



HOWE TOWNSHIP
Forest County
Regular Meeting
June 12, 2013
5:00 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, James Giesseman, Tyler English, Seneca Resources, Landman and Kay O'Rourke.

MAY 8, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the May 8, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes.

MAY TREASURER'S REPORT.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the May Treasurer's Reports.

ROADMASTER REPORT.

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, said this month has given us several windy, wet and difficult days to deal with. He said we have, however, been able to get a lot of work done on T371, Job Corps and T327, Duhring Roads. He said we reworked several soft or pot holed areas on Job Corps and found pockets of clay, old wooden rip rap, and many large rocks. Summers said these were removed, gravel added and built back to standard. He said two sections of Duhring Road have been milled, geotextile placed under a couple of spots and the surface relayed with some gravel added. He added these areas would have been completely finished except for the weather delaying the spreading of the 475 tons of DSA. He said this Duhring Road project was made possible by a Dirt and Gravel Road Grant from the Forest County Conservation District. Summers said the regular maintenance work is going along fine with the help of part time help. He said the Ranger pickup gas fill tube and fuel pump had to be replaced after it was discovered that the fill tube had developed a split in it. He reported the work was done by the roadcrew. Summers said we will continue to work at the problematic areas as well as maintain the township roads and properties.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said she permitted a company for three months for over weight vehicles on the township roads. She said North East Hardwoods received a permit for T374, Sheffield Junction Road. She said she received a building permit application from Bob Carter, Balltown, for a 22' x 24' storage building at his seasonal residence off of Route 666. She said Paul Lezanic applied to build a 10' x 20' porch/deck to their cottage on Blue Jay Creek Road. Villarreal said Contractor David Steinhayer received a building permit for a Brookston property on T333, Bean Farm Road, to remove a 20' x 20' cottage on the George Schmidt property. A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to accept the building permits.

SEASONAL ROAD HELPER.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to hire Thomas Okruch as a seasonal road helper for \$12.00 per hour.

NUISANCE ORDINANCE ADMENDMENT 13-1.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to adopt Nuisance Ordinance Amendment 13-1.

JOB BENEFITS RESOLUTION 13-3.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to discuss Job Benefits Resolution 13-3.

NOISE ORDINANCE.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to discuss a noise ordinance.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to have Solicitor Andrea Stapleford research and write a noise ordinance.

PURCHASE OF 2B STONE AGGREGATE.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to get telephone quotes for the lowest quote and then purchase 170 ton of 2B washed stone aggregate for approximately \$4000.00.

SPECIAL MEETING WITH SHELL LIASON.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to advertise a special meeting with Shell Corporation Community Liaison, Joe Minnitti, on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 4:15 PM and anything else that comes before the board.

GARAGE PURCHASE.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to purchase from Fastenal a two drawer cabinet and contents for approximately \$650.00.

HEALTH INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed for the township to pay the yearly \$250.00 deductible for the full time employee's health insurance with Loxley and Polovich voting yes and Summers abstaining.

BILLS TO PAY.

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

MAIL AND TELEPHONE CORRESPONDENCE.

Summers said the company that sold him weed killer previously called to sell him some more and he said no because it was a useless product.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Kay O'Rourke asked the Supervisors to do something about the dust her and her neighbors continue to have around their house that they think is coming from T371, Job Corps Road. The Supervisors said they would try to find an oil company to apply salt brine to the road.

ADJOURNMENT AND EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM and it was followed by an executive session for litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer