

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
February 2, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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 Re-Organizational Meeting Minutes – January 3, 2017

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

Towamensing Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes – January 3, 2017

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

Bills List and Payroll from January 2017

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.

MaryBeth Beers brought up the letter sent from the Historical Commission to the Friends of Beltzville supporting their efforts to help with the restoration of the historic Buck Covered Bridge in Beltzville State Park. Chairperson Kleintop read the letter aloud.

George White visited the Farm Show where he attended a meeting concerning the PennEast Pipeline. There were 3 speakers, with two of them promoting the Pipeline and another discussing other impact. George also brought up the need for Township roads to have lines painted on them to improve visibility, especially during foggy conditions. Chairperson Kleintop stated that previous bids which were put out by the Township were never answered. Supervisor Seifert stated that the Township had previously participated in a mowing and painting trade with the State.

David DelGrosso, 30-year resident of the Township and former Planning Commission member, asked the Supervisors why he had not been re-appointed to the Planning Commission at the January 3rd meeting. Chairperson Kleintop remarked that the Supervisors had not received a letter from him requesting to be re-appointed. He stated that he was unaware of the protocol. Supervisor Seifert said to send a letter requesting re-appointment.

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

Engineer Greg Haas remarked that the Planning Commission will be discussing two subdivisions at the upcoming meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Set date for Agricultural Security Area Board meeting for Friday, March 17, 2017, 2:00 p.m. at Municipal Building.

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

All in favor. Motion carried. The Secretary was directed to contact the members.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Matt George reported that the ball clubs were hiring someone to finish the dugouts using fundraiser money. They will also be finishing work on the outfielders and he will be working on it himself, time and weather permitting. They will be hosting District 18 Playoffs from June 24 to July 8, 2017 so they are working hard to make the ballfields more presentable. There is a need for a scoreboard on the Babe Ruth Field and possibly replacement of the Little League scoreboard. The league has funds from successful fundraising. Mike Netznik expressed a need for more volunteers.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

Discussed during Public Participation.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

None.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Report read by Chairperson Kleintop.

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

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Available in Township office.

SEO REPORT

Available in Township office.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Jeremy Haydt reported that during January there were 9 calls. Four firefighters starting training in Monroe County with two more training in the Fall. There is a good rate of progression. They are also forming a truck committee to begin planning the process of replacement of aging equipment. They discussed hiring a grant writer for the Federal Grant season in the Fall. No major apparatus has been purchased since 1991. The Fire Company's ISO rating is not high, which can affect residents' insurance rates.

President Eric George expressed appreciation to Ann Bachert for her years of service to the Fire Company. She resigned from her position as recording secretary. The Fire Co. has created a Facebook page as well as formed a Budget Committee. There will be various events coming up in the near future: a breakfast, egg hunt, yard sale and craft fair. The Fire Co. is also promoting a fundraiser for business owners to rent advertising sign space on the fence surrounding the property. They requested assistance from the Supervisors for permitting. The Supervisors stated that Carl Faust is aware of the endeavor and is working on it. The Supervisors continue to encourage membership and donations with Township residents.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter of appreciation was received from the Palmerton Area Library for the Township's \$4,000.00 donation.

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold a Car Show to benefit local agencies on September 16th with a rain date of September 17th.

OFFICIALS

Reminder: Winter road maintenance takes precedence over garbage collection.

Zoning Office Hours for February 2017: Wednesday, February 1; Tuesday, February 7; Wednesday, February 15; and Thursday, February 23 - 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-Chairman Thomas Newman.
All in favor. Motion carried.

7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda L. Drew, Secretary