

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
November 6, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Penny Kleintop, Chairperson/Treasurer; Tom Newman, Vice-chairman; Guy Seifert, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor; Brenda Drew, Secretary; Carl Faust, Zoning Officer; Greg Haas, Engineer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2014

Motion: Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman made a Motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Bill List and Payroll from October 2014

Motion: Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman made a Motion to approve the Bill List and Payroll, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion: Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Charles Laviolette discussed the Palmerton Area Library News. He also asked that we include the library letter in our garbage invoice mailing. He then announced his resignation as the township representative on the Board of Trustees at the Palmerton Area Library. Charles will be moving from our township to the borough of Palmerton.

Diane Conner, resident of Towamensing Township stated that her property is going to be impacted by the PennEast Pipeline. She asked that our township approach PennEast to request more open forum-style meetings. Chairperson Kleintop stated that we have attempted to set up meetings with PennEast in September and October but PennEast cancelled the meetings. She also reminded residents that the township has limited capacity when it comes to handling residents' private properties. PennEast has advertised a meeting for November 18th at the Aquashicola Volunteer Fire Co. Vice-Chairman Newman discussed the various ways in which the township is sharing and disseminating information as it is received. Supervisor Seifert suggested that residents build a coalition of like-minded residents, showing a unified front of impacted residents for negotiating with the pipeline representatives. It was suggested that a meeting of Towamensing Township residents take place after

the November 18th meeting. Permission was given to use the Township Meeting Room, if available, for a meeting of concerned residents. If a larger room is needed, the Volunteer Fire Company may be used. Ms. Conner also asked whether there is anything in the Zoning Ordinance addressing the various impacts that the proposed pipeline could have on the township. Supervisor Seifert stated that there was nothing in the Ordinance that would stop its installation.

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

Falling Creek Investments LLC: Certificate of Occupancy was issued on October 15, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Workshop Dates were set for November 11 and November 18, 2014 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the township office.

Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman made a Motion to approve the dates, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert. All in favor. Motion carried.

New IT Support Personnel Discussion

Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman made a Motion to table the request until the staff meeting, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval was requested to purchase new waste oil burners to heat the township garages.

Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman made a Motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission will hold a public meeting to discuss the new Zoning Ordinance on Monday, November 10, 2014.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Chairman Karl Rolappe reported that the Greenzweig School is still at the forefront of the Commission's attention. Funds were recently raised at a basket bazaar and 50/50 raffle. The cookbook is still being worked on as a future fundraiser. The fence and driveway have been completed. He thanked Vice-Chairman Newman and Supervisor Seifert for trim wood. Thanks were also given to Theodore Hittner, who donated period appropriate desks and George Moyer, who donated a framed portrait of George Washington, which had hung in a one room schoolhouse in the past.

Mr. Rolappe also asked us to include a mission letter with our garbage invoice mailing for 2015. It was agreed that this would be done.

Mr. Rolappe presented the Annual Historical Preservation Award to George and Janet Green for their ongoing, impeccable maintenance of the historic Big Creek Pike Bridge along Pohopoco Drive.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Field Use Application was received from Mike Netznik, President of the PTAA, for the 2015 year.

Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to accept the application, seconded by Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

A report is available in the township office.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop announced that the final cost of the construction of the Owl Creek Bridge by our Road Master and Crew was \$87,673.63.

Residents may email questions or comments to: ttroad@ptd.net

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Available in township office

SEO REPORT

Available in township office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Available in township office

Attorney Nanovic is investigating the status of the tanker repair through the insurance company.

The Towamensing Township Volunteer Fire Company received the 2014 Volunteer Fire Relief Allocation check in the amount of \$33,354.04, presented by Chairperson Penny Kleintop.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Available in township office

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OFFICIALS

Zoning Office Hours for November 2014: Wednesday, November 5, 12, 26 & Thursday November 20 - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Our Zoning Officer can be reached by calling: 570-943-2577 or 610-681-4202.

Email: bmisinspector@gmail.com

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman made Motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert. All in favor. Motion carried.

7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda L. Drew