
HOWE TOWNSHIP

Forest County

Regular Meeting

October 14, 2015

1:00 PM

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT.

Supervisors:

Robert A. Summers, Chairman/Roadmaster

Frank W. Polovich, Vice Chairman

Robert E. Shaffer

Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement:

Marjorie E. Villarreal

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. There were no guests present.

TAX COLLECTOR INTERNET HOURS.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Shaffer for the September 9, 2015 Tax Collector Use of Internet the motion should say to send a letter explaining to the Tax Collector that due to overages in data usage charges that are not within and can not be controlled or budgeted the township paid internet can only be used Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM until 3:30 PM.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 REGULAR MEETING.

A motion made by Polovich and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to approve the September 9, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes with the Tax Collector Internet Hours amendment.

SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT.

A motion made by Povolich and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to approve the September Treasurer Report.

ROADMASTER REPORT.

Bob Summers, Roadmaster, said all of the roads are in good shape. He said the culvert pipe installed on Duhring Road is now flowing good. He said it was reinstalled after settlement this year had eroded it away. Summers said he met with members of the Marienville Snowmobile Club and will be working with them financially to replace several culverts on T373, Watson Farm Road, which will widen the road for the snowmobiles and still be able to plow snow away for the school buses. He said he installed three new culverts in T373 and extended the length to 20 feet long adding 5 feet. He said the scrap yard hydraulic blower really blows the leaves out of the ditches. He explained they attached it to the tractor to use it. Summers said they will be replacing a culvert on T371, Job Corps Road, and reinforcing the bank along the road. He said there were a few equipment repairs. He said one was the ABS sensor on the International truck, another was the purchase of plexi glass to repair the cap on the Ranger pick up and another was hydraulic fittings for the boom mower on the tractor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Marjorie Villarreal, Code Enforcement Officer, said she permitted over weight vehicles for Blue Ox Timber to use a small portion of the northeast section of T373, Watson Farm Road and T374, Sheffield Junction Road. for three months each road. She said she renewed the road permit for North East Hardwoods to finish their job in three months on T358, Beaver Meadows Road. Villarreal said Carol and Virgil Ruhlman applied for a Municipal Building permit to place a 26x24 modular house with a 8x10 deck on their property on T373, Watson Farm Road. She said also on the same road Joe and Ginny Cain applied to build a 20x15 addition to their house with a 14x16 porch on their property. She said in Brookston at T333, 690 Bean Farm Road Richard Bliley applied for a permit for a 7x5 shed on his property and at 188 Nelson Road, Brookston, Charles Buhl applied to build a 16x18 addition onto his camp.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve the building permits.

Supervisor Bob Shaffer left the meeting to go to work at 2:10 PM. Before he left the Supervisors agreed to meet next week for an executive session to discuss the prospective job applicants and employee cost of living adjustment raises.

REVIEW TEMPORARY 2016 BUDGET AND BRIDGE REPAIRS.

A motion made by Povolich and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to review 2016 Budget.

A motion made by Povolich and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously after reviewing The Eads Group engineering report and NBIS inspection on the bridges the township will split the chart of account number 01.438.200 Highway and Bridge Supplies and make Bridge Supplies a separate number to save money to be matched by the state in the account for upcoming future bridge repairs.

INSPECTION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

A motion made by Povolich and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to have all fire extinguishers inspected and serviced.

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS FALL CONVENTION.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Polovich was passed unanimously to approve for the elected officials and secretary to attend the Forest County Association of Township Officials Fall Convention and pay for their dinners for \$18.50 each, mileage and the \$50.00 attendance fee.

FOREST COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REVISED MEMORANMUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Povolich was passed unanimously to approve and sign the Forest County Stormwater Management Revised Memorandum of Understanding.

BILLS TO PAY.

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

MAIL, EMAIL AND TELEPHONE CORRESPONDENCE.

Villarreal said the office received the yearly notification letter of the estimated Liquid Fuels allocation stating for 2016 it is \$65,647.37 and because of changing variables in consumption or wholesale prices it could effect the final payment amount. She said a letter was received from Pennsylvania General Energy Company providing to the Board of Supervisors their renewal application submitted to DEP Air Quality Program for continued operation of their generator site located off of Route 666. She said the Allegheny National Forest USDA sent a letter of application for a restoration waiver to DEP for a Tionesta Creek Stream Restoration Project with a map of location in the township and neighboring township.

ADJOURNMENT.

Summers adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Villarreal
Secretary/Treasurer/Code Enforcement Officer

APPROVED