

PINE CREEK TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

The Pine Creek Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on September 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., with Supervisors John M. Reese, Dean L. Edwards, Jr., and Dave Winkleman, Jr., present.

Also present: Pam Smith, Diana Coleman, Joy K. Packard, Kevin Ferrara, Michele Whitney, Mariam Polen, David Rockey, Dustin Council, Travis Overdorf, Keith Miller, Matt Stover, Crystal and Chad Prough, Keith Prough, Daniel A. Vassallo and Robert Wehler, Rick Macklem and Police Chief Dave Winkleman

Chairman Edwards requested that individuals video recording the meeting identify themselves, and Kevin Ferrara, Michele Whitney on behalf of the Clinton County Watchdogs, and Joy Packard

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Edwards asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes from the August 2, 2023, monthly meeting, or the August 16, 2023, Special Meeting; there being none, Supervisor Reese made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Chairman Edwards, with Supervisors Edwards and Reese voting in favor or approval and Supervisor Winkleman abstaining from voting.

Financial Report & Invoices

Supervisor Reese made a motion to approve the financial reports and invoices as presented seconded by Supervisor Winkleman, MCU.

Public Participation

Michele Whitney and Mariam Polen

Michele Whitney and Mariam Polen expressed community safety concerns for elderly residents and children living along Penn Avenue due to vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

A discussion was held and Chief Winkleman indicated that officers would monitor the situation.

Avis Fire Company

Travis Overdorf, President of the Avis Fire Company announced that the Fire Company is holding an open house on October 7, 2023, which will include fire safety displays, activities, and food vendors.

Travis asked the Township Supervisors to sponsor fire prevention and fire safety promotional items for children and estimated the cost for the display at \$500.00.

A discussion was held and it was noted that this is the first Open House held by the Avis Fire Company since 2004.

Resident Joy Packard spoke out against donating to the Avis Fire Company for the Open House.

Chairman Edwards made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Avis Fire Company for the display; seconded by Supervisor Winkleman, MCU.

Old Business:

Michele Whitney asked for information on the sale of the township equipment listed on MuniBid.

Chairman Edwards said that all the equipment listed for sale on MuniBid was sold and then he provided the amount received for each piece of equipment as follows:

1. Mack Truck	-	\$34,980.00
2. Galion Roller	-	\$ 4,100.00
3. 2017 Ford Interceptor	-	\$ 8,500.00
4. 2004 Chevy Pickup	-	\$ 4,800.00

Chairman Edwards also noted that the Township received \$68,000.00 as the trade-in value for the CAT Roller used toward the purchase of the John Deere Mini Excavator and attachments. He calculated the total received for all pieces of equipment at \$120,380.00 and the purchase price for the Mini Excavator was \$107,555.00, leaving a \$12,000.00 overall profit.

New Business:

Prough – Subdivision

Chad Prough presented a subdivision on behalf of Keith Prough for his property located on River View Road in Charlton. The property consists of six existing lots and two of those lots containing .697 acres and a residence was being subdivided from the property. It was noted that the property is serviced by both water and sewer.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to approve the Prough Subdivision as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Winkleman, MCU.

Wehler-Nicholas Subdivision

Daniel Vassallo, PLS, presented a subdivision for the Wehler-Nicholas property for a 13-lot consolidation of the existing property into three lots totaling 315.156 acres. The property is located along River Road in Pine Creek Township in the Agricultural Zoning District.

As required by the Pine Creek Township Planning Commission, three proposed deeds with a legal description for each of the newly created parcels were provided to the Board of Supervisors with the subdivision plan for review.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to approve the Wehler-Nicholas Subdivision as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Winkleman, MCU.

Pine Creek Veterinary Clinic Land Development Plans

The Supervisors reviewed Land Development Plans submitted for the Pine Creek Veterinary Clinic on Woodward Avenue, which includes moving the entrance to the front of the building.

It was noted that a variance of the setback requirements was previously granted by the Pine Creek Township Zoning Hearing Board.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to approve the Land Development Plans for the Pine Creek Veterinary Commission as presented; seconded by Supervisor Winkleman, MCU.

Approve Supervisor Dean Edwards as a Township Employee

Supervisor Reese made a motion to hire Supervisor Edwards to work as a township employee on an as-needed basis at the hourly rate approved for working Supervisors by the Township Auditors in January 2023; seconded by Supervisor Winkleman. The motion passed with Supervisors Reese and Winkleman voting in favor of the motion and Chairman Edwards abstaining from voting.

Roadmaster's Report

Roadmaster John Reese presented the Roadmaster's Report for August 2023, as follows:

Road Maintenance:

1. Cleaned up trees from storm damage
2. Trimmed trees along various roads
3. Mowed ball field
4. Marked roads for line painting
5. 2023 Tar & Chip Project – Dutch Hollow, West Side Road, Sixth Street, Forest Avenue and Municipal Drive was completed by contractor
6. Line Painting – Dutch Hollow Road and Sixth Street

Vehicle Maintenance:

1. Serviced Vehicle #16 – police interceptor
2. Repairs made to Vehicle #8 – tractor hydraulic line

Intermunicipal Work:

1. Pipe replacement for Dunnstable Township
2. Line painting for Wayne Township and Dunnstable Township

Resident Joy Packard

Resident Joy Packard threatened to sue the Township unless the information on the township's website about the Right-To-Know Law which is not correct and that the township is in violation of the law and is a summary offense through the District Magistrate and that she could sue the Township if it is not corrected.

Supervisor Winkleman asked Mrs. Packard if she would tell the Board what is incorrect on the site and Mrs. Packard said that the website states that Right-To-Know Requests must be in writing and submitted by mail. She said that the law provides for four different ways to submit a request.

Supervisor Winkleman checked the website page during the meeting and told Mrs. Packard that the website states that requests should be in writing and submitted to the Township by email, US Mail, fax and in person.

Mrs. Packard also said the information is incorrect because it refers to 65 Purdon's Statute, 66.1 to 66.9 and that statute was repealed in 2008.

Supervisor Winkleman suggested to Mrs. Packard look at the website and email specifying what is incorrect.

Michele Whiteney added that the Right-To-Know-Officer's email should be included on the Township website's Right-To-Know Page.

Amendment to September Agenda

Chairman Edwards made a motion to amend the September Meeting Agenda to add the request from Police Chief Winkleman to purchase four tasers using donations received by the Department and the Township paying the balance not covered by donations; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

Police Chief Winkleman – Approval To Purchase New Tasers

Chief Winkleman reported that the Police Department needs to purchase four new tasers and that the Department has raised enough money from the community to purchase three and half the price of the fourth taser, requesting approval to purchase the tasers and funds from the Supervisors to complete the purchase of the tasers.

When asked for pricing information from the Supervisors, Chief Winkleman reported that four tasers cost \$13,750.00 and approximately \$10,000.00 in donations were received for the purchase leaving approximately \$1,500.00 needed to complete the purchase.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to authorize Chief Winkleman to purchase four tasers and the Township providing funding toward the purchase; seconded by Chairman Edwards, MCU.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Edwards adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary