
HOWE TOWNSHIP

Forest County

Regular Meeting

February 13, 2013

4:00 PM

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT.

Supervisors:

Robert A. Summers, Chairman/Roadmaster
Larry L. Loxley, Vice Chairman

Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement:

Marjorie E. Villarreal

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Guests present were Dolores Loxley and Sheffield Fire Police Captain, Roy Burton. Supervisor Frank Polovich was not present.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Fire Police Captain, Roy Burton talked to the Supervisors and guests about fire police officer's authority in a municipality that does not have its own fire company. He gave them a magazine article, Fire Police Authority in Communities Without Fire Depts., from the Pennsylvania Fireman magazine and a list of the Sheffield Fire Police members. He discussed the fact that they may be challenged in a courtroom as to what authority they had in that municipality.

JANUARY 7, 2013 ORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to approve the January 7, 2013 Organization and Regular Meeting minutes.

DECEMBER 2012 AND JANUARY 2013 TREASURER'S REPORTS.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to approve the revised December 2012 and January 2013 Treasurer's Reports.

ROADMASTER REPORT.

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, said there was not much to report for last month. He said just the plowing of snow and treating of icy, slippery roads. He said a few trees had to be removed from the roads after some wind events. He said we continue to monitor the Beaver Meadows and Job Corps Roads while Shell is working at the well site there and so far so good as things have been frozen. Summers said I was absent from work for a week with some health issues. He said they have been resolved and work continues. He said there are a couple of repairs to report just recently. He said the F-550 truck had a flat tire and had to be replaced with a new one. He said the International truck was due for inspection and also developed an air leak in the brake system. He said it is at Dunkles garage at the time of this report. He said we will continue to plow snow in the hopes that it will soon be over.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said she permitted over weight vehicles for three months for Firth Maple Products to travel on T374 Sheffield Junction Road and Allegheny Wood Products to travel on T358 Beaver Meadows Road. She said Tachoir Resources got permits for a year to travel with over weight vehicles on T327, Duhring Road; T371, Job Corps Road and T358, Beaver Meadows Road.

MERCER COUNTY NUISANCE ORDINANCE DISCUSSION.

After discussion, a motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to have the Solicitor review Section 5. Inspection of Premises; Notice to Comply of a Mercer County Nuisance Ordinance to find out if it would be permitted and could be added to the townships nuisance ordinance.

SUMMERS ATTENDING IDC MEETINGS.

The Supervisors asked the Secretary to table Summers attending IDC meetings until the next meeting.

MARIENVILLE LIBRARY'S ADDITIONAL DONATION.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to give the Marienville Area Library an additional \$100.00 donation.

PIGEON PLANT AND DEP'S LETTER.

The Supervisors asked the Secretary to table the discussion of the letter to DEP about the Pigeon Plant until Supervisor Polovich is present.

UNCONVENTIONAL GAS WELL FUND USAGE REPORT.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to discuss the report that needs filed with the PUC by April 1 as to what/if the township will use the \$10,965 for and it was agreed to leave the money in the capital reserve fund at this time.

2013 TOWNSHIP CLEAN UP.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to have the Township Clean Up June 1, 2013 from 8 AM to 2 PM and rent a compactor from Veolia ES Solid Waste.

PAY FOR CALCULATING INTEREST AND PENALTIES.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to pay Priscilla Newpher \$500.00 for the time she spent calculating the \$8189.17 in interest and penalties that Abraxas owed for their delinquent Local Services Tax.

DELINQUENT LOCAL SERVICES TAX.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously for the Secretary to contact Priscilla Newpher and do whatever she needs to do to let Abraxas know they are late and owe interest and penalties for the 4th quarter of 2012 for the Local Services Tax.

ALLEGHENY FOREST ALLIANCE DONATION.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to discuss donating to the Allegheny Forest Alliance, with no action taken.

CLUSTER FLY SERVICE.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to sign the Cluster Fly Control Agreement for the office municipal building for \$225.00.

GARAGE SATELLITE INTERNET.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously for the township garage to purchase of internet satellite for the installation cost of \$200.00 and \$59.95 per month from USA Choice.

FRONT DOOR FOR OFFICE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously for the Secretary to contact Warren Overhead Door and purchase a front door for the office municipal building for approximately \$1500.00.

BILLS TO PAY.

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

MAIL AND TELEPHONE CORRESPONDENCE.

Villarreal said the office received a complaint about trash being stacked in Brookston along T372 Fork Run Road beside oil drums.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer