



# TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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<b>Meeting Minutes:</b> <b>Date: September 22, 2011 Time: 7 PM, Place: Township Municipal Building- Stable Road</b>
<b>Members Present: Karl Rolappe- Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Tom Newman- Vice Chair, Carol Copeland- Archives, Dick Bieling- Member, Marybeth Beers- Member</b>
<b>Consultants: Roy Christman, Connie Bieling</b>
<b>Excused: Paul Hoppel- Member      Action Necessary: Elise Binder- Member</b>

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>		The Historical Commission began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for our veterans and military members currently defending it.
<b>Approval of last month's Minutes:</b>	Motion to approve the minutes from August 25, 2011 made by Tom Newman, seconded by Carol Copeland.	A.I.F.
<b>Public Participation:</b>	Lora Nothstein, township secretary announced that 8 or 9 more people had RSVP'd for the Kibler School event.	

<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p><b>Interviews:</b> Margaret Bower Shinsec,(2055 Station St.)</p> <p>Marjorie Meinhart (Jonesville Hotel- Spruce Hollow Rd &amp; Stagecoach E)</p> <p>Township Archives update</p>	<p>Additional information is needed. Dick said he drove over there and was able to get a general idea about the layout of the property. Tom stated that he would get Dick connected with the person "Mike" who is in charge of the reservoir security. Carol offered to help put the package together for delivery once we have complete/accurate information.</p> <p>Members are waiting to hear back from her. Roy learned that she recently had a stroke.</p> <p>Carol stated that during the archiving sessions they had completed sorting material up to the 1970's for History of the supervisors project. She stated that soon we would be able to identify all of them from a list rather than through the tedious procedure of paging through books and documents. Tom commended her for her outstanding work. Carol thanked Tom for enlisting the commission for this endeavor. Carol also stated that they had found some really old oddity items, articles, etc. that she would like to "scrap-book" these and future finds for display at events and within the township. Marybeth said she was willing to join Carol's group. She is knowledgeable in this area from her work with the Palmerton Historical Society. Some very interesting conversation ensued amongst members about procedures for safely archiving future work, business history in the township, etc. Carol had an interesting hypothesis... That in our earliest history perhaps the supervisors met at bars to discuss work within the township. Supervisors were perhaps not political leaders at all but foremen, who would oversee workers in the township and document everything for the budget.</p>	<p>Pending</p> <p>Pending</p> <p>A.I.F. Carol and Lora decided work will be ongoing through winter.</p>
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<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p>“A good ol days celebration”</p> <p>Craft fair</p> <p>Herbs and Medicine in history Seminar</p>	<p>It was decided that this event would be held Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 pm. There will be a tent and refreshments. Roy, Karl, Tom, Marybeth and Paul will be supporting the event. There will be interviews and video data acquired for future reference. There was much discussion on procedure for the process.</p> <p>We will be sharing a point with CERT again this year. The booth will be manned as follows: Opening up Karl and Tom 10am -12pm Carol and Lora 12pm to 2pm Closing- Marybeth, Ralph and Betty 2-3pm. Lots of discussion and suggestions were made for preparation. Melissa Mondegreen from Rockamour Herbs’ will be giving a seminar at our October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.</p>	<p>An accounting of this event will be listed in December’s minutes due to scheduling and time constraint conflicts over our next two meetings. Karl will be working on a video presentation in the near future.</p> <p>A.I.F. We will confirm with Melissa one additional time closer to the event date.</p>
<p><b>Officials:</b></p> <p>Historical award plaque and posthumous award certificate presentation</p> <p>Elise Binder</p> <p>Lora Nothstein</p>	<p>Guy Seifert and Curt Beers, through Marybeth, are to be presented their awards from Chairman Karl Rolappe on behalf of the commission at the October 6<sup>th</sup> 2011 township supervisors meeting.</p> <p>Motion made by Tom Newman to remove Elise Binder from the Commission, seconded by Dick Bieling.</p> <p>Nomination made by Tom Newman to accept Lora Nothstein into our Commission membership, seconded by Marybeth Beers.</p>	<p>A.I.F.- Action was necessary due to several unexplained absences and no contact. Pending approval at the Oct.6<sup>th</sup> 2011 Supervisors meeting.</p> <p>A.I.F.- Membership pending approval at the Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 2011 Supervisors meeting.</p>
<p><b>Adjournment:</b></p>	<p>Motion made by Tom Newman to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dick Bieling.</p>	<p>A.I.F. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm</p>