

**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
FEBRUARY 2, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

7PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Re-Organizational Meeting Minutes from January 3, 2012.

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Tom Newman made motion to accept Meeting Minutes, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Towamensing Township Supervisor Meeting Minutes from January 3, 2012.

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Tom Newman made motion to accept Meeting Minutes, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Bill List & Payroll form January 31, 2012

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Tom Newman made motion to accept Bill List & Payroll, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

MOTION: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to accept Treasurer's Report, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Executive Meeting January 27, 2012 at 2:30pm: Personnel

Chairperson Penny Kleintop announced that there was a personal meeting to discuss appointment of a new assistant Road-master.

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Tom Newman made motion to appoint Phil Costenbader as Assistant Road-master, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion Carried

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

Wayne Knirnschild said one of the trucks needs a new clutch; will the township do the repair?

Supervisor Guy Seifert said this was a question for the road-master; does he have the time to perform repair.

Mr. Knirnschild also wanted to make sure the township will still plow the Fire company lot if and when there is snow.

He also wanted to know if contact information has been up-dated at the county level.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said that the contact information has been up-dated and the township will continue to plow the fire company if needed.

George White addressed the Supervisors about the FSA meeting at the grange. Chairperson Penny Kleintop said this item is on the agenda.

Charles Loviolette thanked supervisors for the donation to the Palmerton Area Library, and updated residents on events at the library.

Lorraine Strohl addressed supervisors about a problem with the mail at her residents at 7720 Pohopoco Drive. She said that there are multiple families all getting mail from the same box and these boxes are in bad condition. She explained that there are apartments being rented out at 7730, 7735 and 7740 Pohopoco Drive none of them have a separate mail box and they do not have correct addresses to identify the different apartments. She said she has contacted the post office about the situation and they told her it is a township matter.

Mrs. Strohl explained to the supervisors that some of the rental units are just little sheds that have been placed on the property.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said this might be a matter for the Zoning Officer.

Supervisor Guy Seifert said the supervisors will take the situation under advisement.

Mathew George addressed the supervisors about their hiring policy. He wanted to know why they did not place ads in the paper.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said they did place ads for some positions.

Supervisor Guy Seifert explained that the township always accepts applications and resumes and has a file in the office, when an opening comes up the township can choose from this file if there are no qualified applicants on file an ad will be placed.

Mr. George wanted to know why they did not make the person with the most time in service road-master.

Supervisor Guy Seifert explained they chose the most qualified person that was employed with the township and the supervisors are happy with the decision.

Mr. George also want to know when the supervisors will do something about the water problem created by run-off from Country Junction; the water crosses 209 and runs down his property and his father's property then discharges into Hunter Creek.

Supervisor Guy Seifert thanked Mr. George for the information and said the supervisors will take it under advisement.

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

The Shire at Emerald Hills

MOTION made by Chairperson Penny Kleintop to give conditional preliminary/final approval. Subject to all of the conditions stated in Carbon Engineering, Inc.'s Subdivision/Land Development Review Comments, dated January 5, 2012, except for comments Nos. 4 and 13 waivers granted.

Approval is also conditional upon the agreement between Salvatore Lizzio, Richard Morrissey, Timothy Rau, and Barbara Lehman, dated November 27, 2011.

Conditions must be complied with within one year from February 2, 2012 and if an extension of time is not requested and approved by the Board of Supervisors, the subdivision plan will be rejected for failure to comply with those conditions that have not been complied with by that date.

Seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Appoint Sewage Enforcement Officer (s)

Motion made by Chairperson Penny Kleintop to appoint Spots Stevens and McCoy; Sean Corey and Paul Pendzick as SEO(s), Seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert with the condition that SSM provides the Township with a monthly report on their activity in the township.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Up-date from Zoning Hearing Board

George Karas addressed the Supervisors with regards to the meeting they held on January 25, 2012.

The members of the ZHB approved the use of Jenny Cheng as Solicitor. ZHB Meeting Minutes are available for review at the Township Office.

Appoint Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor

MOTION: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to appoint Jenny Cheng, Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Appoint Planning Commission Solicitor

Due to a scheduling conflict Michael Greek is stepping down as the Planning Commission Solicitor.

MOTION: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to appoint Jenny Cheng, Solicitor for the Planning Commission, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.

All in favor. Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Commission Resignation letter; Guy Seifert

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Tom Newman made motion to except Guy Seifert's resignation, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Appoint new member to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to appoint Jim Schaffer to the Planning Commission, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Delinquent / Past Due Garbage Payments

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Tom Newman made motion to either send delinquent residential and commercial accounts to a collection company or file in small claims court; accounts will be reviewed in 60 days, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance; 1999 Wind Turbine-Supervisors approve and have Solicitor prepare paperwork for amendment.

MOTION: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to have Solicitor prepare paperwork for amendment, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Oath of Office Tax Collector; R. Bruce Reimer

Oath administered by Solicitor Tom Nanovic.

Zoning & SALDO Workshop; date set for February 13, 2012 after the 7pm planning meeting.

MOTION: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to approve date of workshop, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.

All in favor. Motion Carried

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Road-master Scott Mosier gave report that in the month of January the crew collected 120 tons of garbage.

Recycled cardboard, plastic and aluminum. Replaced missing or damaged street signs. Plowed and salted roads.

On the agenda for February: cut brush, perform winter maintenance on the trucks and equipment.

Approve new crew member: Tom Costenbader

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Tom Newman made motion to approve the hiring of Tom Costenbader as a full-time employee, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Approve on call crew member: Kevin Kleintop

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Tom Newman made motion to approve the hiring of Kevin Kleintop as an occasional employee, seconded by Supervisor Guy Seifert.

All in favor. Motion Carried; Chairperson Penny Kleintop abstained.

You can now email the road master you questions or comments: ttroad@ptd.net

MOTION made by supervisor Guy Seifert to advertise for the clearing of trees at the ball field; downed and standing timber, chip or remove all no stump removal. Seconded by Vice-chairman Tom Newman.

All in favor. Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you card from Carbon County Friends of Animals

Thank you card from Blue Mountain Health System

Thank you letter from Palmerton Area Library

FSA Public Meeting

Chairperson Penny Kleintop explained that it is very important for farmers or other residents interested in agriculture to attend this meeting as the Federal Government wants to move the Farm Services office from Carbon County where it is centrally located to Northampton County.

Meeting will be on February 6, 2012 at 2pm; Big Creek Grange.

OFFICIALS

Zoning Office hours for February 2012.

February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 5:00PM to 7:00PM

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

info@towamensingtownship.com; in comments put attention Christine or by phone:

610-681-4202 ext: 11

Ethics Forms

Vice-chairman Tom Newman mentioned that one of the Historical Commission founding members has been hospitalized; Malcolm Campbell. He is doing better but has a long road to full recovery. If you would like to mail him a card call the office for address information.

Mr. Newman also reminded residents if they have a CDL and would like to be on the on-call list for seasonal work to contact the office for an application.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Supervisor Guy Seifert made motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman.

All in favor. Motion Carried

8:14PM

