

**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**October 12, 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-absent; Brenda Drew, Secretary; Carl Faust, Zoning Officer; Greg Haas, Engineer-absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Towamensing Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes – September 7, 2017

**Motion:** Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman. Chairperson Kleintop abstained due to absence from September meeting. Motion carried.

Bills List and Payroll from September 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.

Charles Laviolette gave an update on various activities at the Palmerton Area Library. He requested that the 2018 Annual Fund Drive letter be included in the mailing of the garbage collection invoices in January.

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

Resident Paul Shinsec gave the Pipeline update on behalf of Save Carbon County. Copies of the October report were available. He noted that he has personally hired a lawyer to handle his future eminent domain proceedings.

Chairperson Kleintop asked if anyone else would like to address the Board. No one responded.

**PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS**

Dollar General Land Development

**Motion:** Supervisor Seifert made a motion to accept the 90-day time extension to January 10, 2018, as presented in the letter from Colwell-Naegele Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers, on October 10, 2017, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

2018 Budget: Supervisor Seifert will meet with the Secretary on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to review and finalize the Budget.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Vice-Chairman Newman discussed modernization of the Township's recycling facility. We are researching the addition of new packers once the salt shed is relocated, which will free up space for the current recycling building to be reconfigured. The program is currently not cost effective. Neighboring townships have dropped their recycling programs, which may have increased our volume. The Township recycled 121 tons of materials in 2016. Chairperson Kleintop reminded residents to consider donating good used furniture to charitable organizations before disposing of it.

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Matt George reported that they are finishing up Fall Ball. The field will soon be shut down for the season.

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT**

None

## **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Jim Shafer reported that the Commission is continuing to work on the draft of a Water Extraction Ordinance during regular meetings.

## **FIRE COMPANY REPORT**

Chief Bobby O'Donnell reported that there were 6 calls in the month of September. Eric George thanked the 300 patrons of the October 8<sup>th</sup> breakfast for their support. The November breakfast will be held November 19<sup>th</sup>, so as not to conflict with Polk Township Fire Company's breakfast. Fire Co. personnel presented the annual Fire Prevention Program at Towamensing Elementary on October 11<sup>th</sup> and also provided trucks rides, handouts and information at Jerusalem UCC's annual Apple Fest on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The PA Turnpike will be closed from the Lehigh Valley Exit to the Mahoning Valley Exit from the evening of October 13<sup>th</sup> to the early morning of October 16<sup>th</sup>. An increase in local traffic can be expected. He reminded all that our Fire Co. is still looking for volunteers of all kinds.

Approve the Fire Police to assist during the October 15, 2017 Palmerton Halloween Parade and also for the Fire Company to attend.

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

Supervisors presented the 2017 Volunteer Fire Relief Association check in the amount of \$28,017.70 to the Fire Company. This allocation is based on Township population and Real Estate Market Value as compared to the State average.

## **ROADMASTER REPORT**

Roadmaster Report read by Supervisor Seifert.

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

## **ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

Available in the township office

## **SEO REPORT**

Available in the township office

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **OFFICIALS**

**Reminder:** Trick or Treat Night in Towamensing Township is Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., rain or shine. The Fire Company will also be open for Trick or Treat at that time.

Zoning Office Hours for October 2017: Tuesday, October 3; Thursday, October 12; Wednesday, October 18; Tuesday October 24, & Tuesday, October 31 – 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](mailto:bmisinspector@gmail.com).

Once again, Chairperson Kleintop asked if anyone else would like to address the Board. No one responded.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda L. Drew, Secretary