

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
Meeting Minutes
July 6, 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-**absent**; Jessica Ahner, Secretary; Carl Faust, Zoning Officer-**absent**; Greg Haas, Engineer

Jessica Ahner recording

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes June 1, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting- **Motion – Scott, 2nd-John - All in favor- Motion Carried**

Bill List and Payroll from June 1 – July 3, 2023 - **Motion-Scott 2nd-John - All in favor- Motion Carried**

Treasurer’s Report as of June 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.

Robert Chevalier – Submitted letter for Planning Commission Vacancy.

Cynthia Aquino –Received a zoning violation and asked some questions in regards to the violation. As a result, she was directed to see the zoning officer to receive the best guidance to resolve any issues or how to proceed with appealing the violation within the 30-day time period.

Susan Debski –She has lived at the bottom of Lonesome Lane for many years. The last couple of storms have brought a lot of debris to her driveway again. Ms. Debski contacted the local conservation office and was told that there is a grant available that was given to the township to work on the issue. However, nothing has been done. She stated that her drain pipe under her driveway has been blocked for years with gravel and rocks. The pipe should empty onto a neighbor’s property that is in wetlands. The township has been unable to secure permission from a neighbor to acquire an easement to have the excess water run onto his property. Ms. Debski that she would speak with the neighbor about granting an easement. The supervisors will relook at the problem along with township engineer.

PLANS & SUBDIVISION

George, Bruce & Kristine – Reverse subdivision on Stagecoach Rd East, Jonathan Shupp is the surveyor. He had a conflict with schedule and Greg said he would handle this. The Planners at the planning commission meeting recommended conditional approval. There are two open items 1) Owner’s statement to be signed and notarized and 2) Surveyors Statement to be signed and sealed. Both of these items have been completed and are ready for final approval. **Guy made motion to approve based on Saldo Sections 401.A.5.a&b being complete. John 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried**

OLD BUSINESS

Recreation Field Signs – Guy made motion made to approve signs as written size 30x30. **John 2nd – AIF - Motion Carried**

Burn Ban – Motion was made by Guy to rescind the burn ban. **John 2nd -AIF – Motion Carried**

NEW BUSINESS

AG Security Resolution – Guy made motion to approve Resolution for Dwight Eisenhower to file AG Security. Paperwork. John – 2nd AIF – Motion Carried.

Jerusalem UCC Final letter of credit – Greg was out to inspect and there were some mediations made during construction. First one was there was supposed to be a concrete sidewalk adjacent to the building between the parking lot and the building. Instead of sidewalks they paved that area and a strip of rock was put in. The light that was to be put in on the side of the building was not the light that was to be put on the plan. They moved a tree that was to be planted at the corner of building to the access drive because they paved that area. Other items are as built plan needs to be provided, as per developer's agreement with the outstanding issues the 10% contingency to remain. Greg prepared his letter as if the church needs to go out and perform construction to bring the site into compliance with approved plan. If you're in agreement you can decrease the financial security to the \$32,032.59. Guy asked Richard from church what the reason was why they deviated from plan. Reason was they moved a door and the sidewalk would have gone to nowhere. This is now the way they want it constructed. Richard was informed he needs to get the as built plan through his engineer, Lehigh Engineering. On the light issue they should have come to the township and asked for deviation. **Guy made motion to get approval from Carl on light to be approved as built and drawing must be updated to specs. At that point funds can be released. John 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried**

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Bonett reported about the work that was being completed on school. They are working on preparing school with builders wrap for vinyl siding to be put on. Windows and Shutters should be on by September. The grass is being cut. The school looks presentable. Guy said he has the hardware. 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 to happen and Laurie Cooper for article to come.

ROAD MASTER REPORT:

Currently patching roads and blowing pipes out.

Discussion was made on how to do paving in township in the future.

Email questions or comments to ttroad@ptd.net

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

Available in township office

SEO REPORT:

Available in township office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

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

6/01/2023 – Industrial Structure Fire – 2115 Little Gap Rd – Lower Towamensing Twp.

6/05/2023 – Fire Alarm – 1305 Church Dr

6/06/2023 – Burn Complaint – 57 Dr @ Ziegler Dr

6/08/2023 – Burn Complaint – 6160 Interchange Rd

6/10/2023 – Unknown Fire – 1045 Trachsville Hill Rd

6/10/2023 – Motor Vehicle Accident – Trachsville Hill Rd & Pohopoco Dr

6/10/2023 – Burn Complaint – Church Dr & Beers Lane

6/16/2023 – Fire Alarm – 1305 Church Dr

6/18/2023 – Fire Alarm – 70 Penn Dr

6/26/2023 – Fire Alarm – 1305 Church Dr

6/26/2023 - Motor Vehicle Accident – Forest Inn Rd & Interchange Rd

2023 Year to Date: 51 Emergency Calls

Guy Made motion to approve help from fire police for Carbon County Fair August 7-August 12, 2023. John 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried

Grant idea for water in base was brought up

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Next meeting is on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OFFICIALS:

Next Board of Supervisor meeting will be August 3, 2023 at 7 p.m.

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

ZONING OFFICER HOURS:

Hours for July 2023:

Thursday, July 6th – no hours

Thursday, July 13th – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thursday, July 20th – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thursday, July 27th – 4:00 pm 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 Guy to adjourn meeting at 7:57 pm, 2nd by Scott - AIF – Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Ahner, Secretary