
HOWE TOWNSHIP

Forest County
Regular Meeting
February 14, 2024
3:30 PM

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Supervisors:
Steven E. Tachoir, Chairman
Thomas P. Zimmerman, Vice Chairman
Richard Shaffer, Supervisor

Secretary/Treasurer/Asst.Code Enforcement:
Beverly A. Pollock

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Guests present were Scott Paris, Jeff Humenik, Nancy Nielsen, Brian Diller, Stan O'Rourke, Kay O'Rourke, Bill Leichtenberger, Rick Weyandt, Jack Weyandt, Cpl Jones, Joseph Pasky, Steve Argeny, Jim Coleman Jon Herbstritt, Jeannie Smead, Butch Miller, Jeremy Kelso, Ken Filio?

PUBLIC COMMENT: Several residents of Howe Township brought up their concerns about the EMS Authority. Bill Leichtenberger asked whether the contract was reviewed by the township solicitor and if the township contribution is a yearly commitment. Jeff Humenik stated that Brookston would be covered by Kane Emergycare or Warren, Jon Herbstritt asked about the pot holes on Bean Farm Road. Steve Argeny wanted the township to opt out of the EMS authority as did several others. It was stated that by law the township has to provide ambulance and fire service to the residents.

JANUARY 2, 2024 ORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

A motion made by Tachoir and seconded by Zimmerman was passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 meeting minutes.

DECEMBER 2023 TREASURY REPORT:

A motion made by Tachoir and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously to approve the December 2023 Treasury report.

JANUARY 2024 TREASURY REPORT: A motion made by Tachoir and seconded by Zimmerman was passed unanimously to approve the January 2024 Treasury report.

ROADMASTER REPORT: Plowing and spreading anti-skid has been done as needed, trees have been cleaned up as needed, there was an emergency call out for a tree over the road that was also on electric lines and the scissors on the F550 dump bed were repaired by Barr Welding.

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CODE/ASST. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:

Beverly Pollock gave the following report which included the issuance of seven road permits with payments received, one building permit with payment received, several PA 1 call responses, filing drilling notices, answering permit questions and notification of plans for a new sewage system at Abraxas I, completing the yearly SEO report for the DEP, filling out and submitting the yearly floodplain management report and receiving a Sunshine Law update from the township solicitor.

OLD BUSINESS:

WELDING REPAIR ON THE INTL DUMP:

A motion made by Tachoir and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously to approve the welding repair on the International Dump truck by Barr Welding at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00.

JOB APPLICATION RECEIVED: A discussion was held about a job application received for the road worker position. The Supervisors will discuss this further and decide on their next steps.

FOREST COUNTY EMS UPDATE: A lengthy discussion on this subject happened during public comment. This was tabled until the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 ROAD WORK: A brief discussion was held about plans for the 2024 road work in the township as well as any aggregate that might be needed. The supervisors will complete a road check with the Road Master and then have the Secretary contact the PennDOT rep to set up a meeting to create the bid packets.

FOREST COUNTY STORMWATER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: A motion made by Tachoir and seconded by Zimmerman was passed unanimously to sign and submit the Forest County Memorandum of Understanding for stormwater management.

COG/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: A discussion was held about the COG in Forest County and the need for Emergency Management Coordinators to be able to apply for PEMA/FEMA funding in case of a natural disaster. It was decided to have the secretary research membership and attendance and will be discussed further at the March meeting.

BILLS TO PAY: A motion made by Tachoir and seconded by Zimmerman was passed unanimously to approve the bills to pay for February.

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SECRETARY NOTES: Secretary Bev Pollock gave a detailed report of all correspondence and happenings during the last month beyond the normal daily duties.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kay O'Rourke asked if the pot-holes on Bean Farm Road were a result of the permitted trucks on the road or if it had been deteriorating over time because the permit holders could be liable for the repairs. It was determined that it has been an on-going issue for years.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion made by Tachoir and seconded by Zimmerman was passed unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 4:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Pollock
Secretary/Treasurer/Assistant Code Enforcement Officer

