

PINE CREEK TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2024

The Pine Creek Township Board of Supervisors held the regular monthly meeting on December 4, 2024, at 7:00 pm, with Supervisors John M. Reese, Dean L. Edwards, Jr., and Dave Winkleman, Jr., present.

Public Attendees: Colleen Crowley, Greg Love, Ken Packard, Pam Smith, Ken Leitch, Deb Reese, Roland Schmoltdt, James Hess, Matt Stover, Caleb Sheldon of Kilmer Insurance, David Rockey, and Thom Rosamilia, Esquire

Individuals recording the meeting: None

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Edwards asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes from the November 6, 2024, monthly meeting; there being none, Supervisor Reese made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Winkleman, MCU.

Financial Report & Invoices

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

Public Participation

Ken Packard

Chairman Edwards provided Ken Packard with the information he requested about checks numbered 8730; 8757; and 8759 that were not listed on the October disbursement report.

Colleen Crowley

Colleen Crowley questioned whether the Supervisors had 45 days to decide on the Carson Solar Farm Project.

Ms. Crowley also stated that although the project will not impact her personally, she said that her neighbor installed solar panels on their roof, and it blinds her when she is in her home's kitchen at certain times of the year. She noted that the developer stated during the public hearing that there would be no reflection from the panels, and she just wanted to share her experience with the Supervisors.

Chairman Edwards indicated to Ms. Crowley that the Supervisors have 45 days to issue a final decision on the Conditional Use request. He stated that he and Supervisor Reese went to Berwick and toured the solar fields in that area.

Chairman Edwards reported that the fields are on what look like guide rails with black panels on top and there was no reflection whatsoever.

Meeting Agenda Amendment

Chairman Edwards moved to amend the meeting agenda to table the Conditional Use Decision on the Carson Solar Farm Project; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

Recreation Committee:

David Rockey of the Recreation Committee; reviewed the proposed Park Rules and Regulations with the Supervisors.

During the discussion of the Park Rules and Regulations, Supervisor Reese suggested that the word “canisters” be replaced with “trash receptacles”.

Supervisor Winkleman made a motion to approve the Park Rules and Regulations as presented by the Recreation Committee, with one change to replace “canisters” with “trash receptacles”; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

Old Business:

Burning Ban

Chairman Edwards reported that the county-wide burning ban officially ended on December 1, 2024, and made a motion to end the burning ban in Pine Creek Township effective December 1, 2024; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

New Business:

Decision – Carson Farm Solar Project Conditional Use

Solicitor Rosamilia presented a proposed list of conditions for the solar farm, indicating that the Board is working on finalizing the list to address some of the public's concerns at the two hearings on the matter. He said the final written decision will be issued between now and December 28th, forty-five (45) days from the last hearing.

2025 Budget

Supervisor Winkleman made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget as presented; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

It was noted that the figures in the final budget were the same as in the preliminary budget presented in November with no changes.

Tax Levy Resolution 12.04.2024

Supervisor John Reese made a motion to adopt Tax Levy Resolution 12.04.2024 setting the real estate Tax rate for 2025; seconded by Supervisor Winkleman.

The Boards indicated that the real estate tax rate is the same as in 2024.

Kilmer Insurance – Proposal for Insurance Coverage

Caleb Sheldon of The Kilmer Insurance Group, reviewed the proposal from Kilmer Insurance to provide insurance coverage through EMC for the 2025 fiscal year, explaining policy coverage and the renewal premium. The expiring policy with EMC insurance premium was \$54,386.00 and the renewal premium for 2025 is \$56,283.00.

Chairman Edwards moved to accept the insurance proposal from Kilmer Insurance for insurance coverage through EMC for 2025; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

Appoint Auditor

Secretary/Treasurer reported that the Board received one letter of interest in the vacant Auditor position from Shaun Rodabaugh.

Supervisor Winkleman moved to appoint Shaun Rodabaugh to the vacant Auditor position; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

2025 Reorganization Meeting

Supervisor Reese made a motion to schedule the 2025 Reorganization Meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Right-To-Know Officer Report

Right-To-Know Officer Darlene Macklem reported no new Right-To-Know requests were received for the month.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary