
HOWE TOWNSHIP

Forest County

Regular Meeting

August 8, 2012

5:00 PM

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT.

Supervisors:

Robert A. Summer, 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, Bob Rourke and Jason Snyder were the guests present.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Jason Snyder, Engineer for Rettew Associates, introduced himself to the Board of Supervisors and guests. He explained he was working for Shell Exploration and Production as their Engineer to reconstruct roads for heavy truck traffic due to drilling wells. They will begin by taking core samples of T371 Job Corps Road and T358 Beaver Meadows Road. He explained the project will consist of a 3 to 3 ½ inch overlay on T358 and a 3 – 4 mile full depth reclamation to Shell's well site off of T371. He gave them a core sample to look at.

JULY 11, 2012 REGULAR MEETING.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the July 11, 2012 Regular Meeting minutes.

JULY TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

ROADMASTER REPORT.

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, said July has been a very busy month. He said we have repaired, moved or replaced all of the road and street signs that needed attention. He said several trees and limbs had to be removed after the storm on the 26th of the month. Summers said all of the gravel township roads have had the ditches pulled and the road surfaces graded. He said there still are some final passes to be made after they have had some traffic to compact them. He said Kane Hardwood spread limestone chips on T327, Duhring Road because of the hot weather causing the oils to bleed through with the increased logging traffic. He said the stone improved the surface.

ROADMASTER REPORT CONTINUED.

Summers said I have met with an engineering firm representing Shell Exploration & Production about two Marcellus deep wells within Howe Township He said specifically the use of T358 Beaver Meadows and T371 Job Corps Roads and the rebuilding of them to sustain the increased heavy truck traffic during the drilling process. He said he will continue to work with them to assure compliance. Summers said there are a couple of equipment failures to report this month. He said the boom mower spindle bearings failed and destroyed the spindle assembly. He said the spindle was replaced and then the hydraulic motor shaft broke in half. He said that was probably due to the spindle failure. Summers said we have had quite a time since then getting the correct parts to make the necessary repairs and as of this report it is still non functional. He said the other failure was the shed roof at the garage after a tree fell on it from the storm. He said temporary repairs have been made to that and we will cover the roof with new metal roofing as soon as materials are approved for purchase.

A motion made by Polovich and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to approve \$400.00 for a metal roof for the shed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said she permitted St. Mary's Lumber Company for three months for over weight trucks on T358, Beaver Meadows Road and Brush Run Lumber for three months on T370, Byromtown Road. Villarreal said she had a building permit application for a camp owned by Doug Fordyce on Blum Road in Brookston for a 32' x 40' pavilion. She said three property owners applied for sheds: Mike Nordin on Field Road in Brookston for a 10' x 16' shed, Steve Kashmer in Balltown for a 10' x 18' shed and Stan O'Rourke on Blue Jay Creek Road for a 12' x 24' wood shed/garage combination. Villarreal said Tyson Ruhlman applied to build an in ground swimming pool off of T373, Watson Farm Road.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to approve the building permits.

WATSON FARM ROAD MANUFACTURED HOME.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to have Gary Moore demolish the manufactured home next to the garage on Watson Farm Road.

PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to acknowledge the assignment of the Pennsylvania State Police to the office of Public Safety Radio and consent to the waiver of the six month notice requirement.

ACT 44 RESOLUTION 12-3.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to adopt Act 44 Resolution 12-3.

BILLS TO PAY.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Bob Rourke talked to the Supervisors about drivers not stopping at the stop signs at the bridge and the problems it caused coming out of his driveway. He said the State Police said they needed a clearer view of the north stop sign. They discussed cutting the brush and weeds along the side of the township building.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer

APPROVED