

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
November 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 – October 13, 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 October 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.

Resident George White asked whether the township was planning to paint lines on the newly paved roads. Supervisor Seifert stated that there are no intentions to paint lines because the roads are not wide enough for side lines and it is also difficult to find contractors to do the job. George also voiced his concerns about the low water levels in our creeks and Beltzville Lake.

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

Richard Morrissey Reverse Subdivision: Engineer Greg Haas reported that a meeting was held with Solicitor Nanovic, Chairperson Kleintop, Mr. Morrissey, and Attorney Alan Young to revise the Plan and recommend language to address the access easement. Haas recommended that the Plan be granted final approval.

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a Motion to grant final Plan approval, seconded by Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: Supervisor Guy Seifert made a second Motion to grant Conditional Final Plan Approval based on the collection all of the necessary signatures and stamps, seconded by Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Pipeline Update from *Save Carbon County*: November report provided.

Paul Shinsec reported, summarizing the November report.

2017 Budget: Supervisor Seifert reported that the Budget is currently being worked on.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve advertising of Kirk Summa & Company LLP as Certified Public Accountants for the Township in order to audit the 2016 financial records:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Set date for End of the Year Board of Supervisors Meeting: Thursday, December 29, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

Approve Garbage Collection Rates for 2017: No increases were made to the rates.

Family rate - \$190.00

Senior citizen couple rate - \$125.00

Single senior citizen, active duty military, 100% disabled veteran rate - \$105.00

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

The Roadmaster report was read aloud by Supervisor Seifert.

Purchase of a new tailgate spreader for the 2010 Freightliner dump truck: \$3,434.00 from E.M. Kutz, Inc.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

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

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mary Beth Beers reported on the Greenzweig School. The extermination will be done this year. The Commission made approximately \$200.00 profit from the raffle of the six donated baskets. The photo taken by resident John Wasilowsky, which was displayed at the basket raffle, helped to spark interest. Vice-Chairman Newman reminded Mary Beth to have Karl Rolappe contact the carpenter who has volunteered to help plan the needed repairs to the School.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Matt George reported that baseball season is over and they are beginning to close up the ballfield. They will wait until Spring to hang the new sign, which was purchased by the Township. The fundraising profits helped to purchase topsoil to re-level the Babe Ruth field and also add to the softball field in order to eventually raise the fence.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Available in Township office.

SEO REPORT

Available in Township office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Fire Chief Jeremy Haydt reported on the three calls for the month of October. He also reported that quotes are being sought for the 1986 tanker repair in order to follow through with an insurance claim.

Liaison Eric George reported that they are working on the hall rental agreement. There have been many inquiries into renting the hall. They participated in Fire Prevention education at Towamensing Elementary on October 21st and the Palmerton Halloween Parade on October 16th. The firehouse was also open on October 31st for Trick or Treat Night. They are gathering additional information on SafeServe and the liquor license. They pulled the buoy on Beltzville for now. The Township has agreed to send the Annual Membership Drive letter in with the January garbage bill mailing.

Approve Fire Police participation in the Bo Tkach Turkey Trot on November 24, 2016

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

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Available in the Township office

CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICIALS

Supervisor Seifert stated that Towamensing Township Volunteer Fire Co. is looking for volunteers, kitchen personnel and support staff.

Zoning Office Hours for November 2016: Thursday, November 3 – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, November 9; Tuesday, November 15; Wednesday, November 23 and Wednesday, November 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

ADJOURNMENT

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

7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda L. Drew