

**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
February 4, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Penny Kleintop called for an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop called meeting to order at 7:11 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Re-Organizational Meeting Minutes January 4, 2010

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

Towamensing Township Supervisors Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2010

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

Auditors Meeting Minutes January 5, 2010

No motion needed

Towamensing Township Supervisors Special Meeting January 14, 2010

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Newman, seconded by Chairperson Kleintop.
All in Favor; Vote 2 to 1, Motion Carried.

GUEST SPEAKER

Pennsylvania State Policeman Sgt. Cawley

PSP new station commander Sgt. Cawley wanted to make residents aware that they can contact the PSP at any time if the need assistance; number to call 610-377-4270. Do to increase in crime in the surrounding areas if residents would like help in setting up a neighborhood crime watch they can contact the PSP and they will have someone from the department help with the process.

LETTERS OF RESIGNATION

Treasurer Resignation Letter

Chairperson Kleintop read letter to residents and set secretaries' wages at 13.50 hr.
Motion made by Vice-Chairman Newman, seconded by Supervisor George.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Proposal made to have 2 signatures on all checks, treasurer and 1 supervisor.
Motion made by Vice-Chairman Newman, seconded by Chairperson Kleintop
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Zoning Hearing Board Resignation Letter – Patrick Havel

Resignation accepted.
Motion made by Vice-Chairman Newman, seconded by Chairperson Kleintop
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

APPOINT TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER

Vice-Chairman Newman made motion to make Chairperson Kleintop Treasurer, and Vice-Chairman as assistant treasurer, Supervisor George seconded the motion.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

APPOINT ZONING HEARING BOARD MEMBER

Motion made to appoint George Karas to the zoning hearing board to fulfill the term of the resigning member.
Motion made by Vice-Chairman Newman, seconded by Supervisor George.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

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

Bill Meecham addressed the board in regards to the on going problem with sewage on his property.

Chairperson Kleintop said issue would be addressed later on in the meeting by SSM.

Wayne Kershchild addressed board to let them know the pumper rescue truck is back and in perfect working condition.

Russ Frank asked about the powers of the zoning officer. Chairperson Kleintop asked Zoning Officer Christine Meinhart to address the issue.

Zoning Officer Christine Meinhart explained that if a complaint comes in she will check the information and issue violations if she feels that one is needed, she will involve the supervisors if another opinion is needed.

Russ Frank also wanted to know why his neighbor has been able to store hot water tanks on his property that are not hidden by a building or fence.

Chairperson Kleintop remarked that the person does haul them away when a certain amount has been collected; the resident is running a business and only stores the tanks there for a short amount of time.

Eva Dugan volunteered to talk to the resident about storing the tanks behind the garage or placing in the garage so other residents do not have to see them.

Roy Christman addressed the board in regards to the implementation of the Palmerton Area Comprehensive Plan; 2009. He also wanted the residents to know that there is a Republican and Democratic Election coming up and this is a good time for residents to get involved with local politics.

Vice-chairman Newman said the PACP will be on the March agenda.

Glenn Beers asked supervisors if all bonds for the Towamensing Township School Project have been released. Reason being that the runoff from the entrance/exit from the school driveway onto Stable Rd. has caused the paving on sides of the road to erode and in some areas there are potholes caused by the runoff.

Chairperson Kleintop said all bonds have been released and the issue would be looked into.

Randy Sterner thanked the zoning office for her help in a previous incident. And wanted information on who to report a problem to if part of the road involved is a state road; Church Road and Route 209.

Vice-Chairmen Newman made suggestion to either contact PENDOT or Keith McCall's office.

SUBDIVISIONS

Woods Campground

Vice-Chairman Newman made motion to table, seconded by Supervisor George.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Pohopoco Farms

Chairperson Kleintop read letter about the moving of ground at this development.

Supervisor George said he thought the complaint was talking about Lake View.

Vice-Chairman Newman made motion to table, seconded by Supervisor George.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Michaels Subdivision

Chairperson Kleintop made motion to sign plans, Vice-Chairman Newman seconded the motion.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried

L&W Investors

Chairperson Kleintop made motion to sign plans, Vice-Chairman Newman seconded the motion.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Koch Bridge: Plans will be reviewed on February 9, 2010 9:00 A.M. Towamensing Township Building Meeting Room.

Beltzville Lake Est. report from SSM.

Paul Pendzick Vice President of SSM said their previous tests found no gray water, but they are waiting for results from the latest test before they give opinion on what can be done to resolve the issue.

Resident Meecham asked who will be liable for cost of repair.

SSM replied that it is private property; the cost would have to come from the landowners.

Carbon County Sheriff Sale for Stacy Smith property; approve check for sale.

Motion made to approve by Supervisor George with stipulation that no other liens are on the property. Vice-Chairman Newman seconded the motion.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Adopt Resolution for Beltzville Lake Estate Garbage Collection

Motion to approve made by Supervisor George, Vice-Chairman Newman seconded the motion.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Planning Commission asking for workshop with supervisors after their monthly meeting February 8, 2010

Vice-Chairman Newman made suggestion to have GPS attend the meeting.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Newman, seconded by Chairperson Kleintop

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0, Motion Carried

Set and approve fee for zoning hearings.

Old fee was 350.00 not enough to cover costs, new fee set at 750.00; resolution will be drafted.

Motion made by Supervisor George, Voce-Chairman Newman seconded the motion.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Approve Quick-Book Set-up and Training-Diana Dorman; PSATS
Motion made to approve by Vice-Chairman Newman, Chairperson Kleintop seconded the motion.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Approve new hard drive & computer eq. for office.

Motion made to approve by Vice-Chairman Newman, Chairperson Kleintop seconded the motion

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Set date for workshop on personal guidelines. Executive session

Date set for February 11, 2010 at 3:30 pm.

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

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Approve Special Audit by Frey & Co.

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

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

New Payroll Account & Safe Deposit Box

Move payroll account from JTNB to East Penn Bank and get safe deposit box to keep township deeds and bonds.

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

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

ROAD MASTER

Sign for 209 & Preachers Camp.

Supervisor George said this is on the list for spring.

Garbage trucks on lawns & edge of roads.

Road Master will address the issue with all personal.

Culvert at the corner of Stable & Strohls Valley Rd.

Will be looked into in spring.

Culvert by 1160 Spruce Hollow Rd.

This is Sei Pike Road; motion made to have Ron Turpak check culvert

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

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

HAZMAT potential projects: trees

Vice-Chairman Newman gave information that if there are issued that can cause a potential hazard; trees covering road ways, ect. And money is needed to cover the removal project, we can ask the state for monies to remove hazard.

Water runoff from 295 Johnson Ln. onto 310 Johnson Ln.
Supervisor George said this issue has been taken care of.

Dumpster Fees

Supervisor George said he will ask the former Secretary about this issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Robert Drews concerning burning.

Supervisors stated that there is no ordinance on burning in this township; however they will keep an eye on the situation and if it is determined that things are being burned of a hazardous nature DEP will be contacted.

OFFICIALS

Zoning Office will address new hours.

New hours Feb 8 and 22nd. 5 to 7pm.

Feb 13 and 27th. 9 to 11pm.

Ethics Forms need to be filed by March 4, 2010

Forms were given to all employees and officials.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #1-31-2010 AND PAYROLL

Bills were approved with the exception of George Dydynsky; awaiting itemization statement.

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

All in favor, 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Barry George has given his resignation; his last day of employment is

Feb. 5, 2010. However he will be on call to help with snow removal if needed at regular hourly rate \$15.45.

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

All in favor, 3 to 0, Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Newman made motion to adjourn, Supervisor George seconded the motion.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Time 9:10 PM.