
HOWE TOWNSHIP

Forest County

Regular Meeting

February 12, 2014

5:00 PM

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT.

Supervisors:

Robert A. Summers, Chairman/Roadmaster
Frank W. Polovich, Vice Chairman
Robert E. Shaffer

Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement:

Marjorie E. Villarreal

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Guest present was Sue E. Watson.

JANUARY 6, 2014 ORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING.

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the January 6, 2014 Organization and Regular Meeting minutes.

JANUARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the January Treasurer's Report.

ROADMASTER REPORT.

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, said they have been plowing and cindering roads all month. He said he had to purchase a snow reflector for the front of the Ford 550 and explained how the snow was coming over the front. He said the new one works really well. Summers said he had to have a universal joint replaced on the F550. He discussed what the weather has been doing to the roads and predicts a lot of potholes this spring when the deep ice in the roads thaw.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said she permitted over weight vehicles for Tachoir Resources for a year to travel on T327, Duhring Road; T371, Job Corps Road T358, Beaver Meadows Road; Catalyst Energy for a year for T333 Bean Farm Road, T372 Fork Run Road, T374 Sheffield Junction Road, T372 Job Corps Road, T358 Beaver Meadows Road, T368 Cooper Tracts Road; Pennsylvania General Energy for a year on T327 Duhring Road, T371 Job Corps Road, T358 Beaver Meadows Road and SLT Production for a year for T368 Cooper Tract Road. She said Allegheny Wood Products got a three month permit to use T358 Beaver Meadows Road and Matson Lumber Company a three month permit for T327 Duhring Road. Villarreal and Summers discussed with the other Supervisors a nuisance complaint, in Brookston, she received and Summers went to look at.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT CONTINUED.

Villarreal said it was decided at this point the camp has not deteriorated enough to pursue it being completely demolished and we will continue to monitor it.

BROOKSTON TIMBER BRIDGE RESTORATION/MAINTENANCE PLAN BID.

Summers announced an executive session for litigation was held on January 16, 2014. A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to sign the bridge Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of Claims. A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to award the Bridge Restoration/Maintenance Plan to our appointed Engineer Mark Corey and Associates not to exceed \$15,000.00 without further board approval.

T327 DUHRING ROAD STREETLIGHT.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was unanimously not passed to pay for a street light for the end of T327 Duhring Road.

PART-TIME EMERGENCY ROAD WORKER.

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to hire an emergency part-time Road Worker with an \$8.50 an hour rate of pay.

TOWNSHIP CLEAN UP.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to hold the Township Clean Up May 31, 2014 from 8 AM to 2 PM and rent a compactor from Advance Disposal.

CLUSTER FLY SERVICE.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve to sign for Cluster Fly service for the office municipal building for \$225.00.

ROADMASTER PURCHASE.

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously for the Roadmaster to purchase tire chains for the International truck for approximately \$275.00.

BILLS TO PAY.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to pay the bills.

MAIL, E-MAIL AND TELEPHONE CORRESPONDENCE.

Priscilla Newpher, Township Auditor, sent the township a letter suggesting the township consider adding one or two paid personal days for employees in case of emergencies.

MAIL, E-MAIL AND TELEPHONE CORRESPONDENCE CONTINUED.

Villarreal said the office received a fax from Todd Anderson, a package delivery service person, asking if there was a township ordinance requiring all address numbers be posted on houses. She said one was advertised and adopted in 2008. Summers said to reply to him and tell him he needed to be more specific with his complaint about houses without numbers. Villarreal said she received a certified letter about a public meeting being held on February 13, 2014 in Tionesta about the 2014 Forest County Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan Update. Summers said he will be attending the meeting and will represent the township. Villarreal said that Douglas McDonald emailed her and asked if the township had considered a noise ordinance for the gas activity and generator stations. She said she will give him a copy of Act 13, which was just passed into law, and supercedes anything the township could pass or enforce about noise relating to oil and gas operations. The Supervisors discussed donating to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Villarreal said she will try to work it into next year's budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Sue Watson and the Supervisors discussed the Marienville Area Library expanding and possibly moving.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer