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PINE CREEK TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2023

The Pine Creek Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on January 3, 2023, immediately following the January Reorganization Meeting at 7:30 p.m., with Supervisors John M. Reese, Dean L. Edwards, Jr., and Kenneth J. Packard present.

Also present: Bryan Poorman, Robb Ohl, PLS, John Blesh, PLS, Art Nonemaker, Wilma Hackenberg, Matt Croak, Dennis Greenaway, Walt Bierly, Don Lomison, Travis Overdorf, Dave Winkleman, Jr., Matt Stover of the Avis Fire Company, Kevin Ferrara, EMC, Michele Whitney, Shannon Reese, Deb Reese, Rick Macklem, David Dewald, Greg Love, Police Chief Dave Winkleman and Thom Rosamilia, Esquire

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Edwards asked for questions or comments on the minutes from December 7, 2022, monthly meeting.

Supervisor Ken Packard again questioned the township doing road work for non-profits and township employees receiving a stipend in lieu of being covered under the township's health insurance policy.

Supervisor Packard also questioned Secretary Macklem as to what the Woolrich Fire Companies Worker's Compensation premium is based on and was told the premium is based on the population.

Packard also asked why the police vehicle has not been advertised for bids on Municibid and Supervisor Reese explained that the police vehicle has a recall warning that needs taken care of and also the white truck needs an ABS module replaced and both vehicles cannot be sold until they are repaired.

Supervisor Packard also complained that there was nothing in the meeting minutes about Secretary Macklem resigning. Solicitor Rosamilia explained that if it was an official action and discussion about an official action it should be in the minutes. He said there was no official action because the secretary never tendered a resignation, adding that the minutes only require a general run down of a discussion and there is no need to have every word said during the discussion in the minutes.

Supervisor Packard requested the date 2003 in Paragraph 3 on Page 2 of the minutes be corrected to 2023.

Chairman Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes correcting the date on Page 2; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

Financial Report & Invoices

Chairman Edwards asked for questions or comments on the invoices and financial report.

Supervisor Packard questioned why the Act 13 Donation to the Avis Fire Company for the new fire truck was not paid annually. Secretary/Treasurer Macklem explained that the Supervisors approved the annual donation for a five year period in 2019 and during Covid there was no request for payment from the fire company. At the end of last year, David Closs, of the Avis Fire

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Company, requested and received the fire company's donation for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Supervisor Reese then made a motion to approve the invoices and financial report as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

Public Participation

Michele Whitney of the Clinton County Watchdogs

Michele Whitney of the Clinton County Watchdogs questioned where in the budget it shows the Act 13 Funds and Liquid Fuel Funds and Secretary/Treasurer explained that the figures were on the Budget Summary page under Revenues.

Ms. Whitney also questioned the ARP fund receipts and disposition of the ARP funds received by the township.

A discussion ensued and Secretary/Treasurer Macklem explained the federal guidelines were finalized last year and the township's ARP funds were used for revenue replacement and were transferred into the township's general fund account to be used for general fund expenditures.

Ms. Whitney also asked about the Pine Creek Township Police Department operating at a deficit and whether the rate to provide police services to other municipalities will be increased. Supervisors Edwards and Packard indicated that the Supervisors have been discussing increasing the rate for police services.

Kevin Ferrara

Kevin Ferrara asked what the status of the EMS licensing for the fire companies. David Dewald of the Avis Fire Company indicated that the Fire Company is licensed, and the status will be discussed later in the meeting. Supervisor Edwards noted that members of the Woolrich Fire Company were not present at the meeting to provide an update on its licensing.

Mr. Ferrara read a portion of his written complaint to the Supervisors and requested that it be entered as a public record. He also asked Supervisor Packard to read the remainder of the complaint to those in attendance and was advised by the Chairman and Solicitor Rosamilia that his time for public comment was over.

Walt Bierly

Resident Walt Bierly said that Supervisor Packard had a lot of questions about the minutes and said that the questions had to do with everything that was discussed previously by the Supervisors. He asked why Supervisor Packard doesn't ask the questions while the topic is being discussed rather than question the minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Bierly also asked why the meeting was being videoed and Michele Whitney responded that the meeting was being recorded for the Clinton County Watchdog site.

Matt Stover of the Avis Fire Company

Matt Stover of the Avis Fire Company presented the township with the 2023 list of the Fire Company's Line Officers and the Relief Associations Line Officers.

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Mr. Stover also reported that the Avis Fire Company received its QRS licensing and is back up and running full medical emergency calls.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

John Blesh, PLS – Benna Subdivision

John Blesh, PLS presented a subdivision for the Benna property which includes a field along Sulphur Run Road and the corner of Valley View Estates located behind four houses. The subdivision of the field will add .409; .312; .436; and .520 acres onto the properties with the houses, which are non-conforming lots, which will increase the size of the properties, creating legal size lots that conform to the zoning requirements. The additional acreage being added onto the lots is in the Agricultural Zoning District and the primary portion of the lots are in the Residential Zoning District. All four houses are served by public sewer.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to approve the subdivision as presented; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

Donation Requests

The Supervisors discussed the donation requests received to date from the Jersey Shore Public Library, Annie Halenbake Ross Library, Clinton County SPCA and the Millbrook Playhouse.

Chairman Edwards made a motion to make the following donations:

Jersey Shore Public Library	\$1,000.00
Annie Halenbake Ross Library	\$ 500.00
Clinton County SPCA	\$1,000.00
Millbrook Playhouse	.00

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Reese and was unanimously approved.

Pine Creek Police Department Grant

Chief Winkleman explained that the Pine Creek Township Police Department, and all of the local police departments, were included in a grant application submitted by the City of Lock Haven for funding to upgrade radio equipment. The grant was awarded, and the Pine Creek Township Police Department will receive approximately \$24,510.00 through the grant to upgrade the police radios. He said the Police Department would place the order, take delivery of the equipment, and pay the invoice. The invoice would then be submitted to the City of Lock Haven for reimbursement.

Chief Winkleman requested authorization from the Supervisors to place the order for radio equipment and to pay the invoice (\$24,510.00); seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

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Roadmaster's Report

Roadmaster John Reese presented the Roadmaster's Report for December, 2022, as follows:

1. Checked drains
2. Filled shoulders along the roads
3. Cleaned up downed trees after storms
4. Finished installing snow fence
5. Plow snow twice (5" and 6" snowfall)
6. Cleaned up and treated roads after sleet & freezing rain storm
7. Vehicle maintenance – cleaned up trucks and performed basic Maintenance after the storms; took the 2020 police vehicle to the Ford garage repairs; removed and put new tires on the paver; removed the tire on the tractor and installed a new tube and replaced the rim; repaired #2 spinner at the hydraulic hoses where it spreads the salt had to be replaced because the couplers on the hose broke off on one of the big trucks
8. Building maintenance – stocked 1B stone, prepared equipment for winter storage

The Roadmaster also reported a problem on Dutch Hollow Road that needs addressed because there are a couple of driveways that gradually slope toward the road and stone from one of the driveways plugged up the township's pipe so all the water was forced out onto the road. During a recent storm, there was an area of the road approximately 20 feet long, 17 feet wide with three inches of ice on it creating a safety hazard.

Roadmaster Reese said he set up cones around the ice and kept placing material on it to try to dissolve and break it up enough to get it to dissipate to the point where it was drivable. He also set up road signs to keep traffic from coming upon each other creating a hazard.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Edwards adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary