MINUTES FOR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Pine Grove Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Supervisors present were Douglas Smith, Linda Farnsworth and Robert Nelson. Others present were Steve Horsley, Rich Barrett, Dave McJunkin and Julie Parmenter.

Doug Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 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.

No visitors were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the September 1, 2023 meeting by Bob Nelson. Doug Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Linda Farnsworth made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated September 13, 2023. 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 \$63,047.42 for the general fund, \$8,399.95 for the sewer fund, \$6,956.62 for the sewer II fund, \$5.00 for state fund and \$9,537.34 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 reported that the seal coating has been completed. They discussed some of the roads that may need to be sealed next year. They decided that any road work for next year will have to be reviewed in the spring after road inspections.

Dave brought up the fact that there is a considerable amount of tree trimming that could be done. He questioned whether they want to hire this work out or purchase a bucket truck. Dave informed the Supervisors that they have located a bucket truck that is up for sale. The truck has some problems, although the seller is open to an offer. Dave will check into what repairs it might need and try to get an estimate. Rich Barrett inquired about the inspection of that kind of vehicle. The Supervisor's told Dave to check into it and let them know at the next meeting.

Linda brought up some concerns from residents about the signs located at the Akeley intersection. She has had some complaints about problems seeing oncoming traffic. The Supervisor's agreed that these should be removed.

Next was some discussion on the upcoming newsletter. There were some articles presented to Steve Horsley to be included in the newsletter. Linda advised that if any of the other Supervisor's have articles, they should get them to Steve. Linda noted that any articles to be included should be to Steve by the 15th of September.

The 2024 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.

Next was some review of nuisance properties. The Supervisors decided to proceed with a letter to the owners of the building in Akelely. They are hopeful that a letter to the property owner will keep this property from becoming a nuisance.

The estimated Liquid Fuels allocation and Turnback for 2024 was presented to the Supervisors. This allocation is scheduled to be distributed in March of 2024.

The secretary informed the Board that a complaint from Scott Nugent was received regarding the weeds and culvert along Woodland Drive. Dave advised that they have already taken care of the weeds and that they may want to check into removing the guide rails and replace the sluice that is currently there. The Supervisor's advised Dave to look into this and if he feels it needs to be done then, time permitting, to go ahead and fix this.

An inquiry was received from a resident on Weeping Willow about the recently widening of the entrance to this road. She advised that there are some rocks that are falling and wondered if something could be done to stabilize this area.

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

Julie Farmenter

Secretary