

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2021 7:00 p.m.

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 7:00 P.M. by Smith
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Roll Call: Present:** Richardson, Meert, Smith, Sell, Hephner
Also Present: Attorney Kaufman
4. **Agenda: *Motion made by Smith, supported by Hephner, to accept the agenda with the addition of Gypsy Moth Seminar under Old Business. All yes, motion carried.***
5. **Consent Agenda: *Motion made by Richardson, supported by Sell to approve the Consent Agenda. All yes, motion carried.***
6. **Monthly Bills: *Motion made by Hephner, supported by Smith to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$40,966.45. All yes, motion carried.***
7. **Public Comment:** A resident asked that if you have a person open burning for 5 days straight, how would one handle it. Smith advised them to call the fire department. A resident inquired about future information on gypsy moths and Smith stated that the township is attempting to set up an additional seminar in January, to look on the Pine Grove website for dates and times.
8. **Correspondence and Reports:**
 - A. **Library:** Smith stated that the County Library Committee has decided not to spend any more money and time on the proposed building for the library.
 - B. **Sheriff:** none
 - C. **County Commission:** submitted
 - D. **Road Commission:** none Smith stated that he is working on the 22-23 Road Project plan due January 1, 2022.
 - E. **Fire Chief:** 224 calls to date this year
 - F. **Fire Board:** Kehoe stated that the fire board will be finalizing the 22-23 budget by January 1st.
 - G. **Ambulance:** submitted 12 calls in November 2021
 - H. **Treasurer:** T&A: \$10,014.45 Checking: \$573,808.64 Savings: \$199,927.01 Tax: \$1,459.98
 - I. **Planning Commission:** Meeting 12-20-21 at 6 p.m. with a Public Hearing on a Special Land Use Application.
 - J. **KABA:** submitted Smith stated that there was one building permit issued and one special inspection permit.
 - K. **OEO:** submitted The eviction process is still in progress for the property next to Township Hall.
9. **Committee Reports: *Motion by Hephner, supported by Richardson to have Smith complete the application for ARPA Funds for park improvements at North Lake. All yes, motion carried.***
10. **Old Business:**
 1. **Cell Tower on CR388 Update:** Smith stated that Zoning Officer Priest submitted an update and has advised the owners that they have until January 1, 2022 to complete the items pursuant to their Special Land Use permit.
 2. **CVT Revenue Sharing: *Motion made by Smith, supported by Richardson, to pursue the CVT (County, Village, Township) Revenue Sharing if it is cost effective. All yes, motion carried.***
 3. **Gypsy Moth Seminar:** Smith stated that he is working with Chris Emler at MSU to hold a seminar at the township for residents regarding gypsy moths.
11. **New Business:**
 1. **Establish Poverty Level for Pine Grove Township: *Motion by Hephner, supported by Sell to adopt the Federal Poverty Guidelines. All yes, motion carried. Motion by Smith, supported by Sell to set the asset level at \$15,000.00. All yes, motion carried.***

12. **Public Discussion:** Steve Schultz with Bloomingdale Communications stated that an issue has come up with the County ARPA fund Committee and the utility service with the USDA as to whether the ARPA funds can be combined with federal funds. He is trying to find the answers and will communicate those answers with the township when they are available.
13. **Member Comment:** none

Motion made by Smith, supported by Richardson to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.
Adjournment: 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Meert, Pine Grove Twp. Clerk