
HOWE TOWNSHIP

Forest County
Regular Meeting
March 13, 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, Stan O'Rourke, Kay O'Rourke, Joseph Pasky, Jon Herbstritt, Jeannie Smead, Jeremy Kelso and Bob Ehrenberg.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

FEBRUARY 14, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

A motion made by Tachoir and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2024 meeting.

FEBRUARY 2024 TREASURY REPORT: A motion made by Tachoir and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously to approve the February 2024 Treasury report.

ROADMASTER REPORT: Plowing and spreading anti-skid has been done as needed, trees have been cleaned up as needed, maintenance of township equipment and trucks was performed, maintenance of township properties was done, pot holes were patched on Sheffield Junction and repairs were done on the garage furnace by Pipeworks.

CODE/ASST. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:

Beverly Pollock gave the following report which included the issuance of four road permits with payments received, four building/demolition permits with payments received, several PA 1 call responses, filing drilling notices, answering permit questions and sending an additional reminder to a road permit holder to renew their permit.

OLD BUSINESS:

FOREST COUNTY COG MEMBERSHIP: A motion made by Zimmerman and seconded by Tachoir was passed unanimously to start the process to re-join the Forest County COG by updating the original ordinance, placing the advertisement of the intent to adopt the ordinance at the April meeting as well as appointing the delegates to represent the township at the COG meetings.

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OLD BUSINESS continued:

JOB APPLICATION RECEIVED: The applicant was interviewed on March 9th; the supervisors are discussing their next steps and options.

2024 TOWNSHIP ROAD WORK PLANS: The supervisors are in the process of scheduling a road inspection with the Road Master to formalize their thoughts on 2024 road work, when this is completed a meeting with the township PennDOT representative will be scheduled.

RESCIND ORDINANCE 23-01: A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Zimmerman was passed unanimously to rescind Ordinance 23-01 “Intermunicipal Agreement”.

FOREST COUNTY EMS AUTHORITY: A motion made by Tachoir and seconded by Zimmerman was passed unanimously for Howe Township to opt out of the Forest County EMS Authority.

EMERGYCARE CONTRACT: A motion made by Tachoir and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously to enter in to a contract/agreement with Emergycare to provide ambulance service to all of Howe Township and to sign the contract when received.

NEW BUSINESS:

ESM CLASS: A motion made by Tachoir and seconded by Zimmerman was passed unanimously to approved Scott Paris’ attendance at the ESM certification class in Port Allegany on May 15th and 16th and to pay his mileage at the current rate.

MULTIMUNICIPAL ES COMMISSION: A motion made by Zimmerman and seconded by Tachoir was passed unanimously to join the Multi-municipal ES Commission, designate a township official and alternate to attend future meetings and to notify the commission of the township’s decision.

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

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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 about the garage in Marienville that was supposed to house the ambulance, she also brought up the property on Route 666 that is over-run with junk that is in the right-of-way of the road and also thanked the supervisors and the secretary for the work done to get the Emergycare agreement. Jeremy Kelso asked the cost of the Emergycare contract, if the "announcements" portion of the township website could include how to join Emergycare as an individual as well as including new ordinances on the website.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion made by Tachoir and seconded by Zimmerman was passed unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 4:25 PM.

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

