

HOWE TOWNSHIP

Forest County

Regular Meeting

August 10, 2011

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. Dolores Loxley and Douglas Carlson, Director of the Forest County Conservation District & Planning Department, were the guests.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT.

Doug Carlson, Director of the Forest County Conservation District & Planning Department, spoke to the Supervisors about the July 14, 2011 passing of the County's Stormwater Ordinance. He explained the down slope buffer distance and answered questions.

JULY 13, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the July 13, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes.

AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 TREASURER'S REPORTS.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to amend PLGIT Road Fund account by debiting the account \$965.21 for a State Police Fines and Penalties electronic funds transfer made by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation on December 1, 2010 to Howe Township's PLGIT account #5411037.

JULY TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

ROADMASTER REPORT.

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, said last month was spent grading and boom mowing the township roads. He said the unusually dry summer is good for our road maintenance as the roads, after being graded, usually stay free of potholes for awhile. He said the boom mowing was slowed considerable this summer by his health issues and the failure of the boom mower. Summers said we have removed all of the remaining rail road tracks from T374 Sheffield Junction Road and have begun to reshape those sections of the road.

ROADMASTER REPORT CONTINUED.

Summers said the mower "joy stick" quit working and was replaced with a leaner unit from Seigworth Road Supply until theirs can be replaced with a new one. He said the two way radios that were not working properly were checked out by RAMCO Communications and repaired accordingly. He said there were no other repairs to report. Summers said we will continue to grade, mow and repair the removed rail road track areas in the next month.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said Industrial Timber & Lumber or Chagrin Land signed a Maintenance Agreement for over weight road permits for three months for T327 Duhring Road and, also, Turner Enterprises for T358 Beaver Meadows Road. She said the property owner in Brookston, who is in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance, did not appeal the Magistrate's conviction so she sent her a letter telling her if she did not clean up her property within 30 days the township would.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to call the Solicitor and get her involved, if the property owner with the nuisance violation in Brookston did not clean up the property.

Villarreal said the person who owns the trailer in violation in Mayburg met with the Sewage Enforcement Officer and she was waiting to find out the results. She said the person who built a shed on T371 Job Corps Road before applying for a permit complied after a certified return receipt letter was sent to him.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to approve the building permit after he tells Villarreal the dimensions of the shed and the distance it is from his cabin.

PROPERTY PURCHASE.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to move ahead with the purchase of the Candiotti property with the use of the Solicitor.

SALT BRINE LETTERS.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously for the Secretary to send letters to oil producers to ask for their salt brine to use for dust control on the gravel roads.

BILLS TO PAY.

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

MAIL AND TELEPHONE CORRESPONDENSE.

Summers said he spoke to Art Candiotti and Candiotti accepted the township's offer of the appraised value of \$24,000.00 for his property that is for sale next to the garage. Villarreal said when she gave Jill Huddleson the anonymous letter the township received about the Blue Jay Inn's sewage Jill told her DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) had already contacted her, made an appointment to inspect the sewage and told her the Inn passed the inspection. Villarreal said the company that drove over weight vehicles on T373 Watson Farm Road last week told her the township needed to post signs that the road is permanently closed to all over weight vehicles. Summers said he wanted the Secretary to write a letter to Verizon and ask them when they were going to lower the pipeline on T373 Watson Farm Road. Summers said that another letter should be sent to Jefferson Paving Corporation about repairing T327 Duhring Road. Polovich said Dan Valentine called him and said people were shooting guns off of Duhring Road. Villarreal said as Code Enforcement Officer she needed to be notified if people are shooting illegally. Dolores Loxley questioned who had put salt brine on T371 Job Corps Road

ADJOURNMENT.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer