

## MINUTES FOR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2024

The meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Friday, November 22, 2024 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Doug Smith, Robert Nelson and Linda Farnsworth. Others present were Rich Barrett 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. No visitors were present. Although, the secretary informed the Supervisor's about a call she received in the office from a resident asking if we did leaf pickup. He noted that his neighbor is not picking up their leaves and they are blowing into his yard. The Supervisor's advised that this is not covered under the Nuisance Ordinance nor does the Township provide leaf pickup service.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2024 meeting by Bob Nelson. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Rich Barrett informed the Supervisors that the hydrant located on South Main Street has been replaced and is in working order. The fire department is planning a training to see how it is working. PA American water will also come up in the Spring and repair the one in Greenbriar Circle. Rich also briefed the Supervisor's that they are working on scheduling for EMT coverage. When they don't have people on for coverage they are going out of service.

The funding for EMS services was reviewed. The Supervisors are allowed, by Resolution, to divert a portion of the fire taxes to support EMS. Resolution #11-22-24, which would allocate a portion of the fire taxes to support EMS was considered. Doug Smith made a motion to approve Resolution #11-22-24 which would take a quarter mill from the fire taxes and earmark it for EMS services. This would make the fire tax .00225 mils and the EMS tax .00025 mils. Doug Smith made motion to pass Resolution #11-22-24 to change the tax rate. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next was some discussion on the funding to the plow and hydraulics on the new truck. The Supervisors noted that since we are unable to apply for grants, they will go ahead and pay for this out of the reserve fund. Doug Smith made a motion to pay for the plow and hydraulics out of the reserve fund. A second to the motion was made by Linda Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The storage of equipment was examined. There is storage in Dave McJunkin's building that he is willing to provide. The Supervisor's agreed that they would pay Dave McJunkin a rate of \$350.00 per month for the storage space. Bob Nelson made a motion to approve the \$350.00 a month to David McJunkin to store the Township's equipment. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The secretary gave an update on the ongoing sewer repairs. Pipework's is working on the Race Street problem and estimates that to be completed by the middle of next week. There are a couple of houses on Edgewater that are property owner issues and a letter will be sent to them from the Township advising them of their responsibility for the repairs.

A report was provided to the Supervisors from the EMS Plan Administrator showing the October EMS statistics. This will be a monthly report provided to the Township including OOS times, handled -v- dropped responses, as well as responses by Municipality. Rich Barrett commented that this report is presented nicely. The Supervisors reviewed the information on the EMS October report. Rich noted that they are trying to get there numbers better and they are working on getting some things coordinated.

The Supervisors reviewed the newsletter and contemplated as to whether or not the money is being well spent. After some deliberation on this issue, it was decided to continue with the newsletter for the time being. Linda Farnsworth suggested that we continue with the newsletter as long as there is enough news to include in it.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 9:44 am. Linda Farnsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,



Secretary