
HOWE TOWNSHIP

Forest County

Regular Meeting

February 9, 2011

2:00 PM

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT.

Supervisors:

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

Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement:

Marjorie E. Villarreal

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Guests present were Dolores Loxley, CPL Joseph R. Kovel, Kay O'Rourke and Stan O'Rourke.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

CPL Kovel explained to the Supervisors and guests that every month they are required to visit a township within their jurisdiction. Stan O'Rourke talked to him about the stop sign at the Route 666 bridge. The Supervisors said they had no problems to report and asked about the new barracks being built outside of Marienville. Kovel said the status on the new barracks was that it was to be completed by September 1, 2011 and that it will be located between the old Route 899 and the new Route 899 intersection. He said the old barracks near Tionesta will be closed and was not sure what the new one will be named, possibly Forest County State Police Barracks. He said one of the reasons it was being moved is because the State Police now cover three townships in Jefferson County, the new prison and Abraxas I being in this area.

JANUARY 3, 2011 ORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the January 3, 2011 Organization and Regular Meeting minutes.

DECEMBER 2010 AND JANUARY 2011 TREASURER'S REPORTS.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the December 2010 and January 2011 Treasurer's Reports.

ROADMASTER REPORT.

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, said there was not much to report for the month other than snow removal and treating the roads for winter conditions. He said at various times they have moved back snow banks with the grader and backhoe. Summers said there were some small repairs to report. The garage furnace blower quit and they found the bearings had failed. He said they replaced them and all seems to be fine. He said a new carbide cutting edge for the International snowplow has been installed with good results so far.

ROADMASTER REPORT CONTINUED.

Summers said the new tire chains have been installed on the International with the ice bar on them giving good traction. He finished by saying in all everything is running well.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said a road Maintenance Agreement and Permit were signed with Fulton Forest Products for three months for T374 Sheffield Junction Road, which will allow them to drive overweight vehicles or logging trucks on the road, while they log Anderson's property.

HIDDEN DRIVEWAY SIGNS.

A motion made by Polovich and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to apply to PennDOT for 2 hidden driveway signs for Route 66, on either side of the Forest Lodge, because of limited visibility.

NUISANCE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

A motion made by Polovich and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously for the Secretary to write the gas odor, air pollution and water pollution amendment to the 85-2 Nuisance Ordinance.

WINDSTREAM'S HIGHSPEED INTERNET.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to inform Windstream the township will pay for the last four hook ups needed to get high speed internet.

INTERNET RESOLUTION.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to send the Internet Resolution to the County Association to be signed and forwarded to PSATS to be voted on at the State Spring Convention.

2011 TOWNSHIP CLEAN UP.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to the Township Clean Up June 4, 2011 from 8 AM to 3 PM and rent a compactor from Veolia ES Solid Waste.

OFFICE TELEPHONE ANSWERING MACHINE.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to purchase a telephone answering machine for \$80.00 for the office.

INK CARTRIDGE FOR TAX COLLECTOR.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to purchase a black ink cartridge for the Tax Collector's printer for \$20.50.

OFFICE MAT.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to purchase a 35"x 10' mat for approximately \$110.00 with shipping for the Municipal building.

EXCEL I SEMINAR.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously for the Secretary to go to Excel I seminar in Franklin.

RESOLUTION 11-2 OPPOSING 814 CHANGE.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was not passed to adopt Resolution 11-2 Opposing 814 Change with Summers and Loxley voting no and Polovich voting yes.

CLUSTER FLY CONTROL.

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

FOREST COUNTY YOUTH FIELD DAY ORGANIZATION FUNDRAISER.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously for the Forest County Youth Field Day Organization to use the township municipal office building parking lot and electric on April 16, 2011 for a fundraiser.

BILLS TO PAY.

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

PENS FOR THE TOWNSHIP CLEAN UP.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to purchase, and give away at the township clean up, 150 pens from the National Pen Company inscribed with the township name, county, telephone number and web page for approximately \$90.00 with shipping.

MAIL AND TELEPHONE CORRESPONDENCE CONTINUED.

Villarreal said Dick Shick called and complained about the way Roadworker Bob Clever graded the snow off of the bridges. Clever was not done plowing because he went back with the backhoe and finished plowing the snow back.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Kay O'Rourke said she liked the new township web page, but she was not able to view the photographs. Polovich talked to the Supervisors and guests about different ways to get more people to sign BFRR forms for high speed internet services.

ADJOURNMENT.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer

APPROVED