



# TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 13, 2010 Time: 7 PM, Place: Township building-Stable Road

**Members Present:** Carol Copeland- Chair, Karl Rolappe Secretary/Treasurer  
**Consultants:** Connie Bieling ( Connie took over as a temporary replacement for the excused board members), Roy Christman- Consultant

**Members Excused:** - Tom Newman- Vice Chair, Malcom Campbell- Board member, Curt Beers- Board member,

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag</b>	None	The Historical Commission began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for our veterans and military members currently defending it.
<b>Approval of last month's Minutes:</b>	Two separate motions to approve the minutes from 5-12-2010 and 6-9-2010 made by Karl Rolappe, were seconded by Connie Bieling.	A.I.F.



<b>Old Business</b>		
Koch Bridge	No updates available	Ask Tom Newman for info at next meeting.
Touger Barn Video	Carol mentioned the price of the video would be \$31.75 and inquired about potentially purchasing a copy of the TV-13 News video from the June 9 <sup>th</sup> Touger Barn meeting. Karl made a motion to purchase the recording. Seconded by Connie Bieling. Lora said we could bill the township directly for this purchase. It will be deducted from our budget.	A.I.F
Inventory index		
Bill Berger Chicken coop	<p>Updates were approved by the supervisors at their June meeting. We deleted a barn and added 1145 station street.</p> <p>There was much discussion on ways the Commission could be of assistance to this gentleman as his historic structure seems dangerously close to a collapse. We feel there are ways he could perhaps save the building or demolish it (if necessary) at little or no expense to him. The building is loaded with tools and historical artifacts. Dick Bieling said he knows someone who could potentially help with the identification and valuation process of the contents. Perhaps selling some items could be one way to balance his costs.</p> <p>Carol said the booth was a success again this year. She also asked for suggestions on potential ways to perhaps make it more attractive next year. Ideas from selling items or recipes, to giving things away were discussed. Connie suggested we add the booth as a monthly agenda item so we can add ideas throughout the year and perhaps</p>	
Towamensing Township fundraiser booth		

	<p>agree on something we can implement.</p>	
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p>New Commission member added</p> <p>New Resource</p>	<p>Karl Rolappe nominated Paul Hoppel for one of the two open seats on the Historical Commission. Seconded by Connie Bieling.</p> <p>Carol introduced <b>Chris Opresko</b> as a new person to add to our resource list.</p> <p>Chris is a tour guide at the no. 9 Coal mine in Coaldale. He is also a possible future speaker at our meeting and would be willing to do a demonstration at next year's</p>	<p>A.I.F. Welcome aboard Paul!</p> <p>Chris Opresko was added to the resource list.</p>

<p>Historical marker</p>	<p>booth if approved. Karl made a motion to add him, seconded by Connie.</p> <p>Roy thought we should request to have a historical marker placed at the wild creek reservoir.</p>	<p>Karl said he would volunteer to go make this request in person once we knew what procedure to follow.</p>
<p><b>Officials:</b></p> <p>Community preservation value surveys</p>	<p>Carol inquired about the surveys which Tom Newman handed out during the May meeting. They can still be turned in to Lora Nothstein at the township building... there is no deadline. Carol suggested that perhaps we could get more from Tom and pass them out again, requesting they be returned at the next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Motion made by Karl Rolappe to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Connie Bieling.</p>	<p>A.I.F. meeting adjourned at 8:00pm</p>