

**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
May 6, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

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 March 4, 2010
Motion made by Supervisor George, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #3-31-2010 AND PAYROLL

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

Treasures Report

Motion made by Vice –Chairman Newman, seconded by Supervisor 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).

Phyllis Kresge addressed the supervisors about the bill sent to Zinc City Motorcycle Club. She explained they are a non-profit organization and did not have enough money in their account to cover the bill.

Chairperson Kleintop asked Mrs. Kresge to leave her phone number and the correct mailing address to the Club. The Supervisors will discuss the matter and call her back with the decision.

Bill Meecham asked about the septic problem in Beltzville Lake Estates.

Supervisor Kleintop said that until Mr. Meecham and the other residents involved resolve the surface water issue there is nothing else the Township can do. The Township will not spend any more funds to do testing until the ground water issue is resolved.

Johanna Seo thanked Vic-Chairman Newman for helping her with a permit problem. She has done some research on zoning standards and gave information to supervisors to pass on to the zoning officer.

Vice-Chairman Newman thanked Ms. Seo for the information and said it will be passed on to the zoning officer, Christine Meinhart.

Wayne Knirnschild reported that the firefighter; Terry Jacoby, injured a week ago, is home and walking with a walker. He was trapped between two trucks from Polk and Franklin while assisting at a fire in Towamensing Township.

Chairperson Kleintop thanked Mr. Knirnschild for the update. Chairperson Kleintop also mentioned that there is statewide coverage for workman's compensation during mutual aid emergency services such as in this case.

George White addressed the supervisors and residents to remind them of the upcoming Big Creek Flea Market on Saturday May 15th.

SUBDIVISIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisors signed Resolution for the Consolidated Collection of Local Income Taxes/Voting Delegates.

Supervisors signed Resolution for the Collection of Past due Garbage Accounts (Credtec).

Deer Lane (Smith Property) Sheriff Sale has been postponed till June 18th 11AM.

Towamensing and Lower Towamensing Township Equipment Sale will be held on May 18' 2010 5PM.

Except Implementation Agreement Draft#2 and appoint two residents to discussion board.

Appointed to board are Connie Belling and Christine Meinhart.

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

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Workman's Comp Insurance for Fire Company and Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire Company's. State wide agreement is in place, individual agreements with other fire companies are not needed.

Set date for Ag. Security Board Meeting; June 10th, 17th or 24th.

Tabled till June Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Bids on Asphalt, Stone and Emulsion.

Asphalt Maintenance Solution LLC was awarded the bid for e3m Emulsion.

Lehigh Asphalt was awarded the bid for 25MM and 12.5MM Wearing Coat.

Ohl Fuel was awarded the bid for Diesel.

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

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Advertise for Bids on Road Project; Lovitt Road. Bids will be opened at the June Meeting.

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

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Permission to Purchase Compliance Guide on "The Sunshine & Right-to-Know Laws". Cost is \$15.00.

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

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Update on Welcome Packets for New Residents.

Vice-Chairman Newman said the packet is almost completed and will be available for new residents in the Township Office. The packet will include local information such as schools, churches, fire dept, police addressed and phone numbers.

Update on Township News Letter.

News letter will be ready to mail with the Fall Tax Bill. Secretary checked with County Office and they did not see any problems with including the information with the bills.

Carol Copeland provided the township with an update on the Historical Index.

Ms. Copeland said the historical commission May 12th meeting will have JC Woodworking talking about farm house and barn restoration. The June meeting will be held at the Mike Toger barn on Beers Lane.

Zoning Hearing Board needs to be reappointed and dates for their term need to be set.

Don Bonett three years

George Karas two years

Curt Beers one year

Larry Hahn; alternate 3 years.

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

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Resolution will be signed at the June meeting.

PSP bid for new Building.

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

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

ROAD MASTER

Approval for township employee's Rodney George and Phil Costenbader to attend Equipment Training class June 15, 2010. No cost for class.

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

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Update on pipe at Sei Pike Road.

Part of pipe had been removed, Township Engineer could not see any problems, said road was very well done did not see any reason for the township to go to the expense of ripping up road to replace pipe.

Update on what is being done with runoff on Johnson Lane and culvert on corner of Stable and Strohls Valley Rd.

Township will take care of it within the next week or so.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letter from East Penn Search & Rescue Team for the Townships donation of \$200.00.

Palmerton Borough requesting assistance from the Towamensing Township fire Dept. for the 5k Race/Wald May 8, 2010.

Motion Made by Chairperson Kleintop, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Request for the Towamensing Township Fire Dept. to assist at the Black Bear Triathlon, Beltzville State Park May 22nd & 23rd 2010(letters given to Fires Chief).

Motion Made by Chairperson Kleintop, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0. As long as approved by Fire Chief.

OFFICIALS

Local Government Day was held at the township building May 4, 2010. 6th grade class from Towamensing Elementary School was given a tour of the building, introduced to the recycling process, zoning, area history and how a township is governed by the supervisors and their staff.

Zoning Office hours for May.

May 1st 9AM to 11AM

May 10th, 17th, 24th 5PM to 7PM

Zoning Officer can be contacted at the township web sight:

info@towamensingtownship.com; in comments put attention Christine or by phone:610-681-4202ex:11

Chairperson Kleintop made mention of the PSATS Convention in Hershey.

Everything went well, supervisors and staff attended classes giving new information and ideas on township endeavors.

Chairperson Kleintop called an executive meeting.

To discuss right-of-way for an older subdivision and a personal matter.

ADJOURNMENT

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

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0.

Time 8:40