

**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 2, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**7PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Towamensing Township Supervisors Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2010

Motion made by Supervisor Rodney George, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.  
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Approval of bill list 11-30-2010 and Payroll

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Supervisor Rodney George  
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Towamensing Township Driveway Workshop Minutes November 18, 2010

Motion made by Supervisor Rodney George, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.  
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

**Treasures Report**

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Supervisor Rodney George  
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

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

**Guy Seifert** provided information on development of steep slopes. He also asked if the township is looking into expanding the garbage pick-up to other townships.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said we have had some discussion on the matter.

**Vickie Kistler** asked if "Bus Stop Ahead" signs could be placed on Route 209 near James Lane and Palm Drive, because cars have been speeding past the buses' that are stopped to pick-up and discharge children in that area.

Supervisor Rodney George said the township has the signs and will be installing them next week.

**Joe Oliver and Emily James** addressed the supervisors about using the present septic system at the Jack Rivers Steakhouse as a holding tank, they will be leasing the property to open a restaurant and need to make sure adequate septic is in place.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop asked if they know how often the tank will have to be pumped, and that an escrow account would have to be set up with the township to insure that the township would not incur any expenses in the proper care of the holding tanks. She also said the property owner should think about replacing the tanks with a proper system.

Bob Beers asked if the township had an ordinance for holding tanks.  
Solicitor Tom Nanovic said he would check and if not an ordinance could be passed and that the township should check with SEO, Sean Corey.

**Joe Feraldo** informed the Supervisors that the home on 209 & Trachsville Hill Road was broken into, windows and doors were boarded up but people are still getting in. Can the supervisors send the owner a letter?  
Chairperson Penny Kleintop said she is not sure if the township as an ordinance for this.  
Vice-chairman Tom Newman said there is a dilapidated building ordinance but not sure about a property maintenance ordinance.  
Chairperson Penny Kleintop said we will check into it, get property owners information and have the zoning officer mail them a letter.

## **PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS**

Hall Subdivision

Motion made to approve the request to show 5' contours not 20' and to not show all tracks.  
Motion made by Supervisor Rodney George, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.  
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0  
Motion made to approve and sign plan.  
Motion made by Supervisor Rodney George, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.  
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Garbage Bills are ready and will be mailed out December 30, 2010; the Towamensing Township Winter News Letter will be included in with the garbage bill to save money on postage.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting December 2, 2010 6PM  
Present for Zoning Hearing Board Re-organizational Meeting;  
George Karas; Joe Faraldo; Don Bonett; Curt Beers.  
Minutes will be emailed to supervisors.  
Tom Newman thanked Zoning Hearing Board for serving.

Adopt Tentative Budget for 2011  
Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Supervisor Rodney George  
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Advertise Taxes for Towamensing Township Real-estate, Earned Income Tax, Occupational Privilege, LST Tax, and Per Capita Tax.  
Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Supervisor Rodney George  
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Advertise 2011 Garbage Rates  
Motion made by Supervisor Rodney George, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.  
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Set Year End Meeting Date for December 27, 2010 at 3PM.  
Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Supervisor Rodney George  
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Advertise for Solicitor for Planning

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, seconded by Supervisor Rodney George

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Resignation Letter for Jacob Troost, Towamensing Township Building Code Inspector.

Motion made to accept resignation by Supervisor Rodney George, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

## **ROAD MASTER**

None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Palmerton Library Association

Card from Carbon County Friends of Animals

Letter from Blue Mountain Health System

Letter from Jenny Cheng

## **OFFICIALS**

Zoning Office hours for December

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> 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

Vice Chairman Tom Newman would like to remind residents of the House Watch Program and the Phone# for the Pennsylvania State Police; 610-377-4270.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said there have been some day time break-ins reported and residents should report any suspicious activity to the PSP.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**7:40PM**