

**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Penny Kleintop, Chairperson/Treasurer; Tom Newman, Vice-Chairman; Guy Seifert, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor; and Lora Nothstein, Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Supervisor Meeting Minutes from August 2, 2012.

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Tom Newman made motion to accept Meeting Minutes, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Towamensing Township Special Meeting August 13, 2012; PA State Police Building

MOTION: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to accept Meeting Minutes, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Bill List & Payroll for August, 2012

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Tom Newman made motion to accept Bill List & Payroll, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Treasure's Report

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Tom Newman made motion to accept Treasure's Report, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion Carried

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

Cherie Fegley presented the supervisors with a petition to have the dirt part of Forrest Road made safer. The concerns of the residents that need to use this road because of the temporary closing of Hemlock St. Bridge are:

Part of road has steep drop off, can guide rails be placed on road.

Road not paved or oiled.

Speed of cars and busses.

Slippery when muddy.

Winter time ice and snow.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop explained to residents that forest Street will be oiled and the road will be maintained in winter. Supervisors will talk with road-master about guide rails and all other matters will be taken under consideration.

Wayne Knirnschild asked supervisors to give permission for the Fire Police and the Fire Company to assist in parking for the Waldorf Hotel weekends in October.

MOTION: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion for the Fire Company and the Fire Police to assist at the Waldorf Hotel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Wayne Knirmschild asked if the Fire Company could use the Asphalt Sealer Equipment for the parking lot. Supervisors gave permission and asked him to set up dates and times with Road-master.

George White asked the township about the report he read in the Times News about recycling.

Vice-chairman Tom Newman said he has talked to Wayne Nothstein and the worst case scenario is that the blue bins would be removed from the township. Supervisors assured Mr. White that the township will continue recycling regardless of the county removing the blue bins, as long as the township breaks even and does not lose money.

Mr. White asked about the mowing on township roads.

Supervisor Guy Seifert said they are working on it, township has started its second round of mowing.

Rick Mertz expressed his concern about the water draining from the new ball field onto his property.

Supervisors Penny Kleintop and Guy Seifert said they will have township engineer look at the parking area and drainage.

Mr. Mertz asked that the township crew not work at the ball field on the 22nd of September because he is having a family gathering and they would be disturbed by the noise from the dozers.

Supervisor Guy Seifert said they will talk to the crew.

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

Gerald Smith Subdivision

Supervisors agreed to grant a 90 day extension; extension will start from September 6, 2012; contingent on receiving request from Robert Beers by September 7, 2012.

MOTION: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to grant extension, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Woods Campground

Revised Planning Module resolution was signed in 2009; 2009-A. Plane held up at DEP, they had comments that needed to be worked out and there were conditions from PPL that needed to be met, new resolution was requested because some of the content on the DEP forms were left blank, needs form filled out correctly, secretary signature and new resolution this will complete all comments from DEP.

MOTION: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion sign new resolution and have secretary sign new DEP forms; Woods Campground to provide Township with copies and status report, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.

All in favor. Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Sign Conditional Use: Fernandez

Done

Sign Conditional Use: Clevenger

Done

Sign Ordinance making Berkheimer new Earned Income Tax Collector.

Done

Historic Commission up-date on Greenzweig School; October Meeting.

Karl Rolappe gave the supervisors and residents and up-date on the Greenzweig School, everything is moving forward, plan will be adjusted to make a more “square” parcel of land, Kuehner Family will sign papers to donate school to Township and rent land at some of \$1.00 for 99 years. Next step is getting the paperwork in order to be signed and set up another meeting or workshop. Next Historical Society Meeting will be held on September 27th at 6:30pm at the Touger Barn on 460 Beers Lane. Meeting for October will be a hay ride and camp fire picnic, details to be discussed at September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Swear in David DelGrosso; Planning Board member.
Done

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Available in township office

You can now email the road master you questions or comments: ttroad@ptd.net

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Available in township office

SEO REPORT

Available in township office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Available in township office

CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICIALS

Zoning Office hours for September 2012.

September, 12th, 19th, 26th, from 5:00PM to 7:00PM

Zoning Officer can be contacted at the township web site for additional appointments:

info@towamensingtownship.com; in comments put attention Christine or by phone:

610-681-4202 ext: 3

Zoning & SALDO workshop will be held on September 10, 2012 after the regular planning meeting.

The next electronics recycling event will be held at the Lehighon Borough Garage on Monday, September 24th from 9am – 2pm and Tuesday, September 25th from 12 noon till 6pm. The garage is located along East Penn Street (about across from Snyder Tire) in Lehighon.

TV's, computers, monitors and all other electronics are free to dispose of. Air conditioners will be accepted for a \$20 fee because all the Freon must be removed.

Any questions on specific materials should be directed to the Carbon County Dept. of Solid Waste at 610-852-5111.

Supervisors and staff would like to thank J.D. Eckman Inc. for allowing the Township use of their Dozer to do work at the new ball field.

Pennsylvania State Police Community Awareness Bulletin; see insert in agenda packet.

Workshop set for 9Am September 10, 2012 to discuss Smith Plans.

MOTION: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.
All in favor. Motion Carried

Vice-chairman Tom Newman reminded residents that the Palmerton Community Festival is being held September 7th, 8th, 9th 2012. And CERT Classes are being held on September 10th, 17th, 24th, 2012 from 6:30PM to 9:30PM, everyone welcome, come see him at the CERT tent at the festival for more information.

ADJOURNMENT

8:10PM

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Tom Newman made motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.
All in favor. Motion Carried.