



**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:00 pm

<u>ROLL CALL:</u> Dwight Eisenhower, Chairperson – present Penny Kleintop, Vice Chairperson – absent Scott Carter, Member – present David Beers, Member – present Bob Ziegenfuss, Member – present	Bruce Miller, Member – present Jeff Schnaiter, Member – present Matthew Schnell, Solicitor – present Greg Haas, Engineer and Secretary – present Jim Melber, Zoning Officer – absent
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Bob made a motion to approve the May 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes – Jim 2nd - AIF - Motion Carried.

Bob made a motion to approve the June 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes – Bruce 2nd - AIF - Motion Carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Linda Christman of Save Carbon County (see below under OLD BUSINESS – Data Center Ordinance).

OLD BUSINESS:

Hill Minor Subdivision Plan – Jon Shupp attended. Various discussions occurred regarding Greg’s Review #2 comment letter. Jon will request that the Fire Chief meet on site to inspect the existing driveway. He’d like Greg to join the meeting as well. Jon presented the Sewage Facilities Planning Module. Scott made a motion to approve the Module - David 2nd - AIF - Motion Carried. Dwight signed all three copies of the Module. Jon verbally stated that a time extension letter will be provided to the Supervisors by their next meeting until the November Supervisors Meeting. David made a motion to recommend that the Supervisors accept the time extension - Jim 2nd - AIF - Motion Carried.

Haydt Lot Line Adjustment Plan – Jon Shupp attended. Various discussions occurred regarding Greg’s Review #2 comment letter. Jon presented the Sewage Facilities Planning Module. David made a motion to approve the Module - Bob 2nd - AIF - Motion Carried. Dwight signed all three copies of the Module. Jim made a motion to table action on the Plan - Bob 2nd - AIF - Motion Carried.

George Minor Subdivision Plan – Jon Shupp attended. Various discussions occurred regarding Greg’s Review #1 comment letter. Scott made a motion to table action on the Plan - Jim 2nd - AIF - Motion Carried.

Data Center Ordinance – Greg presented an updated ordinance from Tom Nanovic with changes from a “condition use” to a “special exception”. Discussion occurred. Linda Christman of Save Carbon County presented a memo titled “Proposed Data Center Ordinance”, dated July 13, 2026, and mentioned several of the suggestions therein. Greg explained that the Supervisors want to get the ordinance adopted as it is currently proposed and then they intend to modify it in the future based on new information now available. Scott made a motion to recommend adoption of the ordinance as now presented by the Supervisors - Bob 2nd - AIF - Motion Carried.

NEW BUISINESS:

none

DISCUSSION:

Palmerton Area Comprehensive Plan Update – Dwight explained that a joint meeting was held two weeks ago and that copies of the updated draft Plan will be provided to each municipality to review in the near future. The Planners reviewed pages 27 to 46 of the existing Plan. Greg is to prepare a separate memorandum summarizing the comments made.

Zoning Report – Everyone reviewed the provided report from Jim for June 2026. No discussion was had.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 7:54 pm – David 2nd - AIF - Motion Carried.

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Township Engineer and Planning Commission Secretary.