

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2021 – 7pm

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes, January 4, 2021 Re-Organizational & Board of Supervisors Meeting- **Motion** - Scott **2nd**-John **All in favor**- Motion Carried

Bill List and Payroll from Jan 5-February 3, 2021-**Motion**-John **2nd**-Scott **All in favor**- Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report as of January 29, 2021 - **Motion**-John **2nd**-Scott **All in favor**- Motion Carried

Jessica Ahner is recording

Amy Leap, Times News is recording

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

Jordan Misera here to support the 2nd amendment sanctuary ordinance proposal.

Mike Harris – Here to get Airbnb updates. Response Ordinance is in place.

Bruce Hackenburg – Here for update on Airbnb next door. Has different neighbors every weekend. Physical address is listed on Airbnb advertisement.

Brandon Bell – Presented 2nd Amendment Ordinance Presentation. Tom to send similar ordinance from other municipality for township supervisors to review.

Historical Preservation Award Presented to David DePue. He restored a class 1 springhouse on 430 Lonesome Lane.

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

Taschler Reverse Subdivision Ron Neher address the board that on January 11th addressed planning commission and was granted conditional approval with the changes that were made. Property is in Beltzville Lake Estates. Taschler's would like to join the 2 lots in the purpose of putting up a garage. Only thing open were the Certification Statement signed and sealed by the land surveyor and the Owner's Statement signed and notarized. **Guy made motion for a conditional approval on fees being paid, Owner's Statement, and Certification Statement from land surveyor. 2nd by Scott All in Favor – Motion Carried**

Jerusalem UCC – Signed Speed Limit Ordinance – **Guy made a motion that we ratify the ordinance to change the speed limit on Alton Rd. from 55mph to 30mph. 2nd by John All in Favor – Motion Carried**

Street projects to be sent to John @ Penn Dot. Looking to repave 9 total streets in the township. Estimated cost to be \$700,000 if bids exceed, we will eliminate 2 or 3 streets. Greg is submitting contract as is and will wait to see what John @ PennDot has to say.

A resident asked what roads are on the list:

Walnut Dr to Summer Mountain Rd to Montage Rd.
Hickory Rd from the Lower Towamensing Twp line to Summer Mountain Rd.
Hazelwood Rd to Gun Club Rd to 209
Bartholomew Rd. from Summer Mountain Rd to Stagecoach West
Indian Hill Rd from Penn Forest Rd North to Polk Twp Line
Koch Rd from Pohopoco Dr to Penn Forest Rd North
Penn Forest Rd South to Pohopoco Dr to the dead end at the park entrance
Stable Rd to Strohl's Valley
Berger Street from Pohopoco Dr to Penn Forest Rd North

Guy made a motion to send to John Davis for review and if he doesn't make any significant changes then we send out for bid. 2nd by John All in favor – Motion Carried

There are 2 streets that are half in Towamensing and half in Franklin Twp. Frankie and Gallagher are both dead end cul-de-sacs, they are both in horrific condition and should be done. Greg measured them and Scott and I were discussing and we might be able to add them to this year's project. Greg talked to Robbie Kresge at Franklin Twp and he thought he would have enough in this year's budget to repay us for the portion of the street that is in Franklin? Cost for both streets would be about \$47,000. Supervisors ok with adding to list.

OLD BUSINESS

Guy made a motion that we pass Resolution for Act 44. 2nd by John All in Favor – Motion Carried
Resolution was signed.

Discussion about new BRC Franchise Agreement and who to add to community free cable building. **John made motion for Tom to send to Mr. Miller at BRC for review of contract. 2nd by Scott All in Favor – Motion Carried**

NEW BUSINESS

Joseph Strausberger nominated to be Chairperson of Vacancy Board by Guy. **John made a motion to appoint Joseph Strausberger to fill the Chairperson of Vacancy Board. 2nd Scott All in Favor – Motion Carried**

Results were read from Auditor meeting that Scott Mosier's pay at \$23.00 was approved.

Resolution of Appointment for Certified Public Accountant was signed. **Guy made motion to sign Certified Public Accountant Resolution. 2nd by Scott – All in Favor – Motion Carried**

Jim Melber is our new alternate for inspection services.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

No member to report

RECREATION COMMITTEE

No member to report

ROAD MASTER REPORT:

Scott reported nothing new just snow, snow, snow. Reminder that snow removal takes priority over garbage pickup.

Email questions or comments to ttroad@ptd.net

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

Available in township office

SEO REPORT:

Available in township office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

January's report from Dan Reis

Fire Co. responded to 4 calls:

01/15/2021 – Unintentional Smoke Detector Activation – Church Dr., Palmerton

01/20/2021 – Motor Vehicle Accident, no injuries – Pohopoco Dr., Lehighton

01/24/2021 – Ice Rescue – Penn Forest Rd N, Lehighton

01/26/2021 – Transport vehicle Fire, Summer Mountain Rd., Palmerton

Truck sitting outside is going out for service.

Eric wanted to thank the township for plowing at the fire company & also wanted to remind everyone that is time for the 6 month review meeting between the fire companies.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Next meeting is February 8, 2021 at 7 p.m. – Still short 1 member – Meeting now cancelled

No member to report

CORRESPONDENCE:

Penn Dot Safety inspections between January and April 2021

Kenny George letter in reference to township taking over the roads in development. If we take over the development, we would have to take over multiple developments. We have a resolution that was put into effect 17 years ago and we are not going to reopen the door. Greg's estimate is about \$400,000. Supervisors voted they are not favor on taking over the roads in development. **Guy made motion supervisors are note in favor on taking over roads. 2nd Scott – All in favor – Motion Carried.**

We will write a letter.

Ben Monk from Beltzville introduced himself. He is the new Manager that replaced Alma. Came from Pittsburgh State Park.

OFFICIALS:

Next Board of Supervisors Meeting March 4, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Zoning Office Hours for January, 2021:

Thursday January 7, 2021 4:00-6:00

Tuesday January 12, 2021 4:00-6:00

Thursday January 21, 2021 4:00-6:00

Thursday January 28, 2021 4:00-6:00

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm by John and seconded by Scott AIF – Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted

Jessica Ahner, Secretary