

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2025

The regular meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Robert Nelson. Others present were Rich Barrett, Betty Irwin, Kent Wilcox, 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.

Kent Wilcox attended the meeting regarding an Act 14 Notification. This notification is required by DEP for a re-issuance of an NPDES permit. He needs a signature from a Township official before it is returned to DEP. The Supervisors reviewed this and the Chairman signed it.

Kent also mentioned that the road in front of his residence was raised some time ago which blocked the drain located there. He asked what his options might be to correct this problem. After some discussion on what could be done with this it was decided that the road foreman will meet with Mr. Wilcox when the weather gets a little better.

Mr. Wilcox also mentioned that there used to be a sluice pipe on the opposite side of the road that is no longer there and he would like to get another sluice there so he can utilize that field. The road foreman will take a look at this area also when he meets with Mr. Wilcox.

Betty Irwin brought up a section on Old State Road where there is a dip in the road and when it gets icy there is a tendency for cars to slid towards the trees. She wondered if someone could take a look at this area.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the January 6, 2025 meeting by Bob Nelson. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Bob Nelson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated February 12, 2025. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Doug Smith made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$67,580.41 for the general fund, \$16,390.67 for the sewer fund, \$5,548.16 for the sewer II fund, \$1,574.20 for the state fund, \$19,593.75 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 Bob Nelson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Dave reported that they have been plowing and sanding.

The secretary advised that the COSTARS salt contract participation agreement for the 2025-2026 season deadline is March 15th. Dave advised that we should get 75 tons of salt.

Dave informed the Supervisor's that the truck that was out of service has been repaired and is now back in service. The new truck is currently being outfitted and should be in service for next winter.

Rich Barrett advised that the Fire Department has gotten some new members to join recently. They also have a new member that just passed his EMT. He also advised that they are having to go out of service some of the time since there are not enough people to cover.

Next was the EMS agreement with the City of Warren. An intergovernmental cooperation agreement was received from the city. This agreement recognizes that the township has agreements for primary EMS service with Russell VFD and EmeryCare and that the City FD would be a backup service for the township when those services are unavailable or unable to respond. After review, Doug Smith made a motion to enter into the agreement with the City of Warren. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The revised pricing for Cintas uniforms was considered. After examination, the Supervisors decided to continue with this service and review it again at the end of the year. Doug Smith made the motion to continue with the Cintas service at the revised pricing and Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A Resolution for the single residence sewage treatment plant (SRSTP) for Dana and Kathy Wellington was reviewed. Resolution #2-12-25 for a planning module for a SRSTP for Dana & Kathy Wellington was approved. Bob Nelson made a motion to accept the Resolution #2-12-25. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

There was some dialogue on a complaint received about cars parking on Cidermill Hill Road at the Akeley end. This was discussed and the road foreman advised that he has already addressed this problem with the property owner. He informed the supervisors that he has not observed any cars there since the conversation with the property owner.


A short discussion on the compensation of the tax collector. The Supervisor's reviewed the situation and the new collection process and the fact that it will now be double work for the tax collector. After some discussion with the tax collector, it was decided to continue with the current compensation.

Next was a review of the law suit against the Township. It was noted that a resident on Gouldtown Road has filed a lawsuit against the township and Todd Fantaskey, the townships SEO. This has been sent to the solicitor and the insurance for review.

Ken Wilcox asked for clarification on Townline Road. He has asked Farmington about the condition of the road. He inquired as to what agreement has been made between the Townships. He noted that the condition of the road at the state line is very bad. Dave mentioned that it is supposed to be maintained by each Township.

Bob Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 8:00 PM. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Sincerely,


Secretary