

HOWE TOWNSHIP

Forest County

Regular Meeting

April 14, 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. Guest present was Dolores Loxley.

MARCH 10, 2010 REGULAR MEETING.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the March 10, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes.

MARCH TREASURER'S REPORTS.

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

ROADMASTER REPORT.

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, said this month was definitely our transition month. He said we started out cold snowy and changed over to warm dry weather. He said the roads took a beating last winter and the spring thaw was not good to us. Summers said we have some soft areas caused by heavy truck traffic from oil and gas operators. He said both T371 Job Corps and T373 Watson Farm Roads are receiving extended care as a result. He said Job Corps Road had to be closed, so the soft areas could be stabilized. He said we have begun to rebuild one of the problematic sections on Watson Farm Road, near Supervisor Loxley's home. He said the area on both sides of Rail Road crossing number 148 253 S needed fixed. After contacting the P.U.C. and Mr. Kovalchick, the owner, it was agreed that we were to remove that crossing. Summers said now to the monthly equipment repairs: first the F-550 truck was due for inspection. He said it needed the exhaust repaired and a park brake cable replaced. He said next the International truck needed the speed sensor replaced. He reported the repair was completed only after two trips to the dealer. He said the Ranger pickup headlights wouldn't work and it needed inspected, with two ball joints replaced and a spring hanger. He said the dimmer switch was the problem with the lights and a wiring harness was replaced.

ROADMASTER REPORT CONTINUED.

Summers said the F-550 truck oil pan began to leak oil and we discovered it had rusted through, so back to the garage it went for repair. He said he was told the engine must be removed for this repair so it will be about \$1,500.00. He said next month we will continue to make repairs to the roads from the harsh winter.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said a road Maintenance Agreement and Permit was signed with Duhring Resource Company for T371 Job Corps Road for a year long permission to drive overweight vehicles on the road. She showed the Supervisors the letter she sent to six companies using T371 Job Corps Road, which said due to the spring break up, T371 Job Corps Road from State Route 1003 Blue Jay Creek Road to Forest Service Road 219 is closed to overweight travel and all overweight permits are temporarily suspended until the Supervisors or Roadmaster determine that the climate and road conditions have improved; further, the Roadmaster is authorized to allow overweight travel on a case by case basis, for existing overweight permit holders, depending upon daily climate conditions. Villarreal said she temporarily approved two municipal building permits. She said Tim Weaver applied to build an addition on to his seasonal camp on Blue Jay Creek Road and Zelda Geist applied for an addition to her camp on Route 666.

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

PART-TIME ROAD WORKER.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to put an advertisement in the Valley Voice, The Forest Press and The Derrick for a part-time roadworker that must have a driver's license.

FEE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 10-1.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to have the Solicitor advertise Fee Amendment Ordinance 10-1.

RECONVENEMENT.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to reconvene this meeting to April 19th, 2010 to open highway supplies and contract bids at 2:00 PM and award the sealed bids at 4:00 PM.

DUHRING ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT ARRA SIGNS.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to allow the US Forest Service to place ARRA signs at the Duhring Road Reconstruction Project for \$1000.00.

DUHRING ROAD MODIFICATION NO. 2.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to adopt and sign Modification No. 2 for the Recovery Act Duhring Road Agreement between the USDA Forest Service, Allegheny National Forest and Howe Township.

DUMPSTER RENTAL FOR GARAGE.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to rent a two yard dumpster for the garage from Veolia Environmental Services for \$8.00 a month and pay \$25.00 each time it needs emptied.

FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE DISCUSSION OF OPTIONAL PARAGRAPHS.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to discuss and approve each optional paragraph in Floodplain Ordinance 10-2, with the Supervisors tableting the motion to advertise the ordinance until they re-review the list of options on page 14.

2009 ANNUAL AUDIT AND FINANCIAL REPORT.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to accept and advertise 2009 Annual Audit and Financial Report.

MARIENVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ATV TOUR-DE-FOREST.

A motion made by Polovich and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to allow the Marienville Volunteer Fire Company to close the Township Road 358 from Seldom Seen Corners to Forest Road 221 and Deadmans Corners to Seldom Seen Corners, also Watson Farm Road and FR 131 to the township line from noon May 21, 2010 to midnight May 23, 2010 for the spring ride and from noon October 1, 2010 to midnight October 3, 2010 for the fall ride, with signs stating open to local traffic only, for your fire departments ATV Tour-de-Forest fundraiser ride through the Allegheny National Forest, pending receipt of liability insurance.

CRANE RUN ROAD, BROOKSTON.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously to change Back Pack Lane in Brookston back to Crane Run Road.

PURCHASE OF HP FAX MACHINE.

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously for the office to purchase a Hewlett Packard 640 Fax machine for approximately \$80.00.

BILLS TO PAY.

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

LASER PRINTER LETTER.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Loxley was passed unanimously for the Secretary to write a letter to Tri-County Office Machine, Sales, Service and Supplies and offer to give them the 2001 Brother Laser Printer if the company purchases the new drum unit for \$174.99.

MAIL AND TELEPHONE CORRESPONDENCE.

The Supervisors discussed the card they received about the class action settlement of the township's Simplicity lawnmower that has a Honda engine.

ADJOURNMENT.

At 8:00 PM Chairman Summers reconvened the meeting until April 19, 2010 at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer

APPROVED