

HOWE TOWNSHIP

Forest County

Regular Meeting

May 12, 2010

7:00 PM

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT.

Supervisors:

Robert A. Summers, Chairman/Roadmaster
Frank W. Polovich

Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement:

Marjorie E. Villarreal

Vice Chairman Larry L. Loxley was not present and neither were any guests. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

APRIL 14, 2010 REGULAR MEETING AND APRIL 19, 2010 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the April 14, 2010 Regular Meeting and April 19, 2010 Special Meeting minutes.

MARCH'S AMENDED TREASURER'S REPORT AND APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

ROADMASTER REPORT.

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, said the Roadcrew spent much of the month repairing damaged road on T373 Watson Farm Road. He said they scarified, added DSA and reshaped five different areas. He said two areas had to have subsurface material removed and new material added to replace the defective dirt. Summers said this is an ongoing project with more to be done after the railroad crossings are removed. He said the T327 Duhring Road A.R.R.A. project additional work proposal has been submitted by Jefferson Paving with the full depth reclamation costing \$49,950.00 and the additional culvert work the township requested costing \$2,850.00. He said the interviews for the part time temporary road worker were completed on 5/10/2010 by Supervisor Loxley and Roadmaster Summers. He said the F-550 truck's oil pan has been replaced after discovering it leaked. Summers said the waste gate sensor failed on it and had to also be replaced. He said the 5 ton roller forward/reverse selector line ruptured and had to be replaced. He reported they are awaiting the parts to be delivered. He said the International truck developed a flat tire while working on T373 Watson Farm Road. He said a snowmobile pick was removed from the tire and the tire was repaired.

ROADMASTER REPORT CONTINUED.

Summers said the Roadcrew will continue to work on T373 Watson Farm Road's soft areas and other spring time road repairs. He said T327 Duhring Road Project is scheduled to begin this month also and that will involve some inspection by township employees.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said Supervisor Loxley told her a trailer on SR 1003 Blue Jay Creek Road was in violation of the Township Nuisance Ordinance 85-2 and needed to be torn down and removed. Supervisors Polovich and Summers agreed after reviewing her photograph of it. She said she will be sending the property owner a certified return receipt letter this month. Villarreal said there were two building permits to approve. She said Gary Nicklas applied for a municipal permit to place a shed on his property on Route 66. She said Abraxas I applied for a permit to build a greenhouse on their grounds on T358 Beaver Meadows Road.

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 Polovich and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to hire Shane Silvis as temporary part-time road laborer, with the Secretary writing a letter of thanks for applying for the job to the other applicants.

FEE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 10-1.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to adopt Fee Amendment Ordinance 10-1.

DUHRING ROAD PROJECT MODIFICATIONS WITH THE FOREST SERVICE.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to sign all Modifications for the Recovery Act Duhring Road Agreement between the USDA Forest Service, Allegheny National Forest and Howe Township.

FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE 10-2.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to send Floodplain Ordinance 10-2 to Solicitor for review and for her to advertise it for adoption.

TAX COLLECTORS PREVIOUS RECORDS.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to write a letter in reply to the 4/30/2010 letter received from Brenda Vincent, Forest County Tax Claim Director, and have the Secretary reference page 5 of the DCED Tax Collector's Manual.

INSTALLATION OF CATCH BASIN.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to have Jefferson Paving Corporation supply and install a 4x4 catch basin for \$2850.00 in addition to the project on T327 Duhring Road.

“INCREASING BROADBAND AVAILABILITY IN NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA” SEMINAR.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously for the Secretary to attend the seminar “Increasing Broadband Availability in Northwest Pennsylvania” in Clarion, PA.

BILLS TO PAY.

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

MAIL AND TELEPHONE CORRESPONDENCE.

Villarreal said the township received the Title III Forestry monies in the amount of \$179,314.24.

ADJOURNMENT.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer