

HOWE TOWNSHIP
Forest County
Regular Meeting
September 14, 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, Stan O'Rourke, Jerry Fernacz and Brandon Whiby were guests.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.

Chairman Summers announced the Supervisors met before the meeting and had executive sessions for employee wages and pending litigation.

AUGUST 10, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the August 10, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes.

AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

ROADMASTER REPORT.

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, said last month was spent boom mowing and right of way trimming on T371 Job Corps and T358 Beaver Meadow Roads. He said the T358 paved section, in particular, had hundreds of small intrusive trees that needed removed. He said we spent two weeks there completing that project. Summers said with the boom mower we now have we can prevent that from happening again through annual maintenance. He said we have re-graded the gravel sections of T358 and T371 in anticipation of our fall ditch cleaning. He said the areas of T374 Sheffield Junction Road where the rail road tracks were removed has been graveled, graded and are in good condition with some work still remaining there before winter. He said the township was approved for a dirt and gravel road maintenance project at the Rocky Run area of Job Corps Road. He said we will begin that on Monday September 19th. Summers said he hoped for approval of another project on the same road yet this fall - funding permitting. He said we will continue to mow right of ways and grade the remainder of the roads before ditch cleaning begins.

ROADMASTER REPORT CONTINUED.

Summers said that after consulting with Larry he and I agreed we should call our Solicitor about the land purchase and continuing number of nuisance ordinance problems we are experiencing. He said there were no major equipment repairs to report for last month. Stan O'Rourke asked about the Rocky Run project and Summers explained they planned on grading and rolling in 400 ton or 3 inches of driving surface aggregate. He said they are placing 40 ton of R3 riprap at the area.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said North East Hardwoods signed a Maintenance Agreement for over weight road permits for three months for T370 Byromtown Road and they also had a driveway culvert approved by the Roadmaster. Villarreal and the Supervisors discussed Sheffield Land and Timber's road permits. A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to adopt Declaration of Nuisance Resolutions 11-2 and 11-3. Villarreal said Zelda Geist applied for a municipal building permit to partially tear down her old camp on Route 666 and to rebuild with an addition. She said Richard and Donna Martz applied for a permit to add a roof to her porch and re-roof the entire camp. She said both of the camps were under 1000 square feet so they were exempt from the county's stormwater ordinance. A motion made by Polovich and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to approve the building permits.

DEMOLITION OF NUISANCE PROPERTY.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to call companies for sealed bids for the demolition of a nuisance property on Bean Farm Road in Brookston.

PROPERTY PURCHASE.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to approve payment of \$24,000.00 for a land purchase.

HIGH SPEED INTERNET CONNECTION.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to discuss getting high speed internet. A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously for Polovich and Loxley to call the telephone companies and for Summers to call the Solicitor about getting high speed internet connections.

PENSION'S MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the township's pension plan.

ADVERTISE 2010 AUDIT.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to advertise the completion of the 2010 audit.

BILLS TO PAY.

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

ROADMASTER REPORT CONTINUED.

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, said he met with Jefferson Paving and a representative for Mt. Carmel on T327 Duhring Road where the pavement is cracked at the full depth reclamation project site. He said they planned to patch the cracks and reinforce the sealed areas.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Dolores Loxley said T374 Sheffield Junction Road turned out nice after the Roadcrew removed the railroad tracks, graveled and graded it. Stan O'Rourke asked what township fund was paying for the property purchase and Summers said the general fund.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

An executive session was held for personnel.

ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Summers adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer