

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

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Penny Kleintop, Chairperson/Treasurer; Thomas Newman, Vice-Chairman; Guy Seifert-absent, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor; Brenda Drew, Secretary; Carl Faust, Zoning Officer; Greg Haas, Engineer-absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2017

Motion: Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Bills List and Payroll from February 2017

Motion: Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman made a motion to approve the Bills List and Payroll, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion: Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop.

All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Paul Shinsec discussed the February report from Save Carbon County. Copies were provided for attendees.

Linda Christman reported that the pipeline company is calling larger landowners and offering to pay for their survey, which is a good sign that landowners are holding out.

Chuck Laviolette reported on Palmerton Library activities for the upcoming month including computer classes and the Spring fundraiser. See their monthly newsletter for an extensive list. He also shared copies of the library statistics, revenues and expenditures from 2016.

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

Creed Minor Subdivision:

The Planning Commission made a motion at their February 13, 2017 meeting to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the waiver request regarding plan scale be granted.

Motion: Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman made a motion to approve the waiver request, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop.

All in favor. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission also recommended Conditional Final Plan Approval based on satisfactorily addressing the remaining items, 2 through 5, of Greg Haas' review comments.

Motion: Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman made a motion to grant Conditional Final Approval, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop.

All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Matt George was not in attendance but he relayed a message through Chairperson Kleintop that the girls' softball field would be worked on as long as the weather cooperated and that the dugouts were framed. He would like to begin immediately rather than waiting until April 1st.

Motion: Vice-Chairman Newman made a motion to allow the leagues to have immediate access to the fields, seconded by Chairperson Kleintop.

All in favor. Motion carried.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

Karl Rolappe thanked Supervisor Seifert for his donation of the roofing work on the Greenzweig School. Cindy Green Hazzard, a resident of Slatington, has contacted the Commission and offered her family's assistance with the renovations. Her 4-times great-grandfather, David Greenzweig built the Greenzweig School. She plans to attend the March 23rd meeting. She has also found a pot belly stove that could be purchased to place in the School. The Commission plans to compile documentation of how Township roads got their names. Karl also thanked former Clerk, Kim Bedio, for editing and updating the Historical Index. Vice-Chairman Newman expressed the need for the exterior of the School to be primed and painted in order to avoid further deterioration.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

None.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Swenson V-Box Spreader was sold on Municibid for \$3,800.00.

2017 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund payment of \$296,644.98 and 2017 Road Turnback Annual Maintenance payment from PennDOT of \$3,080.00 were both received on March 1st.

Roadmaster 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 there were 9 calls during February. He also reported on the new Heavy Rescue Truck that a group traveled to Alabama to inspect. It is a 2007 Pierce Saber truck with 4,500 miles and 400 hours on it. There are 64 hours on the PTO generator. This truck carries 6 or more firefighters and can serve as a command post. It

combines three trucks into one. At the request of Fire Co. Officers & Directors, the Township will loan the funds for purchase. Two offers were presented at the March 1st Fire Company business meeting – 1) \$200,000 loan at 1.5% interest for 10 years: 2) \$226,500 loan at 1.5% interest for 10 years. The vote was unanimously passed to accept the \$226,500 loan, with payments beginning on May 1st.

President Eric George reported on upcoming events. March 26th from 7:00 a.m. to noon, is an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet. Prices are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. On April 8th from 10:00 a.m. to noon is an Easter egg hunt. April 29th is a Community Yard Sale. May 20th is a Spring Craft Fair. Information is available on the Fire Company's Facebook page.

Approve Fire Police assistance for the Raising the House 5K on March 25, 2017.

Motion: Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman made a motion to approve, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Fire Police assistance for the Blue Mountain Health System 10K, 5K Run/Walk on May 13, 2017.

Motion: Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman made a motion to approve, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve the Loan to the Towamensing Township Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$226,500.00 for the purchase of the 2007 Heavy Rescue Truck from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC.

Motion: Chairperson Penny Kleintop made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman. All in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Supervisors accepted the resignation of Clerk Kim Bedio, who plans to spend more time with her family while awaiting the birth of a new grandchild. Erica Everett was hired as the new Clerk and will begin on March 14th.

OFFICIALS

The annual Spring Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. & Sunday, April 9 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Zoning Office Hours for March 2017: Wednesday, March 1; Tuesday, March 7; Wednesday, March 15; Tuesday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 29 - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Carl Faust, Towamensing Township Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer, can be reached by calling 570-943-2577. Email: bmisinspector@gmail.com.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop. All in favor. Motion carried.

7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda L. Drew, Secretary