



TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes:

Date: March 22, 2012 **Time:** 7 PM, **Place:** Township Municipal Building- Stable Road.

Members Present: Karl Rolappe- Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Tom Newman- Vice Chair, Dick Bieling- Member, Lora Nothstein- Member, Marybeth Beers- Member.

Consultants: Connie Bieling

Excused: Paul Hoppel- Member, Roy Christman- Consultant.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Pledge of Allegiance		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.
Approval of last month's Minutes:	Motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2012 made by Tom Newman, seconded by Marybeth Beers.	A.I.F.
Public Participation: Historic Preservation Discussion	Connie Bieling offered many interesting facts and opinions on what she felt comprised the makeup of a truly historical structure.	

<p>Old Business:</p> <p>Interviews:</p> <p>-Margaret Bower Shinsec,(2055 Station St.) & -Marjorie Meinhart (Jonesville Hotel- Spruce Hollow Rd & Stagecoach E)</p> <p>Fund raising topics</p> <p>Archiving</p> <p>Historical Preservation Award</p>	<p>There was much discussion on this. Ideas for things to sell included postcards, tee-shirts and baked goods. A workshop with solicitor Tom Nanovic of Nanovic Law office and our township's accountant Gary Frey with Frey and son's was held at the township bldg Tuesday April 24th at 7pm. Karl, Tom, Dick, Connie, Roy, Marybeth, and Lora were present. Christine Meinhart our zoning officer also attended.</p> <p>We decided to table the archives due to member's prohibitive schedules for now until we can get more help.</p> <p>It was decided there would be several annual awards moving forward. 3 seemed to be a popular amount among the membership. We discussed having the awards presentation in October again.</p>	<p>Pending</p> <p>Gary Frey of Frey and son's will do some research on what our options are regarding having the capability of receiving donations and selling items at fund raisers.</p> <p>A.I.F.</p> <p>A.I.F.</p>
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<p>New Business:</p> <p>Volunteers</p> <p>Kathy Augustine- Spinning seminar</p> <p>Muffley Hotel Ruins</p>	<p>There is still a position on the Historical Commission that needs to be filled. We will continue looking for volunteers at future Historical Commission and Supervisor meetings.</p> <p>So far we are still scheduled with Kathy for the May 24th meeting.</p> <p>Tour date set for April 26, 2012 at 6:30pm weather permitting.</p>	<p>A.I.F.</p> <p>So noted</p> <p>A.I.F.</p>
<p>Officials:</p> <p>Palmerton is becoming an official federal Historic district “company town”.</p>	<p>Marybeth Beers discussed this new interesting information with the membership. She said there would be a town meeting regarding this subject at the Palmerton Library March 23rd at 6pm.</p>	
<p>Adjournment:</p>	<p>Motion made by Tom Newman to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lora Nothstein.</p>	<p>A.I.F. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm</p>