Dale Trubic advised the Supervisors that he has talked with PA American Water regarding the fire hydrant issue located on S. Main Street. He informed them that PA American Water is able to help with some of the work involved in getting this hydrant working. He also mentioned that the fire department flushed this line and it is clear. The Supervisors are all on board with this project.

Dave Schwanke noted that the siren is still out of service since the lighting strike. They are still working on recruitment. A couple new members just joined recently. They have also received some grants for communications equipment.

The 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) was presented to the Supervisor's. This is the amount the municipality must contribute to the pension plan in the next plan year. A motion was made by Doug Smith to approve the MMO and it was seconded by Bob Nelson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The proposed Fall Clean-up Day was reviewed. The secretary has contacted the garbage company but has not heard back as to their availability. She will try to get an answer from them before the next meeting.

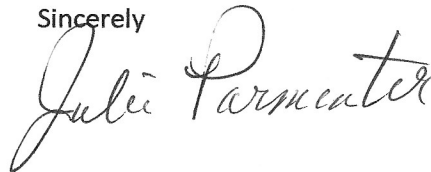
A request from a resident to place a "Watch Children" sign on Howard Road was considered. The Supervisor's see no issue with this and agreed to place a "Watch Children" sign in the requested area.

There was some deliberation on an issue brought up by a resident regarding first aid kits and AED's to be available at community events. A resident contacted one of the Supervisors about having these items at future events. It was noted that for most community events, the fire department and ambulance are present. Following further discussion, the Supervisors concluded that since local events held in town have AED units available at local buildings and due to the cost of these items, it is not feasible for the Township to store one of these units for the few events that are held. They concluded that this service should be provided by the event coordinator or the property owner.

A resident commented on the possibility of including email addresses for the Supervisors on the website. The Supervisors analyzed this request and did consider the possibility of each Supervisor having their own individual email to the Township. It was determined that emails to the Supervisors can be sent to the Township Office email and the secretary will distribute these to the Supervisors.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 8:15 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".