

**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
April 1, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Penny Kleintop, Chairperson/Treasurer, Tom Newman, Vice-Chairman, Rodney George, Supervisor/Road Master, Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor, and Lora Nothstein, Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Supervisors Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2010
Motion made by Vice –Chairman Newman, seconded by Chairperson Kleintop.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #3-31-2010 AND PAYROLL

Motion made by Vice –Chairman Newman, seconded by Chairperson Kleintop.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

RATIFY BCBS BILL; DONE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON 3/10/10.

Motion made by Vice –Chairman Newman, seconded by Chairperson Kleintop.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Treasures Report

Motion made by Vice –Chairman Newman, seconded by Chairperson Kleintop.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Liquid Fuels check was deposited. 186,931.04 March 1, 2010

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

Rich Bockert asked the supervisors about a blanket bound for coverage of workman's comp insurance when the Fire Company responds to incidents outside the township. **Solicitor Tom Nanovic** suggested the township check with the insurance carrier before approval.

Roy Christman presented the supervisors with a revised draft of the Compressive Plan. Plan has been submitted to Lower Towamensing and will be submitted to Bowamenstown on Wednesday, then to Palmerton Borough. Name of plan has been revised to be the Region Plan Consolidation Committee.

Tabled

Motion made by Vice –Chairman Newman, seconded by Chairperson Kleintop.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Carol Copeland addressed the residents to remind them the Historical Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month and they are still looking for volunteers.

Millie Lehman addressed the supervisors about the traffic that speeds along on Summer Mountain Road; would like sign or speed limit signs posted.

Chairperson Kleintop said speed limit on roads that have no posted speed limits is 55mph. If she feels that the traffic is going faster than 55 to let the township know and Chairperson Kleintop will contact the state police.

Ed Kupillas president of the Towamensing Township Little League wanted the supervisors and residents to know Towamensing Township LL will be the sponsors for the District 8 teams and they will be locally televised so they are making an effort to clean up the ball field. Trees have been removed and other areas cleaned. Mr. Kupillas asked if the township would get them infield mix, sand and lumber to fix the tables, he also asked if someone could help with replacing the pole lights at the field. They also need some old equipment removed and another port-a-john for the season.

Supervisor George said the township will pick up the garbage and discarded items. The township does not have a ladder truck or bucket truck that can reach the lights at the ball field.

Resident Guy Seifert said he thinks his truck might be able to reach the lights and he will coordinate with Mr. Kupillas on the time and date.

Chairperson Kleintop responded that the bills should be submitted to the township and that infield mix can be obtained from Alliance Sand Company on the township account; any other items needed should be placed on the townships account at the Country Junction, Little League needs to contact township secretary with amounts and dates of purchases.

Glenn Beers addressed the supervisors about the hole on Summer Mountain Road. The township fixed Stable Road but dirt that was supposed to be returned to the Beers property was removed to the ball field, he wanted to know why. Mr. Beers also wanted to know why the insurance bill from December was not paid.

Chairperson Kleintop explained that the bill was not found in January and the insurance company was applying the new payments to the back balance. Secretary Nothstein had contacted the insurance company on many previous occasions and no mention was ever made of this bill not being paid until one of the employees needed medication and the insurance denied the claim.

Glenn Beers gave the supervisors a break down of the amount of interest that could have been collected by the township if the previous secretary had billed the commercial garbage accounts. Is the township going to do anything about this and hold the previous secretary responsible?

Guy Seifert asked when neglecting of duties turns into compensation from an employee?

Solicitor Tom Nanovic explained audit being done at this time the township has no cause to believe that any criminal activity has occurred, this is not a deliberate act and the responsible person has lost her job.

Bill Meecham addressed supervisors asking at what point do complaints get looked into. When will his concerns for his property be rectified?

Chairperson Kleintop explained that the surface water must be addresses first, and that all the tests have shown either inconclusive or with acceptable amounts of foreign matter. The township has spent over 5000.00 dollars on testing of this issue with no conclusive results. Township has looked into the issue it is a private matter that needs to be taken care of by the property owners.

Mr. Meecham explained that they had test taken and his tests prove that their is sewerage in the well water.

Chairperson Kleintop asked why the township has never seen the Meecham's test results. The township has documents from the SEO and DEP. Township will not pay for any more tests until the surface water has been addressed.

SUBDIVISIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Commercial Garbage Collection; Bills were send out March 12 & 15th.

Beltzville Lake Estates RE: Meecham, King Property Report.

Discussed in Public Participation.

NEW BUSINESS

Oath of Office: New Fire Police

Will be done at Fire Company; Chairman Kleintop appointed to administer the Oath of Office.

Motion made by Vice –Chairman Newman, seconded by Supervisor George.

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0.

Township will be advertising in April for bids on Asphalt, Stone and Oil.

Motion made by Supervisor George, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0.

Approval of Book for Planning Commission: “Envisioning Better Communities”

By: Randall Arndt. 59.95 Per copy + 6.00 shipping and handling.

Motion made by Supervisor George, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0.

Approval for township employee’s Rodney George, Chris Beers and Phil Costenbader to attend “Principles of Paving” class on April 5, 2010 in Mahony City. No cost for class.

Motion made by Vice –Chairman Newman, seconded by Supervisor George.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0.

Letter approving the Koch Bridge Letter from the Historical Committee; done in executive session 3/16/10.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop is stepping down from the Income Tax Committee; Vice-Chairman Tom Newman will be taking her place on the committee.

Motion made by Vice –Chairman Newman, seconded by Supervisor George.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0.

Appoint Tom Newman to Income Tax Committee.

Motion made by Chairperson Kleintop, seconded by Supervisor George.
All in Favor; 3 to 0.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop will be the Supervisor/Chairperson on the Agricultural Security Board.

Meeting date will need to be set for spring of 2010.

Motion made by Vice –Chairman Newman, seconded by Supervisor George.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0.

Resolution for amending the Policy on Sick Leave.

Motion made by Vice-chairman Newman, seconded by Chairman Kleintop, opposed by Supervisor George.

All in Favor; 2 to 1.

Results of the Earned Income Tax Meeting (CCTCC).

Vice-Chairman Newman explained that it was a weighted vote in favor of raising taxes.

Approval of food allowance for PSATS Convention attendees; \$100.00 per person on bill list.

Motion made by Vice –Chairman Newman, seconded by Supervisor George.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0.

ROAD MASTER

Garbage Collection: Bagging of Ashes

Place information on Garbage letter for next year having people bag the ashes or place in the township salt bin.

Sign on corner of 209 & Preachers Cove (when will it be installed)

Done.

2455 Deer Lane-garbage truck ran across front of property (what has been done?)

Will be taken care of next week.

280 Johnson Lane-garbage truck ran over edge of street and street severely broken up.
(when will this be repaired?)

Will be taken care of have no date for said repair.

295 Johnson Lane-water running onto 310 Johnson Lane over 2 years ago this has been reported when will action be taken?

John Drew's 7600 Pohopoco Dr. complaint about neighbor Mr. Strohl burning on property & creating toxic fumes.
Supervisor George talked to Mr. Strohl and was assured that nothing toxic has or will be burned.

Corner of Stable & Strohl's Valley Roads water not going into culvert, creating problem for 1535 Strohl's Valley, mail & newspaper can not be delivered.
Supervisor George said it is done but it looks worse then before.

Set date for road inspections; all supervisors to attend.
Date set for April 16th, 7am.

Towamensing Township in conjunction with Lower Towamensing Township will have a sale of used equipment on May 18th 2010, 5pm at Towamensing Township Building;
Dean Ahner Auctioneer.
Will have list of items for sale at May meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Resignation letter Joseph Farrell.
Motion made by Vice –Chairman Newman, seconded by Supervisor George.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0.

Letter requesting donation to be given to East Penn Search & Rescue Team.
Donation amount of 200.00 will be sent to EPSRT.
Motion made by Vice –Chairman Newman, seconded by Chairperson Kleintop.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0.

OFFICIALS

Zoning Office hours for April.
April 10th and 24th. 9 to 11pm.
April 5th and 19th. 5 to 7pm.
Zoning Officer can be contacted at the township web sight:
info@towamensingtownship.com; in comments put attention Christine

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Vice –Chairman Newman, seconded by Chairperson Kleintop.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0.
Time 8:10