

**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
MARCH 4, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Penny Kleintop called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Supervisor/Road Master Rodney George

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Supervisors Meeting Minutes February 4, 2010

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Newman, seconded by Chairperson Kleintop.
All in Favor; Vote 0 to 2, Motion Carried.

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

Bill Meecham addressed the board asking if any more information on the surface water near Mrs. King's property.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop read the email from Sean Corey stating that there was evidence of fecal but not sufficient evidence to prove that it is from a septic system. Township is waiting for more information from SSM.

Joe Feraldo addressed the board with concerns that Country Junction has moved animals into a building that does not have a proper sprinkler system.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said the supervisors will collect information and address Mr. Feraldo's concerns at the next meeting.

Carol Copland addressed residents with information that the Historical Commission meeting on March 10, 2010 will have a presentation given by Mary Bet Beers on how to archive, restore and store your artifacts. She invited everyone to attend. Ms. Copland also had a letter drafted by Roy Christman about the Koch Bridge that was presented to the supervisors.

Roy Christman thanked Guy Seifert for using his equipment and closing up the windows on the Greensweik School.

Mr. Christman addressed the issue of the Koch Bridge, stating that it could not be saved, but the Historical commission is righting a letter to the Carbon County Commissioners asking for certain conditions to be placed on the construction of the new bridge as well as the remover of a plague from the old bridge and its placement on the new bridge.

Mr. Christman made mention of the Palmerton Area Comprehensive Plan. There is no budget in place at this time and there is a need to change the name. The areas that will be included are Towamensing Township, Lower Towamensing Township, Bowmenstown and Palmerton Borough.

Gary Anthony asked the supervisors if they can swear in the Fire Police.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said yes she can and that Tom Nanovic will send an official agreement that can be signed and kept on file.

Vice-Chairman Thom Newman suggested that the new inductees come to the April 1, 2010 meeting to be sworn in.

SUBDIVISIONS

Lake View Estates

Chairperson Penny Kleintop read letter from Ron Tirpak; letter stated work completed to date appears to be in close conformity to the approved plan.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution Establishing Fees for Zoning Hearing Board.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Adopt Resolution for Beltzville Lake Estate Garbage Collection

Motion to approve made by Supervisor George, Vice-Chairman Newman seconded the motion.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Planning Commission asking for workshop with supervisors after their monthly meeting February 8, 2010

Vice-Chairman Newman made suggestion to have GPS attend the meeting.

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

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0, Motion Carried

Set and approve fee for zoning hearings.

Old fee was 350.00 not enough to cover costs, new fee set at 750.00; resolution will be drafted.

Motion made by Supervisor George, Voce-Chairman Newman seconded the motion.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Approve Quick-Book Set-up and Training-Diana Dorman; PSATS
Motion made to approve by Vice-Chairman Newman, Chairperson Kleintop seconded the motion.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Approve new hard drive & computer eq. for office.
Motion made to approve by Vice-Chairman Newman, Chairperson Kleintop seconded the motion

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Set date for workshop on personal guidelines. Executive session
Date set for February 11, 2010 at 3:30 pm.

Motion made by Supervisor George, Vice-Chairman Newman seconded the motion.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Approve Special Audit by Frey & Co.

Motion made to approve by Vice-Chairman Newman, Supervisor George seconded motion.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

New Payroll Account & Safe Deposit Box

Move payroll account from JTNB to East Penn Bank and get safe deposit box to keep township deeds and bonds.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Newman, seconded by Supervisor George.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

ROAD MASTER

Sign for 209 & Preachers Camp.

Supervisor George said this is on the list for spring.

Garbage trucks on lawns & edge of roads.

Road Master will address the issue with all personal.

Culvert at the corner of Stable & Strohls Valley Rd.

Will be looked into in spring.

Culvert by 1160 Spruce Hollow Rd.

This is Sei Pike Road; motion made to have Ron Turpak check culvert

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Newman, seconded by Supervisor George.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

HAZMAT potential projects: trees

Vice-Chairman Newman gave information that if there are issued that can cause a potential hazard; trees covering road ways, ect. And money is needed to cover the removal project, we can ask the state for monies to remove hazard.

Water runoff from 295 Johnson Ln. onto 310 Johnson Ln.
Supervisor George said this issue has been taken care of.

Dumpster Fees

Supervisor George said he will ask the former Secretary about this issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Robert Drews concerning burning.

Supervisors stated that there is no ordinance on burning in this township; however they will keep an eye on the situation and if it is determined that things are being burned of a hazardous nature DEP will be contacted.

OFFICIALS

Zoning Office will address new hours.

New hours Feb 8 and 22nd. 5 to 7pm.

Feb 13 and 27th. 9 to 11pm.

Ethics Forms need to filed by March 4, 2010

Forms were given to all employees and officials.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #1-31-2010 AND PAYROLL

Bills were approved with the exception of George Dydynsky; awaiting itemization statement.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Newman, seconded by Supervisor George.

All in favor, 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Barry George has given his resignation; his last day of employment is

Feb. 5, 2010. However he will be on call to help with snow removal if needed at regular hourly rate \$15.45.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Newman, seconded by Supervisor George.

All in favor, 3 to 0, Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Newman made motion to adjourn, Supervisor George seconded the motion.

All in Favor; 3 to 0, Motion Carried.

Time 9:10 PM.