

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

**Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023, 7:00pm**

Executive Session from 6:30pm to 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00pm

**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**; Mike Tirpak, Engineer

Jessica Ahner recording

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes April 6, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting- **Motion – Scott, 2nd-John - All in favor- Motion Carried**

Bill List and Payroll from April 1, 2023 – May 8, 2023 - **Motion-Scott 2nd-John - All in favor- Motion Carried**

Treasurer's Report as of April 28, 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.

Alison Chase – Thanked Township for filling in the pot holes at field. Wanted to know if there was a ordinance on bicycles being on vacant field while teams are playing. There was an incident this past weekend with an electric bicycle. We will send what we have in place as an ordinance and possibly write resolution to fix this. Alison noted there was a fender bender and they called the police and they said there is nothing they can do about it. It was second hand information so do not know much about it. Here as a citizen and live on Pheasant Hill Rd and have an acentric neighbor and believes that the front of the road is her property. She puts river rocks around her property and signs that say please do not walk on the rocks. I have a problem with this because I have kids walking to the bus stop with no room to move over. Feels this has become a safety issue. Alison wants to know where the right away is? Understand that property owners do own to the end of the road but they cannot obstruct the right away. Now if she is we can send a violation letter. Otherwise, we cannot get involved in a civil matter it would have to be a police matter. Should fill out signed formal complaint. Jessica to find Ordinance and send to Tom in regards to bikes on fields.

Rick Anderson – The Lutheran Church called and stated they have a SEO problem relating to Jerusalem UCC. Wanted to know, is the Jerusalem UCC responsible for this bill? The bill was is the responsibility of the Lutheran Church. Township will rebill correctly.

PLANS & SUBDIVISION

Feltham, John & Cora – Conditional Approval recommendation from Planning Commission they are requesting a waiver for the steep slope delineations and is not really steep, it is fairly flat. Engineer is in favor to conditional approval. Guy made motion to accept the waiver submitted for the steep slope delineations on plan submitted for reverse subdivision. John 2nd – Guy made second motion that we accept final conditional approval based on financial requirements being met and owner signatures being placed on plan. John 2nd - AIF – Motion Carried.

Apgar, Michelle & Haydt, Scott – Conditional Approval recommendation from Planning Commission based on two conditions. Mike was presenting something different than presented in letter to board and Guy called Executive Session at 7:32pm returned at 7:36pm. We are dealing with two conditions owner's statement

signatures and Financial Requirements. Guy made a motion for conditional approval based on two conditions, owners' statement and financial requirements to be met. John 2nd – AIF Motion Carried

Shereshevsky, Leonid & Marina – Surveyor asked to review letter from Planning Commission. Plan presented to board. Supervisors reviewed plan. Guy asked for timing which is Aug 6, 2023. Discussion with Surveyor & Engineer about conditions to Supervisors not yet met. Guy made a motion to give conditional approval based on following conditions to be met:

1. The Plan shall include the name and address of the proposed Landowner after the lots are consolidated. [Sec. 401.A.4.4.a]
2. The 'Owners Statements' on the plan shall be titled 'Certificate of Ownership and Acknowledgement of Plan'. The Certification shall also be signed by Both the Owners & Corporation and notarized prior to recording the Plan. [Sec. 401.A.5.a]
3. A proposed deed description for the consolidated lot shall be submitted. [Sec. 401.A.5.a]
4. Dimensions from the property line to each corner of the existing building & deck located within the building setback shall be provided on the Plan.
5. All outstanding review fees must be paid in full before plans can be released.

John 2nd the motion – AIF – Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Award Bid for Recycling Center Hauling – Guy made motion to approve bid package from Anthracite Auto Exchange Inc. for contract number of 3 years. John 2nd - AIF-Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2023-3 to Dispose of Tax Records Year 2020 – Motion was made by Guy to approve Resolution and 2nd by John – AIF – Motion Carried

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Bonett reported about the work that was being completed on school. Preparing for Vinyl siding to be put on, fencing was removed and grass is being maintained. Guy made motion to rescind the last motion made earlier in the year and pay lease the school for \$1 per year. John 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried

ROAD MASTER REPORT:

Reported that paving is half wrapped up. Working on Koch Road today. Also doing crack sealing around Township. Guy asked to patch and seal pot holes at Fire Co. Guy made motion for approval for Fire Co work. John 2nd – AIF Motion Carried.

Email questions or comments to ttroad@ptd.net

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

Available in township office

SEO REPORT:

Available in township office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

April report from Eric, Fire Company responded to 9 emergency calls:

4/01/2023 – Tree Down – Beers Lane
4/08/2023 – Brush Fire – 245 Margaret Street
4/11/2023 – Wires Down – 170 E Stagecoach Rd
4/12/2023 – Brush Fire – 185 Berger St
4/12/2023 – EMS Assist (Coroner) – 870 Gun Club Rd
4/13/2023 – Fire Alarm – 140 Butter Cup Way
4/23/2023 – Wires Down – 7015 Pohopoco Dr
4/27/2023 – Motor Vehicle Accident – 1200 Spruce Hollow Rd
4/30/2023 – EMS Assist – 20 Anderson Dr

2023 Year to Date: 29 Emergency Calls

Training:

5/22/2023 – PPL Safety Class at Franklin – Demo Trailer

Compliance:

Hose has been sent out for testing. 3" or 5" Hose

Events

5/13/2023 – Saturday, Fire Company is holding a Craft Show/Flea Market 9am-3pm. Food is available and will have chance auction. 30 plus vendors are scheduled. Fire Company is requesting to be shut down on this day from 8am-4pm.

5/16/2023 – Tuesday, Primary Election Polling Center

5/19 – 5/20/2023 – Fire Expo in Harrisburg at Farm Complex

5/29/2023 – Monday, Palmerton Memorial Day Parade – 9:30am

On 23rd of April we had wires come down and neutral was on pole and wires were still hot. PPL guy was very concerned and told residents to stay inside their home. Eric was concerned because there were numerous amounts of people that drove around the Road Closed signs and my truck and was mix variety of locals and visitors.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Next meeting is on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OFFICIALS:

Next Board of Supervisor meeting will be June 1, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Guy made motion to amend agenda to include Fire Company Donation – John 2nd

Guy made motion to donate \$100,000.00 to Towamensing Fire Company to renovate Bathrooms or use towards Tanker but a decision needs to be made by December 31, 2024. John 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried

Discussion about passing of George White and he has been a longtime volunteer of the planning commission. Tom Newman stated a man that had a lot of common sense. Marie will be living with her son. Jessica to write a letter for Marie.

John mentioned that unfortunately we will be looking for another volunteer for a planning commission member.

ZONING OFFICER HOURS:

Hours for May 2023:

Thursday, May 4th – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 10th – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 18th – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 25th – 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 Guy to adjourn meeting at 8:17 pm, 2nd by Scott - AIF – Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Ahner, Secretary