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**HOWE TOWNSHIP**

**Forest County**

Regular Meeting

July 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. Guests present were Dolores Loxley, Kay and Stan O'Rourke.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Kay O'Rourke told the Supervisors she disagreed with what the Secretary wrote under Public Comment in the June 2010 meeting minutes.

**JUNE 9, 2010 REGULAR MEETING AND JUNE 17, 2010 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.**

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the June 9, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes and June 17, 2010 Special Meeting minutes.

**JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT.**

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

**ROADMASTER REPORT.**

Bob Summers, Roadmaster said the Roadcrew has been very busy with summer maintenance this last month. He said we have graded all of the roads at least once and some twice, including Sheffield Township's Henry Mill's Road. He said the bridges and guide rails have been treated for weed control. Summers reported some mowing has taken place this last month with recent help from Sheffield Township's Roadcrew. He said with the dry weather we have been experiencing very dry and dusty roads. He said they have tried to water them with the tank truck has best as they can. Summers said the township is in the process of applying to D.E. P. for our own permit to apply salt brine, so we will not have to depend on others. He said we hope to have this done as soon as possible. Summers said the new township road signs are being installed as time permits. He said at this point T327 Duhring, T370 Byromtown, T372 Fork Run, T333 Bean Farm, T373 Watson Farm Roads and Route 948 are complete, except for a few we didn't get. The other street and road signs will be done at a later time.

**ROADMASTER REPORT CONTINUED.**

Summers said we hauled in an office trailer and moved Marjorie in it while the floor in the election/office building was being refinished and then reversed the process and returned the trailer. He said some repairs had to be made to the F-550 and the Ranger pickup. He said some were outsourced that we couldn't do and some were completed by the crew. He said the roadcrew will continue with our summer maintenance and the installation of the remaining signs. Summers said all of the anti-skid was delivered as of yesterday. He said Jefferson Paving was stacking the DSA for the T327 Duhring Road Project and they had delivered some of the 2B limestone aggregate.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.**

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said a road permit was renewed for Homeland Energy Ventures to travel over weight vehicles on T371 Job Corps Road and T358 Beaver Meadows Road for another six months. Villarreal asked if anyone had looked at the 2009 Badger nuisance violation in Brookston and whether it was brought into compliance, as she had not been over there. Villarreal and the Supervisors discussed the nuisance complaints and letters are to be sent to Rightnour's property and Fred Wagner's cabin on land leased from Mark Madison.

A motion was made by Loxley and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to allow the Code Enforcement Officer to call the attorney for advice, if she needed it, for the Rightnour property nuisance complaint.

Villarreal said a building permit application was received from Jeffrey Terzolino and Paul Mikosky to side in their cabin's porch on Route 666. She said Dolores and Larry Loxley applied for a building permit to place an 8 x 12 wood shed on their property on Watson Farm Road. She said another property on Route 666, owned by Howard and Zelda Geist, applied to tear down and rebuild their 24 x 28 cabin. Villarreal said Norman and Linda Phillips applied for a municipal permit for their Byromtown Road property to replace their outhouse and build a pole building for over their camper.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed, with Loxley abstaining, to approve the building permits.

**FEE SCHEDULE RESOLUTION 10-5.**

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to adopt Fee Schedule Resolution 10-5.

**KAISER IMAGES COMPUTER SERVICES.**

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously for Kaiser Images to install 2 GB on the office computer for \$90.00.

**BILLS TO PAY.**

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

**RESOLUTION 10-6 OPPOSING FORCED LOCAL GOVERNMENT MERGERS.**

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 10-6 Opposition to Forced Local Government Mergers and Consolidations.

**MAIL AND TELEPHONE CORRESPONDENCE.**

Villarreal said Dick Shick called her and wanted to know if the township was mowing Thornton's property and she told him no. She said he told her a garage on T333 Bean Farm Road was caving in. She asked Summers if he had seen it and he said it was a new hole in the garage roof from the 2008 nuisance complaint. Villarreal said she would send the property owner a letter. She said the township was notified there was a Forest County Council of Governments (COG) meeting to be held on July 21, 2010 at 6:30 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Kay O'Rourke asked about the ram being installed on the office computer and said she thought the Secretary should get a new computer or maybe another monitor. She said the township should ask and supervise Abraxas clients to help clean up the Rightenour property.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

A motion made by Loxley and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal  
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer