

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
End of the Year Meeting
December 30, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes – December 10, 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 December 10 to December 30, 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:

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.

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve and Adopt the 2016 Budget: \$1,082,500.00.

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to approve and adopt the 2016 Budget, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve and Sign Ordinance 2015-5: Tax Levy

Real Estate Tax – 2 mils

Earned Income Tax – 1%, with ½% to School District & ½% 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 Ordinance 2015-5, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Status of Towamensing Township Volunteer Fire Co. Audit:

Dale Kirk of Kirk, Summa & Co. will begin the audit on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Eric George agreed to move the location from the Fire Co. building to the Township Municipal Meeting Room.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve and advertise the 2016 Schedule of Meetings:

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to approve the schedule and advertise it in the Times News, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve the 2016 Towamensing Township Holiday schedule:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Administer the Oath of Office to Thomas Newman, Township Vice-Chairperson, January 2016 to December 2021: Administered and notarized by Solicitor, Thomas Nanovic.

Approve and Adopt the Towamensing Township Volunteer Fire Company Ordinance Number 2015-6:

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to approve, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop. Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman opposed the Ordinance.

Motion carried 2 to 1.

Approve Brenda Drew to attend the annual PSATS Conference in Hershey, PA, April 17-20, 2016:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

New boiler for furnace:

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to approve purchase a new steel boiler with installation from GMK Comfort Air Systems, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Accept and Approve Recreation Field Use Application from Towamensing Soccer Club:

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

ROAD MASTER REPORT

A report is available in the township office.

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

Note to residents: The Supervisors discussed the excessive garbage, TVs and construction debris dumped on site. Motion sensor lights will be installed in an effort to deter further dumping.

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

The Re-Organizational Meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Board of Supervisors Meeting for the month of January.

The Township Auditors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

OFFICIALS

Special thank you to the following people from the Palmerton Area Library who volunteered on December 17th, stuffing all of the garbage mailing envelopes: Charles Laviolette, Roy Christman, Cathy Filoreto, Audrey Larvey, John Spirk and John “Jack” Woginrich.

Zoning Office Hours for January 2016: Thursday, January 7; Wednesday, January 13; Tuesday, January 19; and Wednesday, January 27 - 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.

3:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Drew