

**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

7PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Towamensing Township Supervisors Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2010

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

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Approval of bill list 8-31-2010 and Payroll

Motion made by Supervisor Rodney George, Seconded by Vice-Chairmen Thomas Newman.

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

**Treasures Report**

Motion made by Supervisor Rodney George, Seconded by Vice-Chairmen Thomas 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).

**Glen Beers** asked when the salt shed would be completed.

Supervisor Rodney George said that it will be completed in spring after cement and ground settle.

**Mr. Beers** asked about the CD on the audit report that was not reported last year he wanted to know who the signers on the CD were. He also wanted to know about the cash taken in for garbage collection.

Supervisor Rodney George said he and the pervious secretary were the signers.

Vice-Chairperson Tom Newman explained that was the reason we had and audit and that no discrepancy was found.

**Guy Seifert** asked Solicitor Tom Nanovic at what point a failing of duties becomes criminal since it involves money.

Tom Nanovic said there were no allegations by the auditors that anything criminal was has happened there is no money missing even though the book keeping might not have been correct.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said the township will continue to have professional auditors/accountants.

**Glen Beers** asked about the architect fees for the new building, explained that he was told the building was to be "Green" so it could compete for a PSATS award. What award was that?

Supervisor Rodney George said the building was put on hold but everything in the building was designed.

Secretary Lora Nothstein was given permission to answer question concerning award. She said it is an award that PSATS gives out every year to the Township that made the greatest effort to complete a project with natural and green components in place.

**Glen Beers** also asked about PPL, why they not need a permit for the temporary trailer and driveways. He also asked about the siren at the fire company.

Vice-Chairman Tom Newman said a company will be contacted to see what needs to be done to replace the siren that is currently not working; the new siren might be placed at the township building.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop stated that the fire chief does not want a siren.

Guy Seifert and Solicitor Tom Nanovic stated as a utility PPL is exempt from permits, but was not sure if that included setbacks, temporary construction trailers and driveways. It will be checked into.

**Earl Beers** addressed the supervisors asking for their definition of an extraction. He said he ask for this from the previous secretary and never received it.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said she thought the previous secretary/zoning officer had gotten this for him and if not she would make sure he receives a copy.

## **SUBDIVISIONS**

Boundary Adjustment for Kuehner, George properties.

Motion to Grant Waiver made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, Seconded by Supervisor Rodney George.

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Update on the Compressive Plan.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said meeting with Lower Towamensing Township went well. Both Lower Tow.

And Towamensing are in agreement on the plan and it should be ready to be signed by the end of the year.

Sign Agreement for the Joint Board of Appeals pursuant to the Uniform Construction Code.

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

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Results from ZHB on Blue Mountain Church

ZHB Chair George Karas said the Variance/Special Exception was granted.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Audit Report for Taxes; Mary Beers.

Chairperson Penny Kleintop said the audit was complete and everything was in order; audit for the tax collector should be done every other year.

Workshop date for subdivision procedures set for September 16, 2010 at 7PM.

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

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Appoint Dick Belling as alternate to the Historical Commission.

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

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Letter to employees about their benefits.

Letter was sent to each employee giving them information on the cost of their benefits; this will be done on a yearly basis.

Permission for Supervisors, Employees and Commission Members to attend the Carbon County Association of Township Officers Dinner. September 18, 2010, 6PM

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

All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

County HazMat Mitigation Plan up for review by public

Vice-Chairman Tom Newman said the plan can be reviewed on the county website.

## **ROAD MASTER**

Up Date on meeting with Ron Tirpak, Road Master Issues; Johnson Lane, Stable & Strohls Valley Road, Stable Road: Hazleton Property, James St, Michael Ln, Lake View Dr, Flora Circle.  
Township Engineer; Ron Tirpak and Supervisors reviewed issues; Michael Lane is a property owner issue. Problem on Stable Road by the Hazleton property has been started, the other issues will be addressed after the 13<sup>th</sup> of September. Road crew will be working on chip and tar until then.

Drain issue from Municipal property onto Beers Property.  
Has been started, drain pits are in and run-off will go into the pits. The rest will be completed in the spring after the cement has settled.

Letter of Intent to get Snow Relief  
Road-master Rodney George has letter and will look into it.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resignation Letter from Gary Bruch; Towamensing Township Planning Committee  
Motion made to accept Resignation by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, Seconded by Supervisor Rodney George.  
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0  
Planning Board will be excepting applications for Gary Bruch's replacement.  
Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tom Newman, Seconded by Supervisor Rodney George.  
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Letter from Leszek Nawalany; regarding his property at 30 Helina Way, Kunkletown  
Beltzville Panorama.  
Chairperson Penny Kleintop explained that a letter was received by the township on a complaint of a septic system being on the wrong property. After talking to both the SEO and the surveyor it was determined that the system is close to the property line but is still in compliance with the township codes. A letter was mailed to Mr. Nawalany stating this information and included memo from SEO Sean Corey.

Letter from Robert Beers addressing Leszek Nawalany issue.  
Letter attached to Township letter to Mr. Nawalany.

Acknowledgement letter from PEMA regarding appointment of Tom Newman as EMC for  
Towamensing Township.  
Chairperson Penny Kleintop read letter addressed to Township excepting Mr. Newman's appointment.

## **OFFICIALS**

Status of Resolution & Ordinance Books  
Books have been ordered and both the old ordinance and resolution books have been documented and organized. The documents will be removed from the old books and placed in the new books by the end of the year.

Listing of Local Artist's on Township web site.  
Tabled: Motion made by Chairperson Penny Kleintop, seconded by Vice-Chairman Thomas Newman  
All in Favor; Vote 3 to 0

Zoning Office hours for September

September 8<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

Executive Session

8:35PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

8:50PM