
HOWE TOWNSHIP

Forest County
Regular Meeting
November 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. There were no guests present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Robert Summers, Chairman, announced an Executive Session was held to discuss litigation between Richard and Karen Shick and the Township.
A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to have the Solicitor, Andrea Stapleford, contact Attorney Mathew Fuchs about the Shick litigation.

OCTOBER 8, 2014 REGULAR MEETING.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously to approve the October 8, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes with the adjusted changes to the sale of the York road rake.

OCTOBER TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

ROADMASTER REPORT.

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, said the Roadcrew has spent most of their time cleaning out ditches with the ditcher, grader and backhoe. He said almost every day we have removed trees and limbs from the roads. He said all to the equipment has been readied for winter. Summers said there has been an ongoing issue with the boom ditcher/mower. He explained the boom will begin to move on its own and it is one of two problems. He said it is either a valve problem or an electrical issue. He said the problem is sporadic so he hasn't determined which yet. He said either one will probably be expensive. He said he will explain more on that after he has tracked it down. Summers said he had to spend a little time away from work for medical problems. He said he believes the problem is solved and doesn't expect any more problems in the near future. He said Roadworker Clever has taken this week off (11/10 to 11/14/2014) as vacation time. He said he still has not received the equipment trailer from Terry Kahles after a lot of run around.

ROADMASTER REPORT CONTINUED.

Summers said there were all new brakes replaced on the equipment trailer. He said there are no significant equipment repairs to report at this time. He said the owners of the property off of T370, Byromtown Road, called and want the township to remove the waste from the trees that are being taken down along their property in the right of way.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said she permitted two companies to use T374, Sheffield Junction Road with their over weight vehicles. She said Bald Hill Oil and North East Hardwoods both got three month permits for the road. She said she sent three letters to the Mclaughlin's who own the property off of Byromtown Road and finally heard back from them today that they don't not want the fallen trees. She said she also sent a return receipt letter to a property owner who built a 10 x 12 shed without a municipal building permit off of Route 1005, Watson Farm Road which he completed and mailed back the application. She said Terry Snyder came to the office and got a building permit application for 10 x 8 shed at 7642 Route 666 Sheffield.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Povolich was passed unanimously to approve the building permits.

REVIEW AND ADVERTISE 2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET.

After reviewing the 2015 Temporary Budget a motion made by Summers and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously to advertise the Temporary 2015 Budget is ready for public inspection.

2014 FINANCIAL AUDIT.

A motion made by Polovich and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously to advertise that a Certified Public Accountant will be hired to complete the 2014 Financial Audit.

PURCHASE OF LEAF BLOWER.

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously for the Roadmaster to purchase a leaf blower for \$700.00.

BILLS TO PAY.

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

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer