

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
March 12, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 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; Greg Haas, Engineer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2015 Board of Supervisors' Meeting:

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 February 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.

Tammy Plevretes, a township resident and member of the local committee to oppose the PennEast Pipeline, spoke on the various meetings of concerned citizens which she has attended.

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS:

Woods Campground Waiver Request:

Engineer for Woods Campground, Eric Snyder, and owners of the Woods Campground, Patrick Gremling and John Parr once again requested waivers for the changes to the campground expansion plans concerning construction of spillways, fencing of drainage basins and road construction. The changes had also been presented and discussed at the Special Meeting of the Planning Commission on February 23, 2015.

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a Motion to not grant any of the waivers. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairperson Newman. Chairperson Penny Kleintop requested additional discussion.

Supervisors Seifert and Newman voted in favor of granting no waivers, Chairman Kleintop declined. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appoint Accounting Firm Kirk, Summa & Co., LLP as Township Auditors, by Resolution:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint Scott Bieber as primary Sewage Enforcement Office, Sean Corey as the alternate:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Appoint Robert O'Donnell as new member of the Planning Commission:

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a motion for appointment, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Announce Special Meeting to adopt New Towamensing Township Zoning Ordinance and Map:

Meeting to be held Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

ROAD MASTER REPORT:

Approve the purchase of Master Mix Tailgate Pugmill for \$16,650.00:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

A report is available in the township office.

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

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

Available in township office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

Approve Fire Police for Blue Mountain Health System's 5K Race on May 9, 2015 from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. along a 3.1 mile course that begins and ends at the Palmerton Borough Park.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve request by Towamensing Township Volunteer Fire Co. – 2015 Activities List:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Wayne Knirnschild reported that there were three calls this month and also reports of trees down. They have 5 to 6 volunteers who respond to the calls. He also reported that he has chosen not to take the damaged tanker in for body repair although the insurance company provided funds for such repair.

SEO REPORT:

Available in township office

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Available in township office

Reappointment of David Beers and Rick Mertz to the Planning Commission and Karl Pielmeier to a 2-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairperson Penny Kleintop discussed Thank You letters received from Palmerton Library and Blue Mountain Health System's Home Health Care Department for donations made on behalf of the Township.

OFFICIALS:

Zoning Office hours for March 2015 – March 3, 11, **19** (Changed), 25 and 31 - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The schedule has been revised to the first Tuesday evening of the month and Wednesday evenings of the month thereafter.

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

7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda L. Drew, Secretary