

HOWE TOWNSHIP

Forest County
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2015
3:30 PM

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT.

Supervisors: Robert A. Summers, Chairman/Roadmaster
Robert E. Shaffer

Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement:
Marjorie E. Villarreal

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Frank W. Polovich, Vice Chairman was not present and there were no guests present.

FEBRUARY 11, 2015 ORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously to approve the February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes.

FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

ROADMASTER REPORT.

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, said they have spent a good deal of their time plowing and cindering roads. He said we have also had the grader out several days pushing back snow banks and smoothing out icy areas. He said the roads are finally beginning to thaw and heave. Summers said last month there were two incidents to report. He said the International truck slid into a ditch and luckily they were able to pull it out with their own equipment. He said while he was cleaning snow from a road he put the backhoe down over a steep bank, but were able to pull it out without any outside help. Summers said there were three repairs to report for the last month. He said a hose on the snowplow for F550 ruptured and was replaced. He said also on the F550 the idler pulley and serpentine belt had to be replaced. He said one of the batteries for the grader was replaced after it shorted out. He reported the leaf blower is coming along nicely and is almost complete. He said they will be contending with heaved up roads as the spring thaw begins, which he said is nothing new this time of year.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said she permitted over weight vehicles for Pennsylvania General Energy for a year to travel on for T368, Cooper Tract Road, T371, Job Corps Road and T358, Beaver Meadows Road. She said Catalyst Energy received yearly road permits for T358, T371, T368, T373, Sheffield Junction Road, T372 Fork Run Road and T333 Bean Farm Road. She said Kane Hardwood renewed their permit for three months for T358.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT CONTINUED.

Villarreal said SLT Production got a year long permit to travel with over weight vehicles on T368. She said she renewed D&M Energy's permit for six months for T358.

APRIL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING.

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to advertise the April Board of Supervisors meeting to be held on April 8, 2015 at 3:30 PM.

RESOLUTION 15-2 AUTHORIZING SMALL BORROWING.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 15-2 Authorizing Small Borrowing for Capital Purchases under Section 8109 of the Local Government Unit Debt Act to purchase an excavator.

SECRETARY PURCHASES.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously for the Secretary to purchase 20 reams of copy machine paper for \$60.00.

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously for the Secretary to purchase QuickBooks 2015 with the Payroll Program for \$229.00.

EXCAVATOR PURCHASE.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously to pay 32, 267.70 for the excavator when the township receives its Forestry money or the DCED loan after discussing they will now pay the budgeted State Invest Fund Savings of \$25,000.00 and \$8000.00 from the Marcellus Impact Fee Fund towards the excavator.

BILLS TO PAY.

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

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to pay Summers his hourly pay rate when he attends the PACD Northwest Regional Meeting being held on March 24, 2015.

MAIL, EMAIL AND TELEPHONE CORRESPONDENCE.

Villarreal discussed the Township Work Day meeting of the Forest County Conservation District, Planning Department and Commissioners being held on March 28, 2015. Summers said he spoke to Dan Stevenson, Marienville Trail Riders member, about a grant application from the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association and DCNR to make improvements to snowmobile trails.

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ADJOURNMENT.

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer

APPROVED