

HOWE TOWNSHIP
Forest County
Regular Meeting
October 10, 2018
12:30 PM

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT.

Supervisors:

Robert A. Summers, Chairman
Robert E. Shaffer, Vice Chairman
Steven E Tachoir, Supervisor

Secretary/Treasurer
Beverly Pollock

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Guests present were Kay O'Rourke, Stan O'Rourke, Tom Zimmerman and Priscilla Newpher.

Public Comment: There was no public comment on agenda items.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES :

A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to approve the September 12, 2018 Regular meeting minutes.

SEPTEMBER 2018 TREASURER'S REPORT.

A motion made by Summers and seconded by Tachoir was passed unanimously to approve the September 2018 Treasurer's report.

ROADMASTER REPORT:

Part time road worker Bob Summers gave the following report:

Repaired F550 helper springs.

Graded Rocky Run.

Repaired Backhoe radiator.

Bought Cold Patch in Sarver and hauled to garage.

Cold Patched T373 and T327.

Boom mowed T373 and T374.

Road conditions are good, need mowed and ditched and leaves removed.

Exchanged oils at garage.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ASST. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Secretary Bev Pollock gave a detailed report that included the issuance of 1 demolition permit, a letter sent to a seasonal resident who is in violation of the shooting

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CODE ENFORCEMENT/ASST. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT cont.

ordinance and reminders to two type 2 road permits holders for renewing. Several calls were taken questioning the building permit application process and road permit application process.

OLD BUSINESS:

NUISANCE ORDINANCE: A discussion was held about the current Township nuisance ordinance and the information obtained from the Solicitor. At this time it was decided to leave the ordinance as is.

ROAD SIGN SPELLING CHANGE: A motion made by Summers and seconded by Tachoir was passed unanimously to have the spelling of the Robenson Hill Road sign corrected to read Robinson Hill Road. Secretary Bev Pollock will send this approval to E911 coordinator Curt Kiefer, order the signs from Municipal services and notify the residents of the change.

ROCKY RUN GRANT PROJECT: This project is on hold until spring 2019. The grant money must be spent by June 1, 2019 or it will be lost. The secretary will contact the bidder with this information. The bidder was Glenn O. Hawbaker at \$78,567.60.

ADVERTISE FOR FULL TIME ROAD WORKER: A motion made by Summers and seconded by Shaffer was passed unanimously to have the secretary get prices for this advertisement, create a township Facebook page and also put the advertisement on the township website. A decision will be made at the November meeting as to which newspaper(s) we will advertise it in.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADVANCED DISPOSAL: A discussion was held about the possible stoppage of trash pickup in Howe Township. Kay O'Rourke reported that at this time Advanced will still service certain areas of Howe Township on a bi-weekly basis. The residents are exploring other options.

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2019 BUDGET REVIEW: A full line by line review of the budget was done at a workshop held immediately prior to the regular meeting. The secretary will make some minor changes and the budget will be put on the November agenda for tentative adoption. A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Tachoir was passed unanimously to accept the budget with the changes.

BILLS TO PAY: A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Tachoir was passed unanimously to approve the October 2018 bills to be paid.

BOB SUMMERS PAY RATE: Supervisor Shaffer suggested that Bob Summers hourly rate be raised to \$16.00/hour during the time he is filling in for the injured Road Master. Supervisor Tachoir was not informed prior to this meeting and requested that the decision be tabled until the November 14th meeting. The elected township auditors will also need to have a meeting to approve any changes to the working Supervisor's pay rate including if it will be retroactive to when he started filling in, that the rate will go back to \$12.00/hour when the Road Master returns to work and if there is a limit to the amount of hours per week he can work since he is listed as a part time worker.

SECRETARY NOTES: A detailed report was given by Secretary, Bev Pollock on all correspondence and happenings during the last month.

SUPERVISOR/SECRETARY MAIL AND CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Bob Summers received a letter from concerned residents about the pot holes on Watson Farm and Duhring roads asking them to fix the problem as soon as possible. Supervisor Bob Summers received an email from Ranger Rob Fallon of the US Forest Service advising him of a meeting happening on October 18, 2018 at 10:30 AM about the future of the Mayburg bridge and requested his and/or other township officials attendance at this meeting. Representatives from PennDOT, the Forest Service and Collins Pines will be present. The meeting will start at the bridge and then move to the Forest County Courthouse law library. Supervisor Summers is planning to attend.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Kay O'Rourke suggested putting the township application for employment on the township website. She also questioned as to whether the township engineers will be consulted about the Rocky Run project. Supervisors Summers said that Dirt and Gravel experts from Forest County will be looking at the project.

Supervisor Tachoir suggested getting more cold patch from Hei Way in Sarver in a different grade in order to keep up with the pot hole problem. He offered his truck to haul it because it will hold more.

Resident Tom Zimmerman complimented the township for the work done on the roads recently.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion made by Shaffer and seconded by Summers was passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly A. Pollock
Secretary/Treasurer