

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
January 7, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Penny Kleintop, Chairperson/Treasurer; Thomas Newman, Vice-Chairman; Guy Seifert, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor; Carl Faust, Zoning Officer

Absent: Greg Haas, Engineer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township End of Year Meeting Minutes December 27, 2018

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bills List and Payroll from December 28, 2018 to January 7, 2019

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve the Bills List and Payroll, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Dorethea Clevenger of 1675 Laurel Lane voiced concern about motor vehicles crashing into her electric fence. This has happened three (3) times in the recent past. There are sharp turns in the road as it passes her property. It was suggested to Ms. Klevenger that she may want to put reflective tape on her fence posts. The Supervisors agreed to talk to the Township Engineer about the possibility of putting up signs cautioning motorists of the sharp turns ahead, as well as perhaps a cautionary flashing light.

Frank Mischore of 2780 Forest Street raised essentially the same issues as Ms. Klevenger, except he was referring to his property along Forest Street. He said he has reported to the Township seven (7) accidents in the last year. The Township had previously put up hidden driveway signs warning motorists of the access/ingress to his property. Again, the Supervisors will discuss with the Township Engineer about the

possibility of putting up signs cautioning motorists of the sharp turns ahead, as well as perhaps a cautionary flashing light.

Brenda Drew, Tax Collector, said she would need the Supervisors' signatures on her yearend tax collector report. She will come to the Township Building on Thursday, January 10, 2019 to obtain the Supervisors' signatures.

Howard Williams lives at the intersection of Hazel Road and Stagecoach Road. The porch on his home was recently struck by a truck. He said the porch was struck four (4) times last year. Mr. Williams was informed that the Township Engineer is working on signage to be erected warning motorists to be careful in the area of Mr. Williams' home.

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Seifer made a motion to approve the following annual donations, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Valor Clinic Foundation: \$2,000.00

Palmerton Area Library: \$4,000.00

Towamensing Township Volunteer Fire Company: \$5,000.00

Girl Scouts: \$250.00

Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve the Fee Changes/Additions to Scott Bieber's services by increasing the perc test fee from \$500.00 to \$550.00, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman. All in favor. Motion carried.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

There was no report from the Historical Commission. However, Historical Commission member, Karl Rolappe, copied the Supervisors on a letter to Richard Bieling thanking him for her service on the Historical Commission. Supervisor Seifert made a motion to accept Mr. Bieling's resignation from the Historical Commission, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman. All in favor. Motion carried.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Residents may email questions or comments to: ttroad@ptd.net

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Available in Township office

SEO REPORT

Available in Township office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Robert O'Donnell reported to the Supervisors that the Fire Company responded to seven (7) calls in December, and responded to ninety-seven (97) calls in 2018. The volume of calls responded to in 2018 was up 24% from the prior year. Mr. O'Donnell also reported that there would be a breakfast on Sunday, January 13, 2019.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Jim Schaeffer reported that the Planning Commission recommended rejection of three (3) land development/subdivision plans: the Meisenhelder subdivision, L&W Investors, and All-American Concrete. All three (3) had requested and been granted time extensions, and no action was required by the Supervisors on any of the plans at this time.

Additionally, the Monday, January 14, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting will be moved from the Township Building to the Towamensing Township Volunteer Fire Company. There is a conflict because the Zoning Hearing Board has a hearing scheduled that same evening at the Township Building. The Township secretary will advertise the legal notice of the change and post the legal notice at the Township Building and the Towamensing Township Volunteer Fire Company.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OFFICIALS

Christmas tree pick-up is on Thursday, January 10, 2019.

Reminder: Winter road maintenance takes precedence over garbage collection.

Zoning Office Hours for January 2019: Monday – January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019 – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman. All in favor. Motion carried.

5:55 p.m.