

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 2022 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, Hephner **Absent:** Sell
4. **Agenda: *Motion made by Hephner, supported by Smith to approve the agenda. All yes, motion carried.***
5. **Public Comment:** Jim Kehoe was in attendance to answer any questions.
6. **Old Business:**
 1. Funding for Fire Apparatus-Smith stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the funding of the Pine Grove Fire Department purchase of a new pumper truck in the amount of \$695000.00.
Don Smith stated he had been in touch with the City of Gobles and was told they were not prepared to pass the resolution for purchase of the Fire truck yet, but will have another Board Meeting on October 27 to discuss the resolution and how they will fund it. They do not have the funds and are discussing putting a special millage in place which will take some time. Hephner stated the Board was aware of this, but the concern is the purchase agreement has to be in place by Monday the 31st to avoid the price increase of \$50000.00. Gobles meeting is October 27th. If they do not approve the resolution, a decision has to be made how to submit the purchase agreement by Monday October 31st from Pine Grove. Pine Grove has already adopted the resolution to purchase the truck at the October 5 Board Meeting, so a decision from Gobles on the resolution is what is needed.
Hephner stated the problem is the deadline of November 1 for ordering the truck. Hephner stated a decision on how to do that based on if Gobles does or does not pass the resolution to purchase is what needs to be focused on. The details of funding can be figured out at a later date. There is no money required up front to place the order. The first payment due will be around August 2023 when the Chassis is completed.
Smith made a motion supported by Richardson to order the Pumper Truck on Monday the 31st regardless if the City of Gobles passes the resolution or not. If the city cannot come up with funds the truck will be funded 100% by Pine Grove Township and Pine Grove will have total ownership with a lease back agreement to Pine Grove Fire Department. Roll call vote: Richardson-yes, Meert-yes, Smith-yes, Hephner-yes. Motion passed.
Hephner made a motion supported by Richardson, if the City passes the resolution in accordance with the inter local agreement the truck will be ordered on Monday the 31st by Pine Grove Township Fireboard. If the city does not pass the resolution on Thursday the purchase order will be submitted on Monday the 31st, in the name of Pine Grove Township only and will be funded in its entirety by Pine Grove Township funds not to exceed \$750000.00. Roll Call Vote: Richardson-yes, Meert-yes, Smith-yes, Hephner-yes. Motion passed.
7. **Public Discussion:** Hephner stated in the future we need to be more proactive on these major purchases. Smith suggested Pine Grove do a millage for capital funds. Hephner stated she would have to think about this, she personally would be very mindful of our taxpayers. They are very saddled at this time.

Motion made by Smith, supported by Richardson to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.
Adjournment: 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Meert, Pine Grove Twp. Clerk