

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

**Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2023, 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-**Absent**

Jessica Ahner recording

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes September 7, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting-**Motion – Scott, 2nd-John - All in favor- Motion Carried**

Bill List and Payroll from September 2, 2023 – October 2, 2023- **Motion-Scott 2nd-John - All in favor- Motion Carried**

Treasurer’s Report as of September 30, 2023- **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.

Thomas Creed of 487 Alton Rd spoke about issues on 57 Dr. and wanted to know if there is anything else that can be done because it is becoming more of a nuisance. Per Board we have to wait for process to go through. Carl documented that Mr. Torrone has until Friday, October 6, 2023 to get back to him or get the property cleaned up. He also complained about dogs they have and when you walk by the property, they jump on you and run loose up into daughter’s yard. We had a similar situation where a cow was loose. That gentleman found an old ordinance that noted the state constable is responsible for livestock that are loose and had to corral them. We would have to check into this if it applies to domesticated animals. There is also a water situation. Currently, the people are using cess pool to get rid of waste. Carl said the problem is, its real close to the creek. The board confirmed it is a process that takes time to take care of.

Bob Ziegenfues of 175 Ziegre Dr spoke about 57 Dr and said there are 3 mailboxes so their must be 3 people living there and fishy things going on.

Ron & Mary Wood of 135 Ziegre Dr are very concerned about the 3 dogs and getting bit and water contamination also on 57 Dr. There are 4 horses and a pig on the property too. They have 3 campers. The people are bathing in the creek. There is a ton of trash and we are afraid of rats coming in.

Jerry George of 1395 Wintergreen Rd concerned about an invoice he received from township and asked supervisors to look into it.

Bob Chevelier of 1355 Lakeview Dr the subdivision now is different. Wanted to know what to do to get the information he needs. Was referred to go to county with a Right to Know to get the information. Asked about how to get rid of yellow paint on blacktop and was told to use blacktop sealer.

PLANS & SUBDIVISION

Kenneth and Lorretta George time extension letter accepted until April 4, 2023. Motion made by Guy assuming the letter was typo and are accepting this that extension is for 4/4/2024 and 2nd by John - All in favor – Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

House Numbering Ordinance – John made motion to approve and sign House Numbering Ordinance – Scott 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried

False Alarm Ordinance – Guy made motion to adopt and sign False Alarm Ordinance – Scott 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried. Discussion with Ryan Snyder, Fire Company Chief brought up good point that they need guidance on how this will be recorded and enforced. Guy said a workshop should be put together. Tom said a physical citation should be issued. John said a letter should be sent the 1st & 2nd offense.

Approve Bids for Fuel - Ohl's

15,000 Gallons Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD), 15ppm, Dyed (for off-road equipment only) – Unit Price \$3.969/gallon – Total price \$59,535.

2,000 gallons Ultra-Low Sulfur Heating Oil (ULSHO), 15 ppm – Unit Price \$3.859/gallon – Total price \$7,718.

Scott made motion to award bid to RF Ohl. John 2nd AIF – Motion Carried

Approve Bids for Materials –

New Enterprise Lime & Stone (NELS)

1,000 Tons Select Granular Material – 2 RC – Unit Price \$7.90/Ton – Total Price \$7,900.

300 Tons Superpave Binder Course, 19.0 mm – Unit Price \$64.38/Ton – Total Price \$19,314.

Lehigh Asphalt

600 Tons PennDOT Type A3 Anti-Skid – Unit Price \$16.00/Ton – Total Price \$9,600.00

1,000 Tons AASHTO No.8 – Unit Price \$23.50/Ton – Total Price \$23,500.

John made motion to award New Enterprise the RC material & Superpave 19.0 mm and Lehigh Asphalt to supply Ant-skid and No. 8 material. Scott 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried

Transfer Station – Guy spoke to Ashley and waiting for hard copies with corrections to sign.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Library Letter to be sent – John made motion to approve Library Letter to be sent to support their grant. Scott 2nd – AIF - Motion Carried

VFRA Distribution (\$30,191.33) – Guy made motion to distribute all funds to Towamensing Township Fire Company. John 2nd. AIF – Motion Carried

Trick or Treat Night – Motion by Guy to set for Saturday, October 28th from 6pm to 8pm. John 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried

Planning Commission Member Appointment – Scott made motion to appoint Scott Carter as Planning Commission Member. John 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Per Gary windows were fixed

ROAD MASTER REPORT:

Finishing Patching & Brush Cutting

Mowing & Getting prepared for winter

Email questions or comments to ttroad@ptd.net

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

Available in township office

SEO REPORT:

Available in township office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

September report from Eric George, Fire Company responded to 10 emergency calls:

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| 9/01/23 – Dwelling Fire | 8285 Pohopoco Drive |
| 9/02/23 – Motor Vehicle Accident | Koch Rd & Pohopoco Drive |
| 9/07/23 – Man Station 911 Down | 105 Firehouse Road |
| 9/09/23 – Motor Vehicle Accident/Propane Emergency | 1650 Spruce Hollow |
| 9/09/23 – Fire Alarm | 545 Church Drive |
| 9/10/23 – Tree on Wires | Spruce Hollow & Strohl’s Valley |
| 9/13/23 – Burning Complaint | 40 Daisy Lane |
| 9/19/23 – Motor Vehicle Accident | Raymond Road & Interchange Road |
| 9/24/23 – Auto Alarm | 830 Snyder’s Road |
| 9/30/23 – Motor Vehicle Accident | 590 Wintergreen Road |

2023 Year to Date: 87 Emergency Calls

Fire Company will be participating in the following events:

10/11/23 – Fire Prevention Towamensing Elementary
October – Fire Prevention at Day Care Centers in Township
10/15/23 – Palmerton Halloween Parade & Traffic Control
10/28/23 – Trunk or Treat Beltzville Lake Estates – 2pm-4pm younger children & 4pm-6pm older children
10/28/23 – Towamensing Township Trick or Treat Night – 6pm-8pm
10/30/23 – Trunk or Treat with Pa State Police at Polk Township Fire Co.

Eric also asked if it was okay posting Tanker on Muncibid

Fire Company Loan – Tom has documents prepared and gave to Jessica the only difference is the VIN# is now in the paperwork. We will be cutting 2 checks to fire company, \$100,000 less fire company loan and \$239,000 for new Fire Truck Loan. Tom is rechecking about the old loan from Citizen’s National Bank to make sure it was satisfied.

Palmerton Borough requesting assistance of Fire Police for the following events:

Palmerton Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 15,2023 at 3:30pm or rain date Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:30pm

Turkey Trot 5K Race – Thursday, November 23, 2023 at 8:30am

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Next meeting is on Monday, October 9, 2023 at 7 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Resignation letter from Jenny Cheng. She will be here until the end of the year.

OFFICIALS:

Next Board of Supervisor meeting will be November 2, 2023 at 7 p.m.

ZONING OFFICER HOURS:

Hours for October 2023:

Thursday, October 5th – 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Thursday, October 12th – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday, October 19th – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday, October 26th – 4:00pm to 6:00 pm

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

Motion by John to adjourn meeting at 8:08 pm, 2nd by Scott - AIF – Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Ahner, Secretary