

**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING**  
**August 4, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**  
**7:01PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Penny Kleintop, Chairperson/Treasurer; Tom Newman, Vice-Chairman; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor; and Lora Nothstein, Secretary.

Rodney George, Supervisor/Road Master, Absent

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Towamensing Township Supervisors Meeting July 7, 2011

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop  
Vote: 2 to 0. All in Favor.

Approval of Bill List 8/1/2011

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop  
Vote: 2 to 0. All in Favor.

**Treasures Report**

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop  
Vote: 2 to 0. All in Favor.

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

Wayne Knirnschild asked the supervisors if Township will help with tar & chip of the Fire Company parking lot; township would provide the roller, lay the tar and chip. Fire Company would provide the funds to purchase material and workers.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop asked Mr. Knirnschild to coordinate the dates with the Road Master.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop  
Vote: 2 to 0. All in Favor.

Josephine Cacace thanked supervisors for sending Carbon Engineering to her property to check the drainage issue by her driveway. She asked when the work would begin.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said the Road master hoped to have work completed by Labor Day; office will call her before starting project to find out where she would like the soil placed.

Bradley Rex from the Palmerton Towamensing Little League requested that repairs and upgrades be done to the ball field, he said some of the fencing needs to be higher, parking needs to be improved and some of the buildings need to be painted. He said they have volunteers that will do the work if the Township provides the supplies.

Vice-chairman Tom Newman suggested they make a list of all the things they would like done and then set up a meeting with the supervisors to go over list.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said to call the office when they have a list completed and set up date to discuss issues.

Glen Beers asked when work on salt shed would be completed, and asked if a transit was used to set grade. Chairperson Penny Kleintop said she was sure they used a transit and she would check with road master on when the project would be completed.

Guy Seifert said there are many old grades in the township that need to be replaced because they are not up to state standards; metal used for grads are set too far apart and bicycles can get stuck in the. Chairperson Penny Kleintop said this will be added to the list for things that need to be addressed as part of the Townships road work.

Susie Seifert asked if the Supervisors needed to get approval from the Palmerton Area School District for the person that will be appointed as Tax collector.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said the information from the County was that the Supervisors should do the interviewing and appointing, County will take care of bond. But office will check with school district and county again.

## **PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS**

Alton Green lot line delineation. Tabled

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop

Vote: 2 to 0. All in Favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Update on Hanover Engineering: SALDO & Zoning dated for 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

First Meeting Date set for September 26, 2011 6pm Towamensing Township Building; meetings will be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month.

Ad for Tax Collector has been placed in the Times News; July 20<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

Status report on Ratti property

Township Solicitor Tom Nanovic will send a letter to the Solicitor for the Ratti Property.

Status on Ball Field project

Chairperson Penny Kleintop explained to residents that the plans have been sent to the County for approval, and hopefully work can begin on new ball field later in the year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Use of Municipal Property (Forest Inn Property) for Soccer Fields spring of 2012; grade and seed for spring.

Sign Resolution for Packer Township to Joint Board of Appeals.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop

Vote: 2 to 0. All in Favor.

Liquid Fuels Audit from the 2008, 2009 year had a discrepancy and the Township must pay back \$6,982.37 to our Highway Aid Fund.

Surprise Liquid Fuels Audit on July 26, 2011; Township accounts in perfect order for the 2010 season.

PennDot Liquid Fuels administrator will be training township secretaries on the new DotGrant system; August 18, 2011 at 9am, at the Township office. No charge.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop

Vote: 2 to 0. All in Favor.

Permission for Secretary to attend class on Business Writing Class, September 28<sup>th</sup> in Allentown; no charge.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop

Vote: 2 to 0. All in Favor.

Permission for Township employees Scott Mosier & Lora Nothstein to attend Dirt and Gravel Roads EMS Course in Columbia County on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop

Vote: 2 to 0. All in Favor.

## **ROAD MASTER**

Update on sign for Summer Mt. & Bartholomew Dr.: stop except for right turn.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said this has been taken care of a stop sign has been placed.

Update on replacement signs for Ball Field; NO HUNTING, SAFTY ZONE.

Tabled

Update on 355 Margaret St.

Work should be completed by Labor Day.

Grates for culverts at 240 Stable Road & 445 Strohl's Valley Road.

Tabled

Update on culvert at corner of Stable & Strohl's Valley Road; when will it be filled in with blacktop.

Tabled

Update on maintenance of Township Building.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said some issues have been addressed, zoning office has been thoroughly cleaned and new carpet has been installed.

All other issues will be addressed at the September Supervisors Meeting when the Road master is present.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **OFFICIALS**

Zoning Office hours for August

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5:00PM to 7:00PM

Zoning Officer can be contacted at the township web site for additional appointments:

[info@towamensingtownship.com](mailto:info@towamensingtownship.com); in comments put attention Christine or by phone: 610-681-4202 ext: 11

Set date for Agricultural Security Meeting; to except new property into program.

Date set for August 19, 2011 at 3pm Towamensing Township Building.

Update on feral cat problem in Carbon County: Tom Newman

Tom Newman explained that the colony on Deer Lane was taken care of by the Amazing Grace Society. They caught the cats spayed, neutered and vaccinated the healthy cats, placed the kittens for adoption and returned the adult cats back to their colony; the life span of a feral cat is 1 ½ to 2 years.

Thank you card will be sent to Kevin Koflanovich, Beltzville Park manager, for his July 4<sup>th</sup> policy of handing out directions to other parks in order to avoid guests parking along the state road and being towed away. This initiative provided a positive and safe way to handle overcrowding of the park as well as our roads.

Executive Meeting:

7:45 to 8: pm

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**8pm**

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Chairperson Penny Kleintop

Vote: 2 to 0. All in Favor.