

**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

7PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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 September 2, 2010

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

All in favor; Vote 3 to 0

Towamensing Township SALDO Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2010

Motion made by Supervisor Rodney George, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman; Chairperson Penny Kleintop abstained.

All in favor; Vote 2 to 0

Approval of bill list 9-30-2010 and Payroll

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

All in favor; Vote 3 to 0

Treasures Report

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

All in favor; Vote 3 to 0

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

Fire Chief Wayne Knirnschild wanted the supervisors to know that the Fire Company would be at the Towamensing Elementary School on the October 14th for the annual Fire Prevention Week.

Mr. Knirnschild also wanted to know why the township wants to spend money on a new siren.

Vice-chairman Tom Newman explained it was for emergency use in case something happened at the dam, reservoir or other emergency. It would not be used for fire calls and could be funded by grants.

Mr. Knirnschild said all the fire and emergency personal would be notified in case of this type of emergency and that a new siren was a waste of money.

Glenn Beers said not everyone in the public sector would be notified in case of an emergency and this warning from the siren would make them aware that something was happening and they could then access the information on the radio, TV, etc.

Mr. Beers also stated that the Fire Co. used to be open to the public, but now it is closed to most people because they allow smoking in the building and if you want to go to bingo you have to be a member, this should not be allowed because it is the residents of the township that support the Fire Company and it should be able to accommodate all residents.

George White asked the road-master what is being done about the gutter on Deer Lane.
Road-master Rodney George said it will be filled in; they are behind because of the recent rain.

Carol Copeland said at the next meeting of the Historical Society November 9, 2010 there will be a presentation by a blacksmith; everyone is invited to attend.

Glenn Beers asked supervisors about PPL permits.
Solicitor Tom Nanovic said that PPL is exempt from zoning and subdivisions
Mr. Beers what about temp trailers, distance of driveway from roadway.
Christine Meinhart said that would be a standalone ordinance for driveway.
Solicitor Tom Nanovic will look into it.

Glen Beers wanted to know what is being done about runoff from township property on to his property.
Road-master Rodney George said most of the water went into drain, will check it again and make sure water is going into drain.

Mary Ellen Llewellyn asked the supervisors if the Woods Campground is on the agenda.
Chairperson Penny Kleintop said yes they are but at this time she did not see any one there to represent them.

Susan Vaughn asked if she could be notified when the Woods Campground is on the agenda again.
Solicitor Tom Nanovic said it is not the townships responsibility to notify specific residents as to what is on the agenda.
Chairperson Penny Kleintop said they could call the township secretary before the meeting to see if a specific item is on the agenda.

SUBDIVISIONS

Woods Campground
Tabled
Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, Seconded by Supervisor Rodney George
All in favor; Vote 3 to 0

Correll Subdivision
Copy of plans from County were received and signed by Supervisors and members of Planning.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on the Regional Plan Implementation Agreement
Plan draft was accepted by both Lower Towamensing and Towamensing Townships; ordinance will be signed at next meeting, November 4, 2010.
Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, Seconded by Supervisor Rodney George
All in favor; Vote 3 to 0

Presentation of Plaque to Gary Bruch

Appoint Planning Commission Member
David Beers was appointed to the planning commission
Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, Seconded by Supervisor Rodney George
All in favor; Vote 3 to 0

Driveway Ordinance

Tabled

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

NEW BUSINESS

Sign Resolution for Disposal of Records

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

Set Budget Meeting for October, 2010

Meeting set for October 25, 2010 at 8:30AM

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

Set Trick or Treat Night for October 31, 2010 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM

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

Approval to contract with Jan-Pro Commercial Cleaning Company; clean office, meeting room, zoning office, hall way, entrance, restrooms. Cost is \$109.00 per month.

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

ROAD MASTER

Up-date on progress of work needing to be done on:

Johnson Lane, Corner of Strohls Valley & Stable Rd., Stable Road: Hazleton property, James St., Lake View Drive, Flora Circle.

Supervisor/Road master Rodney George said Flora Circle is almost complete will be done before next meeting, drain at Hazleton property will have to be cleaned out again because of the recent rain, Johnson Lane the shoulders were cut.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop expressed her concern on Johnson lane because of recent photos received from residents on the water runoff that happened after the shoulders had been cut, and asked if Road master would follow instructions from township engineer Ron Terpak and re-cut that area.

Supervisor/Road master Rodney George said they will go back and re-do Johnson Lane.

Strohls Valley Road will be worked on in a week or two; they will cut below the grade and lower the existing drain that is too high for water to run into.

Drain at Beers property will be looked at.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from David Beers to apply for Planning Commission

Letter from Palmerton Borough requesting the assistance of the Towamensing Fire Police at the Palmerton Halloween Parade on October 17, 2010.

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

OFFICIALS

Zoning Office hours for October

October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, 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

ADJOURNMENT

7:40PM

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

All in favor; Vote 3 to 0