

**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING**

**Meeting Minutes
October 1, 7:00 p.m.**

Executive Session 6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

Jessica recording minutes

Amy, Times News recording minutes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes, September 3, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting – **Motion**, Scott - John **2nd**. **AIF**- Motion Carried

Bill List and Payroll from September 3-September 30, 2020 - **Motion**, Scott – **2nd** John – **AIF**, Motion Carried

Treasurer’s Report as of September 30, 2020 -**Motion**-Scott **2nd** - John **All in favor**- Motion Carried

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

Joseph Farrell, Lake Dr in BLE Short Term Rental question. Live in a private residential community how do we stop short term rentals in community. Per John, well they are not allowed in residential community. **2nd** question, Deer Lane & Lovitt Can you paint lines on roads? Per Scott, will look at list to see what’s on for repaving. John asked Tom if he is correct on answering the question yes but they could argue they were already using the home as Short-Term Rental.

Rusty Frank will hold off on question until you get to the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

Ed Oblas, Pohopoco Circle – Who would be responsible about starting litigation which already in existence? Would it be the residence of BLE or would it be Towamensing Township? Our ordinance will be enforced by us not the BLE community.

Mike Fink, 25 Stable Rd – Illegal dumping going on in recycling, question is do we have camera out there?? Per Scott no. Mike thinks the gates should be closed after hours and on weekend. The plan is to change the whole recycling and do not want to waste the money putting cameras where we won’t use them.

Jenkins property using his yard as a driveway. He has a trailer parked in his property and partially on road in the right away. There has to be something you can give him a violation for. He is parking his rig in the yard and using as a driveway. We all can look at the driveway ordinance. The next thing is do we have another inspection agency in Township other than Carl? Many people don’t like Carl and would like other options. I lose jobs in the township because he is the inspector. Isn’t it a conflict of interest to have your zoning officer

get paid to do all the inspections? We do have a second inspector in our township his name is Jim Melber. Per Tom he doesn't know why you think Carl is a conflict of interest. He doesn't get paid twice.

Mark Althouse – Jenkins Update, Guy it is still being worked on. By Spring we will have an answer to this.

Bruce Hneckenberg of 3020 Forest – What is happening with 3030 Forest? Tom noted he just got a copy a letter handed to me before meeting and have not had a chance to go over it. I just wanted to know because they had 30 days after the posting and nothing has changed. I took pictures of garbage laying in front of the house tonight and the garbage doesn't go until Monday. The garbage is scattered everywhere from the animals and is such an eyesore. We are tired of this stuff and driving us crazy. We have a day care on one side and this Airbnb on the other and can not get no relief. John noted that is why we are taking special care with this ordinance that we are working on.

Sam & Mary Wieand of 130 Oak Street wanted update on dumped material and business ran out of the neighbor's home. I spoke to DEP representative that has been contacted by the township, she told me that I should just contact the township to make sure the material is gone. Per Carl I was over there yesterday and I have a call in to find out exactly who owns the property because I don't want to sent the second notice to the wrong person. Per Sam about him making an illegal driveway and running a business out there. If you go over there right now there are 4 work trucks in the driveway. Copy of letter from DEP. Fill out the Right to Know request. Per Carl the residence are not doing what they said they were going to do so now he will get a violation letter.

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Short term Rentals/Transient Rentals/AirBNB rental stand-alone ordinance to be signed. **Motion made to adopt new ordinance by John, 2nd by Scott – AIF – Motion Carried**

The Mutual Aide Agreement Fire Protection for Penn Forest BLE reason is because we can respond faster. Per Eric their were questions between chiefs if we needed agreement. **Per John table this until next meeting 2nd Scott AIF – Motion Carried**

Approval of Emergency Services Ordinance, **Motion by Scott, 2nd John– AIF – Motion Carried**

Garbage rate for 2021 tabled. **Motion by John, 2nd by Scott – AIF – Motion Carried**

NEW BUSINESS

VFRA Funds: Distribution of Funds – **Motion to table until Guy is back by John, 2nd by Scott – AIF – Motion Carried**

Approval for Trick or Treat night to be set for October 31st from 5-7pm. **Motion by Scott to set trick or treat night, 2nd by John – AIF Motion Carried**

Bid packages awarded to:

Material Bid - Lehigh Asphalt total of \$73,400 – **Motion to award by Scott, 2nd John – AIF Motion Carried**

Fuel Bid – PAPCO total of \$28,290 - **Motion to award by Scott, 2nd John – AIF Motion Carried**

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

None

RECREATION COMMITTEE

None

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Recycling Center under construction - No completion date yet

Doing some end of the year roadwork patching.

Email questions or comments to ttroad@ptd.net

ZONING OFFICER

Available in Township Office

SEO REPORT

Available in Township Office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Submitted worker's comp list requested

October 1st report for month of September from Eric George was that the Fire Co. responded to 6 emergency incidents:

- 9/02/2020 – Motor vehicle accident, Spruce Hollow & Interchange Road
- 9/02/2020 – EMS Lift Assist, 475 Twin Flower Circle
- 9/08/2020 – Fire Alarm, 3500 Forest Street (Woods Campground)
- 9/11/2020 – Fire Alarm, 25 Call Mountain Circle
- 9/20/2020 – Motor Vehicle accident, 1395 Koch Road
- 9/24/2020 – Fire Alarm, 25 Call Mountain Circle

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Available in township office

Next meeting is Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Carbon County Planning Commission approving zoning changes and map.

OFFICIALS

Reminder: Next meeting November 5, 2020, 7:00pm

Zoning Office Hours for October 2020:

Thursday, October 1st	4:00-6:00 pm
Thursday, October 8 th	4:00-6:00 pm
Thursday, October 15 th	4:30-6:30 pm
Thursday, October 22 nd	4:30-6:30 pm
Thursday, October 29 th	4:30-6:30 pm

Carl Faust, Towamensing Township Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer, can be reached by calling: 570-943-2577. Email: bmisinspector@gmail.com

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. by Scott – 2nd John – AIF Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Ahner, Secretary