MINUTES FOR MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2024

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, October 25, 2024 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Doug Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Rich Barrett, Dave McJunkin, Julie Parmenter.

Doug Smith opened the meeting at 8:37 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 27th and October 9th 2024 meetings by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Doug Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated October 25, 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 \$131,143.00 for the general fund, \$26,138.61 for the sewer fund, \$11,474.38 for the sewer II fund, \$42,485.79 for the state fund; \$10,231.55 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.

Rich Barrett noted that they are still struggling with dropped calls. They have one person going through EMT classes and two new people have joined recently. They hope that by the end of the year they can get things turned around.

There was some discussion with Rich regarding the agreement with Emergycare for coverage. The Supervisor's would like to review the agreement before signing on. They would also like to see the financials for the Fire Department in order to make an informed decision on where the funds will come from to partner with Emergycare. In order to budget for this, with an approximate cost of \$10,000, this information would be very helpful. The Supervisors questioned whether or not some of the fire tax money could be put towards this.

Dave McJunkin reported he has been working on getting the truck upfitting figured out. He has talked with a couple other vendor's and what options are available. He is thinking about transferring the box from our old truck onto the new one. There was some discussion on what route to take with this. They decided to move forward with putting the old bed on the new truck. They will apply for a grant through the LSA program for the cab and chassis and the upfitting. We can take funds out of the reserve fund if needed until we know if we can acquire the grant. A motion was made by Linda Farnsworth to apply for a grant for the new truck and upfitting to be submitted through an LSA grant. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The issue with the culvert at the intersection of Old State Road and Route 62 was reviewed. The Supervisors inquired as to whether we have heard back from Dan Glotz on any available funding. The secretary has reached out but has not yet received a response. The Supervisors would like to know if

there is any funding available thing through the county and if not, we will pursue other avenues for help with funding. Some information was received at the County Convention from vendors that supply box culverts. The Supervisors decided that maybe the engineer should take a look at this and advise on how we may want to proceed. The secretary will contact Stiffler McGraw to take a look at this.

Next was the health insurance renewal. After some review of the medical coverage options and the premiums, the Supervisors decided to renew with the Highmark Performance Blue PPO \$1,500 Gold Plan with the presented renewal rate. Bob Nelson made a motion to renew with Highmark Performance Blue PPO \$1500 Gold and it was seconded by Doug Smith. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A complaint was received from a resident on the condition of 10525 Market Street. The secretary advised the Supervisors that this property just recently sold. The Supervisors decided to hold off on moving forward with this until they see if the new owner remedies some of the nuisance conditions.

The Supervisors spent some time reviewing and setting the upcoming year expenses. There was some more examination on the EMS services and how to fund this. The Supervisors requested that the secretary get in touch with the solicitor for advice on possibly funding this with a portion of fire tax reimbursement funds.

Doug Smith made a motion for adjournment at 11:42 am. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Julie Farmenter

Secretary