
HOWE TOWNSHIP

Forest County

Regular Meeting

October 13, 2010

7:00 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, Kay and Stan O'Rourke.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairman Robert Summers thanked Kay O'Rourke for emailing Microsoft excel reports to their Secretary. Villarreal thanked her also, because she had lost 2006 to 2010 files when her computer crashed in June.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 REGULAR MEETING.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the September 8, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes.

AMENDED AUGUST AND THE SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

ROADMASTER REPORT.

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, said the roadcrew was able to get to some needed garage repairs this month. We repaired, painted the storage shed, removed, cleaned, painted and reinstalled the last man door on the garage building. He said we also trimmed trees on Bean Farm and Fork Run Roads in the village of Brookston. Summers said the signs that needed the cross brackets have been installed. He said he had signs, so new Stop and Sheffield Junction signs, that were stolen, have been replaced too. He reported the hydraulic pump for the boom mower was replaced temporarily while a new main shaft is being installed in the original. He said he expects that to be reinstalled any day now. He said the ARRA project on T371 Job Corps Road is well under way at this time with over 3,300 of the 4,000 tons of DSA placed. He said he expects to finish that project the week of Oct. 18th. Summers said it will complete the work parts of our ARRA cooperative agreements with the USFS. He said Marjorie is on top of the reporting, billing and payment portions of those agreements and will have that completed very soon too.

ROADMASTER REPORT CONTINUED.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed to allow Summers to take vacation from November 1 - 5, 2010 with Summers abstaining.

Summers said the splines on the shaft wore out on the boom mower. Kay O'Rourke said the roads are in excellent shape and T374 Sheffield Junction Road is beautiful with no potholes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said Road Maintenance Agreements and Permits were signed with Larry Johnson Lumber for 6 months to travel with overweight vehicles on T327 Duhring Road, AB Resources to travel for a year on T368 Cooper Tract Road, S&T Service and Supply for 3 months to travel on T333 Bean Farm Road and Sheffield Land and Timber for a year to travel on T358 Beaver Meadows Road and T371 Job Corps Road. She said Seneca Resources got a permit to travel on T358 Beaver Meadows Road for one year and also an Ordinance 92-2 permit to bury a pipeline along the road. Villarreal said Suzanne Anderson completed a building permit to remove a camp along Route 948. A resident in Brookston failed to get a building permit to remove his camp.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to approve Andersons building permit and to send a letter to the Brookston resident telling him he had to pay another \$50.00, due to Fee Schedule Resolution 10-5, which raised the violation fee to \$100.00.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to adopt Declaration of Nuisance Resolutions 10-8 and 10-9.

ENGINE BRAKE RETARDER ORDINANCE 10-3.

A motion made by Polovich and seconded by Loxley was passed to adopt Engine Brake Retarder Ordinance 10-3 with Loxley and Polovich voting yes and Summers voting no.

BROADBAND LETTERS.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to send letters inviting Residents that want Broadband to the November Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT DURING BUDGET DISCUSSION.

Kay O'Rourke questioned why the USFS ARRA grant money was not in the 2010 Budget. Villarreal was told to call about a compactor being used for the Township Clean Up in June 2011.

REPLACEMENT OF STOLEN SIGN POSTS.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to replace stolen/missing sign posts for private lanes at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

BRAKE RETARDER SIGNS.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to send an application to PennDOT for the installation of engine brake retarder signs for Route 66 near the Forest Lodge.

WATSON FARM ROAD, T373, REPAIRS.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to bill Catalyst Energy \$8441.00 for repairs to T373 Watson Farm Road, because it occurred after they used the road with over-weight vehicles.

COPY MACHINE DRUM UNIT.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to replace the drum unit on the copy machine for \$130.00.

FEDERAL SURPLUS APPLICATION.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to sign and send Federal Surplus Application for eligibility.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS INSPECTED.

A motion made by Polovich and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to have all fire extinguishers inspected.

TRAINING THE FLAGGER SEMINAR.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously for the Roadmaster to go to the Training the Flagger seminar for the cost of \$50.00 plus mileage being held on November 18, 2010 at 12:30 PM in Erie, PA.

SECRETARY PURCHASES.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously for the Secretary to purchase a 3-step ladder for \$49.99 and cleaning kits/supplies for \$38.75.

WARREN ELECTRIC COOP TO MOVE STREET LIGHT.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously for Warren Electric Coop to move the security light closer to the new bridge.

BILLS TO PAY.

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

MAIL AND TELEPHONE CORRESPONDENCE.

Polovich said the residents near the Forest Lodge are still making complaints to DEP about the gas odor. Cains and Bills have recently called DEP. He said he called the State Police about the ATV's riding on Route 66 and plans on getting a motion detector. The Supervisors and guests discussed the township giving the federal government land. Loxley said a seasonal resident called him about a driveway permit.

LETTER THAT WAS FAXED TO THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE.

A motion made by Polovich and seconded to Summers was passed unanimously to mail the letter that was faxed to the office to the State Police.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Stan O'Rourke asked about the amendment to the shooting ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer

APPROVED