

**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**March 3, 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; Greg Haas, Engineer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2016

**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 2016

**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.

Resident Paul Shinsec, 1665 Station Street, spoke on behalf of the Save Carbon County committee, providing copies of the stakeholders report and a letter from Linda Christman to FERC referencing the coincidental proximity of the PennEast/UGI Pipeline to the proposed waterpark at Blue Mountain Resort in Lower Towamensing Township. Supervisor Seifert discussed the politics and economics of oil and gas production, supply and demand.

Resident Rick Moyer, 3720 Stagecoach Road West, provided photos of his property and requested that, in any future road projects, the road be lowered to provide better drainage conditions.

Resident Howard Williams, 340 Stagecoach Road West, once again inquired about the road at his intersection. Supervisor Seifert stated that the Roadmaster had visited the site and was uncertain of what Mr. Williams was requesting. Williams also mentioned clogged drainpipes on James Street. Seifert stated that the Roadmaster and Township Engineer will be inspecting road conditions next week.

## **PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Response to letters from PennEast: Greg Haas provided responses on behalf of the Township.

Status of Fire Company Audit by Kirk, Summa & Co.: The Supervisors are still awaiting Dale Kirk's written report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Appoint Kirk, Summa & Co. as the Certified Public Accountants to examine all of the accounts of Towamensing Township for the 2015 fiscal year.

**Motion:** Supervisor Guy Seifert made said Motion, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Thomas Newman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Fire Police for Palmerton Borough's "Raising the House 5K" on March 19, 2016.

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

Approve Fire Police for Carbon County Fair, held in Lower Towamensing Township August 8 - 13, 2016.

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

Approve Fire Police for Blue Mtn. Health System 5K, held in Palmerton Borough on May 7, 2016.

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

Set a Workshop date for Driveway Ordinance: Monday, March 14, 2016, after the Planning Commission meeting.

Road inspections scheduled for March 9, 10 and 11 by Scott Mosier and Greg Haas to determine road projects for 2016.

Liquid Fuels Tax Funds Payments received from the State on March 1, 2016: \$286,695.65

## **ROAD MASTER REPORT**

The report was read aloud by Chairperson Kleintop.

Residents may email questions or concerns to the Roadmaster: [ttroad@ptd.net](mailto:ttroad@ptd.net)

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Chairman Karl Rolappe introduced new member Steve Holmes, a resident of Lower Towamensing Township, who would like to assemble a volunteer crew to go through the township's boxes of archives. The Supervisors agreed that the committee is to contact the Township Secretary to organize the effort.

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Thomas Newman stated that the Township is awaiting final dugout plans.

## **ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

No permits issued during the month of February.

## **SEO REPORT**

Available in Township office

## **FIRE COMPANY REPORT**

President and liaison Eric George provided a fire call log.

Awaiting response to letter dated February 9, 2016 addressed to the Board of Directors. The response is to occur within 45 days of the letter's receipt.

Supervisor Seifert suggested that, upon receipt of the audit report from Dale Kirk, the Township and Fire Co. should read it separately and then meet to discuss it, with the accountant in attendance. He also asked Solicitor Nanovic to research a possible Ordinance to address fraudulent alarms within the Township.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Available in Township office

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

## **OFFICIALS**

Girl Scout Troups 3580 & 3127: "Cookies from Home" Program. Approve \$250.00 donation.

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

The Vietnam "Moving Wall" will be in Palmerton Borough Park July 21-25, 2016: Approve \$200.00 donation.

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

Reminder: Ag. Security Meeting will be held at the Township on Friday, March 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Reminder: CERT Program classes are being held on April 4, 11, 18 & 25.

Zoning Office Hours for March 2016: Tuesday, March 1; Wednesday, March 9; Thursday, March 17; Wednesday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 30 - 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](mailto:bmisinspector@gmail.com)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda L. Drew