

PINE CREEK TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2022

The Pine Creek Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on October 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., with Supervisors John M. Reese, Dean L. Edwards, Jr., and Kenneth J. Packard present.

Also present: Brandon Coleman, Trevor Reeder and James Hess of the Woolrich Fire Company, Jeff Raab, Ken Leitch, Steve Leith, David DeWald, Elmer Christian, Rich Camerer, Brian Stover of the Avis Fire Company, Gerard Banfill, Kevin Ferrara, Tom and Amy Rinker, Ed and Jean Summerson, Vickie Hancock, Laurie Flanagan, Kevin Sorgen, Bonnie Nichols, Police Chief David Winkleman, and Thom Rosamilia, Esquire

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Reese asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the September 5, 2022, monthly meeting. There being none, Supervisor Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Chairman Reese, 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 Edwards, MCU.

Secretary/Treasurer Macklem requested approval to close out the Muncy Bank ARPA (American Plan Rescue Act) checking account and transfer the funds into the Muncy Bank General Fund Account as per the ARPA guidelines.

Chairman Reese made a motion to close the Muncy Bank ARPA Account and transfer the funds into the Muncy Bank General Fund Account; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Public Participation

Tom Rinker asked what the status of the proposed noise ordinance regulating shooting firearms.

Chairman Reese explained that the Supervisors voted against moving forward with the ordinance during the September monthly meeting.

Old Business:

Woolrich Park

Chairman Reese reported that the Clinton County Commissioners are moving forward with taking ownership of the Woolrich Park.

Solicitor Rosamilia said he has been working with County Solicitor Larry Coploff on a donation agreement from the County and Pine Creek Township that will be similar to the donation agreement between Woolrich, Inc. and the County.

He said the agreement includes a provision that if at some point the property will not be used as a public park as it is now, it would revert back to the County.

It is understanding that the County will approve the donation agreement at their meeting on October 20th and the document will be ready for the Supervisors to sign at the November Pine Creek Township meeting.

New Business:

Kevin Sorgen Subdivision

Chairman Reese explained that due to a lack of a quorum for the Pine Creek Township Planning Commission meeting, the Kevin Sorgen Subdivision was not acted on by the Planning Commission; and under the circumstances, he said that the Board of Supervisors has the right to move forward and act on the subdivision.

Chairman Reese explained that the subdivision is creating two lots from the property formerly owned by Homer Haight that originally contained approximately 16 acres. The residual lot will consist of 10.116 acres and 5.717 acres will be added onto existing property owned by Mr. Sorgen.

Mr. Sorgen explained that because the 5.717 acres will be added onto his property which includes his residence, SEO Jeff Kreger indicated that a perc test is not necessary.

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

Horses of Hope Preliminary/Final Development Plan

Chairman Reese noted that Phase I of the Horses of Hope Preliminary/Final Development Plan has not been reviewed by the Pine Creek Township Planning Commission due to a lack of a quorum at the September meeting. However, the Planning Commission has reviewed prior plans submitted by Horses of Hope and is familiar with the project. In an effort to keep the project moving, the Board of Supervisors will review and act on the plans tonight.

The Board reviewed the Land Development Plan and due to a grant received for a fence that will expire soon, Laurie Flanagan of Horses of Hope requested approval to start installing a fence on the property near the MidState Trail.

Chairman Reese said based on the review and recommendation of Township Engineer Randy Webster, he would make a motion to grant conditional approval of Phase I of the Horses of Hope Woolrich Facility Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan and grant approval for the installation of a fence with the following conditions:

1. Receipt of DEP approved Sewage Facilities Planning Module
2. Receipt of acceptable financial security based on the cost estimate (\$438,802.00)

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

Resolution 10-05-2022 – Appointment of Richard C. Lowe, CPA

Supervisor Packard made a motion to appoint Richard C. Lowe, CPA to perform the 2022 Audit replacing the elected Auditors; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Authority Mandatory Connection Ordinance

Solicitor Rosamilia said he reviewed the ordinance proposed by the Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Authority which provides that any residence within 100 feet from the waterline would be required to hook onto the waterline and said it is pretty basic. He said he can tailor the ordinance to Pine Creek Township, advertise it and place it on the agenda for the November meeting.

The Board directed Solicitor Rosamilia to move forward with finalizing the ordinance and advertising it for consideration at the November meeting.

2023 Budget Work Session

Chairman Reese made a motion to schedule a 2023 Budget Work Session; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

Halloween Trick or Treat

Chairman Reese made a motion to schedule Halloween Trick or Treat for October 31, 2022, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

Jim Hess of the Woolrich Fire Company announced the fire company will also be holding a Trunk or Treat at the fire hall at the same time as Trick or Treat.

Roadmaster's Report

Roadmaster John Reese presented the September Roadmaster Report that included:

- Clean up from storm damage
- Mowing
- Weed eat along township roads
- Repaired catch basin on Derr Hill and Spong Hollow
- Scratch pave crossings on Spong Hollow & Kryder Hollow
- Scratch pave on Island Road
- Prep work for Avis Borough and Pine Creek Township on Brady Street and tarred and chipped Fourth Street
- Paint lines on Gravel Hill, Spong Hollow and the riverside of Harley Drive
- Filled in shoulders along various road
- Vehicle maintenance – repairs to plow on #1, which had some cracks in it and had to be welded; serviced #22 which is the pickup truck and #16, the police vehicle; repair #24 roller which had a water problem; repaired #8 which is the mower used for the side of the roads, the shifter control, change stone boxes on all trucks and put the tailgates on; prepped #19, the street sweeper winterized it for winter.
- Intermunicipal work included painting lines for Dunnstable Township and tar and chipped Brady Street for Avis Borough

Emergency Management Coordinator Report

EMC Kevin Ferrara reported attending the October 4th kickoff meeting for the Clinton County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, noting the last update was done in 2018. They are working on a five year plan and expect the updated plan will be completed by September, 2023.

There are forms and a survey for the township to complete to identify hazards and the National Flood Insurance Program Survey and a form to assess planning and regulatory abilities. He noted that municipalities that do not participate in the hazard mitigation plan update or submit the forms will not be eligible for funding through FEMA or PEMA in the event of an emergency.

Law Enforcement

The September Police Report was presented to the Supervisors for review.

Secretary Macklem reported that the Supervisors received a letter from the Clinton County Commissioners indicating that the Township will receive \$7,000.00 through the ARPA Grant Program for the speed alert radar trailer.

Chairman Reese made a motion to increase the hourly rate for police services provided to Wayne Township, Avis Borough and Dunnstable Township, at a rate to be determined; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Executive Session

Supervisor Edwards made a motion at 7:45 pm to hold an executive session to discuss administrative issues; seconded by Chairman Reese, MCU.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 8:17 pm.

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 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary