

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2023, 7:00pm

Executive Session from 6:30pm to 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Guy Seifert, Chairperson; John Kleintop, Vice-Chairman/Treasurer; Scott Mosier-Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor; Jessica Ahner, Secretary; Carl Faust, Zoning Officer-; Greg Haas, Engineer

Jessica Ahner recording

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes May 11, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting- **Motion – Guy, 2nd-Scott - All in favor- Motion Carried**

Bill List and Payroll from May 9, 2023 – May 31, 2023 - **Motion-Guy 2nd-Scott - All in favor- Motion Carried**

Treasurer’s Report as of May 31, 2023 - **Motion- Guy, 2nd-Scott - All in favor- Motion Carried**

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

Robert Chevalier – Would like to know if the Township has a line of communication to the local State Police? The township has a very good relationship with the State Police, however according to articles written in the past few years the PA Sate Police are suffering from the lack of employable people. This has created challenges when you’re asking for their help with traffic concerns with Beltzville tourists. The police do respond to residents concerns & known emergencies.

Frank Pipolo – Just built home in Beltzville Lake Estates and Mr. Faust was out there inspecting and one of the things that surfaced was the driveway needed to be paved at least 50 feet from road. The driveway is graded and stone was put down. He is looking for some help because he was told the moving company would destroy the driveway if it was freshly paved. The paving contractor has not given Mr. Pipolo a starting date. Asking if he can give the township a check to hold in escrow and be reimbursed when paving passes. Reply, the driveway needs to be paved. During winter months when the asphalt plants aren’t open, we have made exceptions. This is not the current situation; you will be required to pave at least the first 50 foot of driveway.

Alison Chase – The spring soccer season will conclude this Saturday, June 3rd, 2023.

Elaine Bartholomew – Here to complain about noise from neighbor’s music all night long. Her husband is very ill and can not tolerate this 24/7. This is in Rural Conservation; I have never had this problem and now all of the sudden I have to live like this. Reply, there are different type of noise ordinances. It usually measures decimals and is very difficult to enforce. Solicitor suggested for her to get an injunction against it.

PLANS & SUBDIVISION

none

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Field Ordinance/Resolution – Holding off on Resolution at this time. Looking for bids on signs and see what kind of expense this may incur.

AG Security Resolution – Guy made motion to file Resolution for Julie Russell into AG Security. Scott – 2nd AIF – Motion Carried. Another resolution for Dwight Eisenhower’s property will be needed for next month.

Jerusalem UCC Final letter of credit – Church will need to draft a letter requesting final inspection and the release of funds.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Bonett reported about the work that was being completed on school. We have 6 volunteers working on school. We prepared school with builders wrap for vinyl siding to be put on. We will continue this work on school through summer. Laurie Cooper, from Times News, was interested in seeing our progress. She will be doing a story on the school. Don Bonett thanked the township for allowing this for happen. Jessica was asked to see if volunteers were covered on property insurance.

ROAD MASTER REPORT:

Reported that paving is complete and will be working on the sides of the road. Working on mowing & patching around Township.

Email questions or comments to ttroad@ptd.net

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

Available in township office

SEO REPORT:

Available in township office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

May report from Eric, Fire Company responded to 11 emergency calls:

5/06/2023 – EMS Assist – 2550 Deer Lane
5/13/2023 – Fire Alarm – 70 Penn Drive
5/17/2023 – Brush Fire – 1029 Hideaway Hill Rd (Polk Twp)
5/17/2023 – Brush Fire – 1015 Drift Rd (Lower Tow. Twp.)
5/21/2023 – Motor Vehicle Accident – 1930 Forest Inn Rd
5/23/2023 – EMS Assist – 120 Pohopoco Circle
5/27/2023 – Rescue – Wild Creek Trail
5/28/2023 – Motor Vehicle Accident – Pohopoco Dr and Deer Lane
5/29/2023 – Brush Fire – Beltzville State Park Covered Bridge (Franklin Township)
5/30/2023 – Motor Vehicle Accident - Evergreen Drive and Interchange Rd

2023 Year to Date: 40 Emergency Calls

Training:

5/22/2023 – PPL Safety Class at Franklin – Demo Trailer
6/05/2023 – Medevac Training at Polk

Compliance:

Hose has been Tested and picked up – everything past and is in compliance
Hydraulic Tools & Jaws of Life have been serviced.

Events

5/13/2023 – Saturday, Craft Show/Yard Sale at Fire Company 9am-3pm
5/16/2023 – Tuesday, Primary Election Polling Center held at Fire Company
5/29/2023 – Monday, Attended Palmerton Memorial Day Parade – 9:30am

Due to the lack of rain and dry conditions a Burn Ban has been issued for Towamensing Township as of June 1st, 2023 with the enforcement of no burning fires.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Next meeting is on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OFFICIALS:

Next Board of Supervisor meeting will be July 6, 2023 at 7 p.m.

We welcome our new Engineer, Greg Haas from Keystone Consulting & our new SEO, Ian Farrell.

Looking for volunteer for a planning commission member must provide township with letter of intent.

ZONING OFFICER HOURS:

Hours for June 2023:

Thursday, June 1st – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday, June 8th – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday, June 15th – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday, June 22nd – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday, June 29th – 4:00pm to 6:00 pm

Carl Faust, Towamensing Township Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer, can be reached by calling:
570-943-2577. Email: ceinspect@ptd.net

Motion by Guy to adjourn meeting at 7:57 pm, 2nd by Scott - AIF – Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Ahner, Secretary