

Howe Township
March 5, 2015

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m. on March 5, 2015. Present: Nancy Cangoli, Dale Beaver, Gary Kanaskie, Earl Solomon, Joanne Johnston, Nancy Beaver, Robert Hart, Frank Campbell, Luke Roman-Perry County Times, Solicitor Dave Jones.

Chairman Beaver called the meeting to order. Secretary Cangoli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. Solomon/Kanaskie. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the bills to be paid. Kanaskie/Beaver. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ENGINEER

There has been no reply to date from Republic Development regarding the fire hydrant placement at the State Police Barracks project. The \$10,000 held in escrow for the Newport Medical Center has been released and the project is closed.

SOLICITOR

Renewing the Inter-Municipal Agreement with Buffalo Township will be ready for the next meeting. The draft of the Pump Out ordinance presented last month for review by Solicitor Jones was discussed. Supervisor Solomon gave a copy of the same to the SEO, Bob Kratzer for his review also. Solicitor Jones will confer with Mr. Kratzer for his comments or concerns.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Minutes from the February 16, 2015 meeting have been submitted. Frank Campbell reported everything is on schedule. Chairman Beaver, Solicitor Jones, Frank Campbell and Joshua Fox will be meeting to review any issues the township may incur with the recent problems the NBMA is having. Solicitor Jones clarified that the Inter-Municipal Agreement has built in protections for the township.

A copy of the RACP business plan was emailed to Frank to provide a copy to Senator Teplitz.

ZONING OFFICER

The violations on 13 Shortcut Rd. are being worked on. Mr. Friedrich on 39 W. Shortcut Rd. has asked for a 60 day time extension by letter dated February 25, 2015 due to the weather. A motion was made that in accordance with Mr. Hart's enforcement notice dated February 3, 2015 on the property of Dennis Friedrich that the Board agrees to grant under the circumstances as explained by Bob Hart to grant a 60 day extension for completion of that directive. Beaver/Kanaskie. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob is continuing to follow the PCTA parking issue due to the amount of snow nothing can be done.

A motion was made to approve the expenditure of \$195 for Bob to attend the training course as described in the material provided. Beaver/Kanaskie. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter has been received from The Madcap Nightmares, LLC describing proposed activities called Agritainment on the Schreiber farm on Shortcut Rd they would like to undertake. This is in relation to the recent building of a pole barn and driveway off Cramer Dr. Solicitor Jones will contact the owners to discuss their endeavor. He will report on the matter at the next meeting.

ROADMASTER REPORT

44 tons of salt has been ordered for the 2015-2016 season. A motion was made to hire Brett Hart to a part time position at the rate of \$16.00 per hour to help with road work and all aspects of the same. Solomon/Kanaskie. Motion carried unanimously.

Spring cleanup will be held May 16, 2015 from 8:00 to Noon or until the dumpsters are full.

Supervisor Solomon requested that Supervisor Kanaskie take over the head Road Master position handling the day to day operations due to his health. Supervisor Kanaskie agreed. A motion was made that all 3 Supervisors are assigned the title of Road Master and Gary Kanaskie will be responsible for the day to day operations of the roads and shed, Earl and Dale as back-ups. Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made that as it is deemed necessary the guardrail problem on Gypsy Hollow Rd be repaired. Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

Work on the dirt bank on Church Rd was tabled until Cody Lytle advises.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to move the May 7, 2015 meeting to May 21, 2015. Kanaskie/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

Jamie Keener of HRG will speak to Jason Finnerty on the townships feed back on the proposed County Comprehensive Plan that the township is a part of.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There will be another Zoning update meeting on March 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Solomon/Kanaskie. Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Canjoli