

### MINUTES FOR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, September 27, 2024 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 8:33 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 were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2024 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 at the meeting.

Next was some discussion on the condition and erosion of the existing culvert at the end of Old State Road near Route 62. The Supervisor's requested someone from the Conservation District to come and take a look at this situation. Katie, from the Conservation District met with the Supervisor's and Road Foreman to view the damage. After she reviewed the damage and determined that this would not qualify for a dirt and gravel road project due to the fact that the road has been tarred and chipped, she suggested that maybe the county could offer some assistance. She mentioned due to the poor condition of the culvert a temporary solution is not recommended. She advised that the long-term solution would be to install an ADM bridge to replace the culvert. The Supervisors noted that this would need to be a priority. Katie advised that she will inquire about any permits that may be needed and also any funding opportunities that might be available. The secretary will reach out to the county regarding any possible funding they could provide.

The Supervisors analyzed the current EMS situation. Their concern is how to fund this if a contract is required with another provider. They mentioned a couple of items that could be cut from the budget in order to cover the cost. They also wondered if some of the tax reimbursement funds that are paid to the fire department could be used towards this. They suggested contacting the solicitor for clarification on this. They will discuss this further at an upcoming meeting.

Next was an email received from the Land Bank regarding the Cottage Place property. The Land Bank is considering taking conservatorship of the property and is asking the Township what kind of assistance they could provide if this were to happen. After some discussion, the Supervisors determined that at this time we do not have the equipment that is able to remove a building. And, at the present time, we do not have the manpower due to some medical issues some of the employees are having. The secretary will advise the Land Bank of this.

The Supervisors examined the renewal rates for health and vision insurance and will confirm their decision at a future meeting.

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

Next was the budget meeting dates. The Supervisors will meet to review the budget on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. If it is determined that another meeting is necessary, they will set it at the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There was some conversation about the vehicles parked on Conewango Street. It was stated that during the winter it is hard for the road crew to plow that street with cars parked on both sides. The Supervisors would like to send out a letter to all residents along Conewango Street to have their cars off the road of possibly alternate parking during the winter months. The secretary will draft a letter for their review.

It has been brought to our attention that there could be some issues with the homeless people leaving the Jamestown area and migrating this way. According to other sources, the City of Warren has been posting "No Loitering" signs in the parks downtown. The Supervisors decided that it might be in their best interest for the community to go ahead and post a couple of "No Loitering" signs at Larimer Park. The secretary will go ahead and order the signs.

An email was received from the County Commissioners requesting a representative from the municipality to attend an informational meeting on the future of tax collection on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The secretary will attend this informational meeting.

Robert Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 9:52 am. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,

  
Secretary