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**HOWE TOWNSHIP**

**Forest County**  
Regular Meeting  
April 8, 2015  
3:30 PM

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT.**

Supervisors: Robert A. Summers, Chairman/Roadmaster  
Frank W. Polovich, Vice Chairman  
Robert E. Shaffer

Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement:  
Marjorie E. Villarreal

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. There were no guests present.

**MARCH 11, 2015 REGULAR MEETING.**

A motion made by Polovich and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously to approve the March 11, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes.

**MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT.**

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

**ROADMASTER REPORT.**

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, explained the culvert flooding situation on T327, Duhring Road, and how he used Jenks Township's hydraulic breaker with his new excavator to break a large rock which was in the area of the problem. He said he got prices to rent one if he needed to use one again. He said he was having almost the same problem on T371, Job Corps Road, with water running off the side of the road and running under a culvert, causing the road to cave in on the side of it. He said he went to Catalone Pipe to purchase new culverts. He said they have restocked the anti-skid and had 2B limestone aggregate delivered which they stocked. He said basically at this time with the spring thaw the roads are falling apart.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.**

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said she permitted over weight vehicles for SWEPI LP, formally Shell Exploration and Production Company, for six month permits to use over weight vehicles on T333, Bean Farm Road; T372, Fork Run Road; T374, Sheffield Junction Road; T371, Job Corps Road and T358, Beaver Meadows Road. She said she sent a building permit application certified return receipt to a property owner in Brookston who was taking down a seasonal camp without first obtaining a building permit.

**MAY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING.**

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Povolich was passed unanimously to advertise the May Board of Supervisors meeting to be held on May 13, 2015 at 4:00 PM.

**PENSION ORDINANCE 15-2.**

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously for the Solicitor to advertise Pension Ordinance 15-2 for adoption at the May 13, 2015 meeting.

**1983 CASE 580D BACKHOE FOR SALE.**

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Povolich was passed unanimously to advertise for sealed bids for the 1983 Case 580D Backhoe for sale.

**HIGHWAY SUPPLIES PURCHASES.**

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to purchase highway supplies of 200 ton DSA at \$27.00 per ton totaling approximately \$5400.00 and 200 ton of 2B limestone gravel at \$26.25 per ton totaling approximately \$5250.00 and have all delivered to the garage.

**COMPUTER PURCHASE.**

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously for the Secretary to purchase a Dell Inspiron computer for \$599.00 and have Kaiser Images set it up.

**MARIENVILLE FIRE COMPANY ATV TOUR-DE-FOREST.**

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to allow the Marienville Volunteer Fire Company to close Township Road 358 from Seldom Seen Corners to Forest Road 221 and Deadmans Corners to Seldom Seen Corners, also Watson Farm Road and T327, Duhring Road, to the township line from noon May 15, 2015 to midnight May 17, 2015 for the spring ride and from noon October 2, 2015 to midnight October 4, 2015 for the fall ride, with signs stating open to local traffic only, for the Marienville Fire Department's ATV Tour-de-Forest fundraiser ride through the Allegheny National Forest, pending receipt of liability insurance.

**BILLS TO PAY.**

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

**MAIL, EMAIL AND TELEPHONE CORRESPONDENCE.**

Villarreal said the township received a letter from the Allegheny National Forest Supervisor's Office stating the Secure Rural Schools program expired in September of 2014 and was not reauthorized, so the 1908 Act requiring 25-percent payments (PILT) will govern the distribution of payments to the States. She said it said Howe Township will be receive approximately a payment of \$89,755.56 this year.

**MAIL, EMAIL AND TELEPHONE CORRESPONDENCE CONTINUED.**

Villarreal said a week later the township received an email from the Forest County Conservation Office that the government passed legislation to reauthorize the Secure Rural School program for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 with other health care programs. She said the office received reservations for the Forest County Association of Township Officers Spring Convention being held at the Flying W Ranch on May 27, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal  
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer

APPROVED