

PINE CREEK TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2022

The Pine Creek Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on July 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., with Supervisors John M. Reese, Dean L. Edwards, Jr., and Kenneth J. Packard present.

Also present: Todd Pysher, P.E., Brandon Coleman and James Hess of the Woolrich Fire Company, Pam Smith, Rob Ohl, PLS, John Schultz, Gary Bowers, Travis Bowers, Greg Love, Ed and Jean Summerson, Tim Kline, Kevin Ferrara, EMC, Chief David Winkleman, and Thom Rosamilia, Esquire

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Reese asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the June 1, 2022, monthly meeting. There being none, Supervisor Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

Financial Report & Invoices

Chairman Reese asked for questions or comments on the invoices and financial report. There being none, Chairman Reese made a motion to approve the invoices and financial report as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

Public Participation

None.

Old Business:

Noise Ordinance – Discharge of Firearms

Solicitor Rosamilia reported that he was asked by the Board of Supervisors to review the provisions of the township's noise ordinance and determine how to improve the ordinance.

He said one suggestion was to simply remove some of the exceptions listed in the ordinance, one of which would be the discharge of firearms. In looking at the ordinance Solicitor Rosamilia determined the ordinance was not designed for singular noise episodes and was more for long term noise issues.

He also explained that enforcement of the current ordinance is not feasible in that the noise must be reported to the Zoning Officer. The Zoning Officer must then go speak with the individual making the complaint and the person making the noise to set up a time to go use the decibel meter to measure the noise.

Solicitor Rosamilia said it is his opinion that the current noise ordinance is never going to work. He spoke with Dave Winkelman who agreed that the ordinance is not enforceable. It was also noted that the township does not have a decibel meter.

Secondly, the township's current ordinance includes mathematical equations for decibel readings that is too complex further making enforcement unfeasible.

In lieu of revising the township's noise ordinance, Solicitor Rosamilia prepared a sample ordinance based on other municipal ordinances for the Supervisors to review that is geared to a single noise event. The ordinance he prepared speaks to noise that is plainly audible at 50 to 100 feet from the property line. He suggested that the ordinance he drafted be used as a starting point for the Board of Supervisors to review.

Further discussion was tabled to the August meeting.

New Business:

Dutch Hollow Bridge Replacement - Bid Results

A bid opening for the Dutch Hollow Bridge Replacement Project was held July 6, 2022, at 2:00 pm at the Pine Creek Township Municipal Building. The bids received for the project are as follows:

NESTLERODE CONTRACTING, INC.	\$147,311.50
HRI, INC.	\$159,000.00
SYLVANIA SITE CONTRACTORS	\$256,898.35
CHARLES CONSTRUCTION	\$171,276.90

Todd Pysher, Project Engineer, who was presided over the bid opening, and reviewed all bids received for accuracy, discussed the bids received with the Board of Supervisors.

Based on the recommendation of Todd Pysher, P.E., Chairman Reese made a motion to accept the low bid from Nestlerode Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$147,311.50; seconded by Supervisor Edwards; MCU.

Wes Carson Subdivision

Rob Ohl, PLS presented the Wes Carson Subdivision for property along Valley View Road. The subdivision creates a two-acre lot, the residual parcel consists of 90.31 acres.

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

Mileage Rate

Supervisor Packard made a motion to approve increasing its mileage rate to \$.625 per mile consistent with the IRS mileage rate increase effective July 1, 2022; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

2022 Ford Interceptor Police SUV

The Supervisors reviewed the quote received from Tri Star Motors for a 2022 Ford Interceptor Police SUV under CoStars Contract #013-146 in the amount of \$34,198.00.

Chairman Reese made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2022 Ford Interceptor Police SUV from Tri Star Motors for \$34,198.00; seconded by Supervisor Edwards; MCU.

On the recommendation of Secretary/Treasurer Darlene Macklem, it was the consensus of the Board to use Act 13 Funds to purchase the vehicle.

It was noted by the Board of Supervisors that the 2017 Ford Interceptor Police SUV be listed for sale on Municibid.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report

EMC Kevin Ferrara reported that the replacement PPE extractor was delivered today and once the wiring and plumbing work is complete, the extractor will be functional.

EMC Ferrara also reported that he toured the FSTI facility with members of both the Woolrich and Avis Fire Company on June 23rd. It was recommended that FSTI raise the windsock and illuminate it at night. Identify the full tankers by using placards. Fix containment pools which are not stable and provide an emergency plan as requested by the EPA.

He explained that FSTI puts hydrochloric acid in railroad cars and mixes it with other corrosive chemicals and flammable liquids. The chemicals are then pumped into tanker trucks and hauled to fracking sites. It is considered a transfer site but is basically a mixing facility. It is located beside the wastewater plant and safety precautions are needed to ensure the chemicals from FSTI do not leak into the wastewater plant.

EMC Ferrara said both the Avis Fire Company and Woolrich Fire Company provided EMS support for the Susquehanna Valley Big Twins concert event and he plans to have a post event discussion to determine what could have been done better and noted that the biggest breakdown was in communication.

EMC Ferrara reported that Tony Walker, Chief of the Clinton County Fire Association, through the PA Fire & Emergency Services Institute scheduled a Town Meeting tomorrow evening titled "The Future of the Pennsylvania Fire Service/ Next Generation". The meeting will be held at the Central Mountain High School and topics to be discussed include Junior Firefighters; Relief Association Modernization; Fire Training and Education; Recruitment & Retention; and Local Government/VFD Relationships. Members of the State Fire Commission will be in attendance as well as Tom Cook Administrator of the Academy. EMC Ferrara invited the Board of Supervisors to attend the meeting if their schedules permitted.

Law Enforcement

Chief Winkelman presented the June Police Report to the Supervisors at the beginning of the meeting.

Chief Winkelman requested the Supervisors consider purchasing a Speed Alert 24 Radar Message Sign to be used on roads throughout the township and agreed to provide information to the Supervisors prior to the August meeting.

Roadmaster's Report

Roadmaster John Reese presented the June Road Report during the meeting which included:

- Tar and chip job on Park and Main Streets were completed
- Scratch paving on Sulphur Run Road
- Tar and chip Sulphur Run Road
- Mow along township roads
- Street sweeping on Park Avenue, Main Street and Sulphur Run Road
- Intermunicipal work for Porter Township
- Intermunicipal work for Benner Township – tar and chip project (8 days)
- Mowed ball fields and buildings
- Replaced catch basin in Creekside
- Traveled to Wayne Township and Howard Borough to look at intermunicipal projects
- Installed new signs in Sagamore Hills
- Vehicles # 5, 23 and 1 were inspected; Vehicle #6 taken to Mack for motor repairs

Executive Session

Chairman Reese called an Executive Session at 7:30 pm to be followed by adjournment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Reese made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary