
HOWE TOWNSHIP

Forest County
Regular Meeting
December 10, 2014
5:00 PM

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT.

Supervisors: Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement:
Robert A. Summers, Chairman/Roadmaster Marjorie E. Villarreal
Frank W. Polovich, Vice Chairman
Robert E. Shaffer

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Priscilla Newpher was the only guest present.

PRISCILLA NEWPHER, AUDITOR AND BOOKKEEPING & OFFICE SERVICES.

Priscilla Newpher spoke to the Supervisors about the last amount of Local Services Taxes interest and penalties owed by The GEO Group who owns Abraxas Foundation. Chairman Summers said he thought Secretary Villarreal should sign the letter being mailed to them and closing the account of previous owed interest and penalties permanently.

NOVEMBER 12, 2014 REGULAR MEETING.

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the November 12, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes.

NOVEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

ROADMASTER REPORT.

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, said the Roadcrew has spent a little time plowing and sanding the roads, but not as much as usual for this time of year. He said it has given us some extra time to catch up on other things, such as ditching, hazardous tree removal and tree trimming. He said we have also been dealing with equipment maintenance. Summers said the new (to us) trailer has arrived. He said it has been rewired along with the International truck and the trailer will give us many years of service. He said the toolbox on the trailer needs to be rebuilt and he is working on that now. He said he has many equipment repairs to report. He said the International truck was rewired to pull the trailer and was inspected. Summers said the Ranger pickup was found to have a warped plenum that was causing it to stall and run poorly. He said a tree fell on the backhoe hood and side panel denting it substantially. He said they are going to try and repair it themselves, but if they can't then it will need to be turned in to the insurance company.

ROADMASTER REPORT CONTINUED.

Summers said it wasn't causing any loss of performance with the use of the backhoe. He said we will continue with ditching and any right of way work until they start plowing snow for the winter. Summers discussed with the Supervisors whether they would want to sell the 1983 Case backhoe. They told him to get the price of what it is worth and it will be put on the next agenda.

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to accept the Roadmaster Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said she permitted Kane Hardwoods for three months to use over weight vehicles on T358, Beaver Meadows Road. She said she mailed a certified return receipt and regular form violation letter to a seasonal camp owner on Short Hill Drive, off of Route 66, who built a porch without a permit. Villarreal said the office received a letter from LR Brophy who owns a camp on Bean Farm Road and he listed his receipts of money he spent to repair the damage he said was made by the township ditching machine to his camp.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously to approve the receipts and pay the bill of \$162.97.

2015 BUDGET.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously to approve the 2015 Budget.

ADVERTISEMENT OF 2015 MEETING DATES.

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to advertise that the Organizational and Regular meetings will be held on January 5 at 3:30 PM, the Auditors Organizational meeting will be held on January 6 at 6:00 PM and the February and March meetings will be held the second Wednesday of the month at 3:30 PM.

ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCE 15-1 PSATS UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to have the Solicitor advertise Ordinance 15-1 PSATS Unemployment Compensation to be adopted at the January 5, 2015 Regular meeting.

AUDITOR APPOINTMENT.

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Summers was passed to appoint Sue E. Watson as a Township Auditor with Shaffer and Summers voting yes and Polovich abstaining.

BILLS TO PAY.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Priscilla Newpher asked everyone if the Census Bureau worker that had come to her front door was a legitimate bureau worker. Villarreal said she had one stop in at the office last month who was. Summers said there were people looking to purchase the 292 acre property owned by the Western PA Conservancy off of Route 666. Villarreal said she had received a PA One Call for them to have their sewage tested on the property by our Sewage Enforcement Officer and had talked to Todd Fantaskey about it.

ADJOURNMENT.

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer

APPROVED