

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
June 2, 2016 – 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; Brenda Drew, Secretary; Carl Faust, Zoning Officer-absent; Greg Haas, Engineer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2016

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Bill List and Payroll from May 2016

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Richard F. Beers requested a dumpster to be delivered to the Jerusalem Lutheran picnic grove by the 22nd of June for the annual picnic, being held on the 25th.

George White of 1055 Deer Lane suggested that the Township put a meeting together to discuss laws and regulations pertaining to the growing and selling of medical marijuana. Solicitor Nanovic believes that the Township would be “jumping the gun” since the State currently has nothing on the books.

Bill Marks of 155 Mark Lane thanked the Supervisors for approving the purchase of a new set of goals for the soccer field on Interchange Road. There is a record number of 168 children in the soccer club.

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Pipeline Update: George White reported, reading from the current edition of the *Save Carbon County* newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify permission for sign advertising Pipeline Meeting on June 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. placed on Fire Company Property.

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

Approve placing of advertisements in the Times News for bids on Diesel Fuel and Heating Oil.

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

Approve placing of advertisements in the Times News for bids on Millings, Stone and Anti-Skid Material.

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

There was discussion about the language in a future Ordinance pertaining to the violation of fire burning bans within the Township.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Award the 2016 Bituminous Paving Road Project: Greg Haas opened the sealed bids today at 3:30 p.m.

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Lehigh Asphalt, which was under budget, seconded by Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve the purchase of a new garbage truck:

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to approve the purchase, which is \$119,610. (amended from \$125,000) for the Freightliner chassis and \$66,050. for the Cobra Magnum body. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

The Roadmaster report was read aloud by Chairperson Kleintop.

Vice-Chairman Newman discussed the delay in receiving the permits for bridge repair from DEP. They are allowed to take up to 85 business days to respond.

Residents may email questions or concerns to the Roadmaster: ttroad@ptd.net

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

None

RECREATION COMMITTEE

None

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Available in the Township office

SEO REPORT

Available in Township office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

President and liaison Eric George provided a fire call log for the month of May. He also stated that the Fire Co. participated in a joint drill with neighboring Polk Twp. Fire Co.

Eric requested approval of participation and attendance in the 6-County Fireman's Association Parade on June 25th in McAdoo and the 4-County Fireman's Association Parade on July 16th in Trexlertown.

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

Eric also requested assistance in setting up QuickBooks and training.

Approve funding of QuickBooks training by Kirk, Summa & Co.:

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

Chairperson Kleintop read aloud the following letter from New Fire Chief, Jeremy Haydt, dated 6/2/16:

The Fire Company would like to reassure residents that emergency services were never compromised during the recent transition of leadership.

This dedicated group of individuals is in the process of implementing the necessary changes recommended by the recent audit in the effort to improve transparency and services to our residents.

There has been a resurgence in membership from previous members who have volunteered to serve in any needed capacity and also an increased interest in new membership.

This is all a positive response to the current working relationship between the Fire Company and the Township.
Jeremy Haydt, Fire Chief

Annual Contribution check for \$5,000.00 was presented to Eric George.

Ratify Fire Police participation in the Palmerton Memorial Day Parade.

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

New Fire Chief, Jeremy Haydt, will be sworn in during the July 7, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Available in Township office

CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICIALS

Reminder: Delinquent Garbage Accounts (those owing 2015 fees and prior) will be sent to District Court, beginning this month.

Reminder: "Route 209 Project" meeting will be held at the Fire Company on Thursday, June 16 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Supervisors and other invited officials meet at 6:00 p.m. prior to joining the public at 7:00.

Zoning Office Hours for June 2016: Tuesday, May 31; Wednesday, June 8; Wednesday, June 15; Wednesday, June 22 and Wednesday, June 29 - 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.

7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda L. Drew