

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
December 10, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2015

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Towamensing Township Special Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2015

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Bill List and Payroll from November 2015

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report from November 2015

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Charles Laviolette, representing the Palmerton Area Library, asked whether it was possible to include the 2016 Annual Fund Drive letter with the Township's garbage invoice mailing in January. He will recruit volunteers to help stuff the envelopes. He also discussed various activities that are offered at the library in December.

Motion: Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman made a Motion to approve the inclusion of the library letter, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Resident Paul Shinsec noted some area roads where washout has occurred and need filling. Chairperson Kleintop made a list to pass on to the Roadmaster. He also discussed some points from the “December Report to Carbon County Stakeholders” regarding the PennEast Pipeline. Supervisor Seifert asked Paul to investigate whether any townships have successfully taxed pipelines.

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of letter of notification to Falling Creek Investments for compliance with the “Maintenance and Operating Agreement for Stormwater Retention and Detention Facilities”: The Township did not receive proof of compliance, to date. Supervisors will have the office notify Solicitor Nanovic to contact the parties involved.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop read the letter received from Towamensing Township Fire Company accepting the audit to be performed by the Dale Kirk of Kirk, Summa & Co., with the following conditions: The audit will be done at the firehouse, the Fire Company will receive a copy of the audit at the same time as the Township, and the Township will cover the cost of the audit. The office is to respond to the Fire Company with a letter which includes Dale Kirk’s contact information and also to inform Dale Kirk of Eric George’s contact information, as he will serve as the liaison.

Appoint Dale Kirk to audit the Towamensing Township Volunteer Fire Company.

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to appoint Dale Kirk to audit the Towamensing Township Volunteer Fire Company, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Set date for End of the Year Meeting: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to set said date, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve and Sign Resolution 2015-9: Annual Garbage Collection Fees for 2016. (Fees to remain the same.)

Single Senior Citizen, 100% Disabled Veteran & Active Duty Military - \$105.00

Senior Citizen Couple - \$125.00

Family - \$190.00

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve and Sign the Beltzville Lake Estates Garbage Collection Agreement for 2016.

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve and Advertise the Proposed 2016 Budget.

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made said Motion, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Ordinance 2015-5: Tax Levy for 2016.

Real Estate Tax – 2 mils

Earned Income Tax – 1%, with 1/2% to School District & 1/2% to Township

Real Estate Transfer Tax – 1/2 of 1.0% effective rate to Township

Local Services Tax - \$10.00; Per Capita Tax - \$5.00

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Resident and member Mary Beth Beers discussed the Historical Commission Cookbook Fundraiser and the cost of mailing books out as gifts for the holidays.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Field Use Application was received from Michael Netznik, President of the Palmerton Towamensing Athletic Association, for the 2016 year.

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to accept the application, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

A report is available in the Township office.

Photos of privately owned and maintained Kennetta Lane were available to view. The Supervisors agreed to have the Township send a letter to Kenneth George, developer and owner, giving him 30 days to improve the road conditions. Otherwise, garbage trucks and personnel cannot pick garbage up at individual residents' homes but will have to determine a safe point for community pickup.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Available in Township office

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairperson Penny Kleintop thanked Joyce Borger and Girl Scout Troop #3580 for their help at the Township decorating the Christmas Tree in the Meeting Room, planting flowers this past Spring and picking up litter around the site. Mary Beth Beers also stated that the Historical Commission would possibly enlist their help in the future.

OFFICIALS

The Township office will be closed Thursday & Friday, December 24-25, 2015 and also January 1, 2016.

Zoning Office Hours for December 2015: Tuesday, December 1 & Wednesday, December 9, 16, 23 – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Carl Faust, Towamensing Township Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer, can be reached by calling: 570-943-2577 or 610-681-4202. Email: bmisinspector@gmail.com

ADJOURNMENT

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

7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda L. Drew