

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
November 2, 2017 – 7:00 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-absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2017

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

Bills List and Payroll from October 2017

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve the Bills List and Payroll, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.
All in favor. Motion carried.

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

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

OLD BUSINESS

2018 Budget: Supervisor Seifert will meet with the Secretary again next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve advertising of the appointment of Kirk Summa & Company LLP as Certified Public Accountants for the Township.

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve the appointment and advertisement, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Set date for End of the Year Board of Supervisors Meeting: Thursday, December 28, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Approve Garbage Collection Rates for 2018: Rates will remain the same - \$190 Family rate, \$125 Senior Couple rate and \$105 rate for Single Senior Citizens, deployed military personnel and Veterans with a 100% military disability.

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve the Garbage Collection rates, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.
All in favor. Motion carried.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

Karl Rolappe said that the repairs to the exterior siding of the Greenzweig School building had to be postponed due to an infestation of bees. Extermination has occurred. Karl asked whether the Township could help fund the siding project. Supervisor Seifert stated that the original agreement between the Historical Commission and Township was that the Commission would fund the project. Karl stated that originally the Township was providing a one-thousand dollar per year donation but none has been received in the five years since that agreement was made. He has gotten three estimates for siding – two for vinyl and one for pine, which was the lowest initial cost and would appear more historically correct. Supervisor Seifert asked Karl to get a price for trim and also asked Donald Bonett whether he would consider building new shutters. He would like a plan presented by February of 2018.

Awarding of the Annual Historical Preservation Award to Elise and Kevin Binder, 225 Firehouse Road, Palmerton, which is the site of the former Buck's Store. The award was accepted by Elise's mother, Doris Behler, who is the daughter of Stella and Clyde Buck, owner-proprietors from 1933 to 1988.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Commission is continuing to work on the draft of a Water Extraction Ordinance during regular meetings. The Dollar General Land Development Plan is still under review and the Natalie M. Pargas Lot Line Adjustment/Annexation Subdivision Plan is pending.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Bobby O'Donnell reported that there were 9 calls in the month of October. Eric George reported that the November breakfast will be held on the 19th, so as not to conflict with Polk Township Fire Company's breakfast. There will be the addition of ham and apple juice to the menu. Fire Co. personnel presented the annual Fire Prevention Program at Towamensing Elementary & My Little World Daycare and also provided trucks rides, handouts and information at Jerusalem UCC's annual Apple Fest on October 7th. They participated in the October 15, 2017 Palmerton Halloween Parade and will assist at the Turkey Trot. Trick or treaters showed up at the Fire Co. for goodies on the evening of October 28th. The dry hydrant was removed from Beltzville Lake while the permit is being renewed. It will be put back in May of 2018. Two names for 2018 Chief will be presented to the Board of Supervisors during the December meeting in order for the vote to take place.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Roadmaster Report read by Chairperson Kleintop.

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

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Available in the township office

SEO REPORT

Available in the township office

CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICIALS

Two local students attended the meeting. Logan Kresge attended the meeting as a requirement for his Eagle Scout Merit Badge for "citizenship in the community". Jake Taschler, a high school senior, attended as a requirement for an online class. He must write a four-page summary report.

Zoning Office Hours for November 2017: Tuesday, November 7 – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday, November 14 – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday, November 21 – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.; & Tuesday, November 28 – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda L. Drew, Secretary