TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

November 1, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Penny Kleintop, Chairperson/Treasurer; Thomas Newman, Vice-Chairman; Guy Seifert, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor; Brenda Drew, Secretary; Carl Faust, Zoning Officer-absent; Greg Haas, Engineer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes – Board of Supervisors Meeting – October 4, 2018

Motion: Vice-Chairman Newman made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Chairperson Kleintop. Supervisor Seifert abstained due to his October 4th absence.

Motion carried.

Bills List and Payroll - October 2018

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve the Bills List and Payroll, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – October 2018

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Ryan Bowman, a new resident of the Township, addressed the Board. He thanked the Township office staff for the welcome extended to him and his family. He thanked the Board for the donation made to Valor Clinic, as he was at one time a recipient of their services. He also thanked Supervisors Newman and Seifert for their military service. He and his family placed a recent 911 call when their carbon monoxide alarm went off. He voiced concern because it took 40 minutes for an engine to arrive on the scene. He does not fault the Fire Company and would like the Board to please take into consideration that this needs to be addressed, whether by Act. 172 tax incentives, a flat fire tax or by offering incentives to the Township Road Crew to be available during their regular work hours.

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

Jeff & Deana Burger, Beltzville Bar & Grill: Approve Final Plan and waiver requests. Surveyor Jonathan Shupp presented the Plan to install a roof over an existing patio to the Board of Supervisors. The owners have installed a road fence at the entrance area and repaired a side fence. Greg Haas stated that it is an existing site in which the addition is an impervious structure being installed over existing impervious surface. The Planning Commission has recommended approval. Waivers for a landscaping requirement and lighting are being requested.

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve the waiver requests for lighting and landscaping, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman

All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve the Final Plan, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2019 Budget Draft - Set date for review: The review will take place on Wednesday, November 7th at 2:00 p.m

NEW BUSINESS

Approve advertising the appointment of Kirk Summa & Co. LLP as Certified Public Accountants for the Township.

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made said motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Solicitor Nanovic will prepare the advertisement.

Set date for the End of the Year Board of Supervisors Meeting: Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made said motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Approval of new member, John Branch.

Motion: Chairperson Kleintop called for a motion to approve, made by Vice-Chairman Newman, seconded by Supervisor

Seifert.

All in favor. Motion carried.

The monthly meeting has been moved to November 28th at 7:00 p.m.

The Supervisors agreed that the Township will pay for the exterminator at the Greenzweig School.

The Commission has nominated David & Donna Kunkle of Church Drive for the annual Historical Preservation Award. They have made repairs to their historic barn's roof.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Nothing reported.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Supervisor Seifert read the report aloud. The crew has prepared the foundation for the new salt shed, has been repairing potholes and preparing equipment for winter weather. In November, they will be cutting brush at intersections, finishing the salt shed, continuing to repair potholes and working on winter equipment.

Residents may email questions or comments to: ttroad@ptd.net.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Available in Township office.

SEO REPORT

Available in Township office.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Robert O'Donnell reported on 9 calls in October. There will be a breakfast at the Firehouse on November 11th.

Approve Fire Police assistance for the Snowflake 5K in Lehighton Borough on December 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.: Supervisor Seirfert made said motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Accept the resignation letter of Robert O'Donnell from the Commission.

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to accept, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

The Supervisors thanked Mr. O'Donnell for service to the Commission. Chairperson Kleintop asked for volunteers to fill the vacancy.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of intent from Robert O'Donnell to serve as the Alternate Member of the Zoning Hearing Board

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to appoint Robert O'Donnell as the Alternate Member, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

OFFICIALS

Zoning Office Hours for November 2018: Mondays November 5, 12 & 19; Tuesday, November 27 – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Carl Faust, Towamensing Township Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer, can be reached by calling 570-943-2577. Email: bmisinspector@gmail.com.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Vice-Chairman Newman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chairperson Kleintop. All in favor. Motion carried.

7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Brenda L. Drew