

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
December 5, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Executive session at 6:30pm to discuss pending ligation.

ROLL CALL

Penny Kleintop, Chairperson/Treasurer; Tom Newman, Vice-chairman; Guy Seifert, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor; Lora Nothstein, Secretary; Carl Faust, Zoning Officer; Ron Tirpak, Engineer; Carbon Engineering.

All present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes November 7, 2013.

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to approve November meeting minutes, seconded by Vice-chairman Tom Newman.

Vote: 3 to 0, all in favor.

Bill List & Payroll from November 2013.

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to approve bill list and payroll, seconded by Vice-chairman Tom Newman.

Vote: 3 to 0, all in favor.

Treasures Report

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to approve treasures report, seconded by Vice-chairman Tom Newman.

Vote: 3 to 0, all in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- 5 MINUTE LIMIT (Please sign the book if you would like to address the Board).

Brian Taschler from the Palmerton Towamensing ballclub said that in April 2013. They had resubmitted for the lights, he put up on the Babe Ruth field never received an official letter denial from the Supervisors.

Supervisors responded and no official letter was needed since the Township owns the property.

Mary Beth Beers announced to residents and Supervisors that on December 28 to Christmas church tour will be held in Palmerton, it is from 11 AM to 4 PM. It is a self-guided tour you can pick up tickets at the Palmerton heritage center cost for a ticket one nonperishable food item. The tour will be up churches within the Palmerton School district.

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

Frederick R. & Nancy J. Collins Subdivision; request for extension, 90 days.

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to grant extension, seconded by Vice-chairman Thomas Newman.

Vote: 3 to 0, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Historic Commission; recipes & stories.

Chairman Karl Rolappe thanked the Supervisors for all their help with the Greenzweig School and said repairs are on hold until spring when the weather improves. He asked, Sec., Lora Nothstein to explain to the residents and Supervisors about the recipe and stories. Sec., Lora Nothstein explained that the historic commission has an email address of Towamensinghistory@yahoo.com at the historic commission is going to be writing a recipe and collection of stories book that we will have for sale. Hopefully, and 2014 to raise money for renovations on the Greenzweig school, residents are being asked to mail their recipes to the Township or they can email them to the historical societies email address along with any little antidote they might have about this recipe, if they have pictures of themselves or relatives that have gone to the school our lives in the area and would like to share them, they can be emailed to historical commission or mail to the Township.

NEW BUSINESS

Adopt budget for 2014; budget will be available for viewing in the Township Office.

Motion: Vice-chairman Tom Newman made motion to approve 2014 budget, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

Vote: 3 to 0, all in favor.

Advertise Taxes for Township; Real-estate, Earned Income Tax, Real-estate Transfer Tax, LST, Per Capita.

Real-estate: 2 mils

EIT: 1% with ½% to School District and ½% to Township.

Real-estate Transfer Tax: ½ of 10% effective rate to Township.

LST: \$10.00

Per Capita: \$5.00

Motion: Vice-chairman Tom Newman made motion to advertise taxes, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

Vote: 3 to 0, all in favor.

Approve Solicitor to advertise Ordinance 2013 – 2; Amendment to Ordinance 80 – 2, mandatory recycling.

Tabled

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to table, seconded by Vice-chairman Tom Newman.

Vote: 3 to 0, all in favor.

Approve & Sign Resolution 2013 – 5; Amendment to SALDO, section 503.06, fee change from \$200 to \$500.

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to approve the change, seconded by Vice-chairman Tom Newman.

Vote: 3 to 0, all in favor.

Approve and Sign Resolution 2013 – 6; 2014 trash collection charges.

Advertise 2013 Garbage Rates

Motion: Vice-chairman Tom Newman made motion to prove garbage rates and advertise garbage rates, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

Vote: 3 to 0, all in favor.

Approve Towamensing Township Fire Police to assist at the Black Bear Triathlon, June 1, 2014.

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to approve, seconded by Vice-chairman Tom Newman.

Vote: 3 to 0, all in favor.

Approve purchase of dump truck, through COASTARS.

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to approve purchase, seconded by Vice-chairman Tom Newman.

Vote: 3 to 0, all in favor.

Set date for end of year meeting.

End of year meeting set for December 31, 2013 at 9 AM.

Approve Recreation Field Rules & Regulations.
Tabled, still working on official outline.

Approve First Northern Bank of Palmerton as depository.
Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to approve first northern bank of Palmerton, seconded by Vice-chairman Tom Newman.
Vote: 3 to 0, all in favor.

Accept letter of resignation from Beth Mesko, office clerk.
Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to accept letter of resignation, Vice-chairman Tom Newman seconded motion.
Vote: 3 to 0, all in favor.

Administer Oath of Office to Penny Kleintop; Township Supervisor, January 2014 to December 2019.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Available in township office

You can email the road master you questions or comments: ttroad@ptd.net

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Available in township office

SEO REPORT

Available in township office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Available in township office

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Available in township office

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OFFICIALS

Zoning Office hours for December
December 4, 11, 15, from 5:00PM to 7:00PM.
Week of December 23 and 30th by appointment.
Zoning Officer can be contacted at the township web site for additional appointments:
zoning@towzoning.com; in comments put attention Carl or
Phone: 610-681-4202 ext: 3 or 570-943-2577.

The township office will be closed December 25, 26 and 27, 2013 for Christmas holiday.

For residents with trash collection on Wednesday, collection will be Tuesday December 24, 2013.

Township building will be closed Wednesday, January 1, 2014.

For residents with garbage collection on Wednesdays, trash collection will be Thursday, January 2, 2013.

Reorganization Meeting will be January 6, 2014 at 5pm followed by the regular Supervisors Meeting.

Auditors meeting will be held on January 7, 2014 at 3pm.

Adjournment

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice-chairman Thomas Newman.

Vote: 3 to 0, all in favor.

7:55 p.m.