

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
Meeting Minutes
September 3, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session 6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Guy Seifert, Chairperson/Treasurer; **Scott Mosier**, Vice-Chairman; **John Kleintop**, Supervisor; **Thomas Nanovic**, Solicitor; **Jessica Ahner**, Secretary; **Carl Faust**, Zoning Officer; **Greg Haas**, Engineer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes, August 6, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting – **Motion**, Scott - John **2nd**. **AIF**- Motion Carried

Bill List and Payroll from August 5-September 2, 2020 - **Motion**, Scott – **2nd** John – **AIF**, Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2020 -**Motion**-Scott **2nd** - John **All in favor**- Motion Carried

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

Sam & Mary Wieand following up on complaint filed with Carl on neighbor running business out of his home and dumping construction material of trailers that he has been tearing down. He has burned that material and plastic construction containers. We are concerned about our well water and if hazardous material can be leaking in the ground. We would like to know what has been done. Mary gave copy of complaint to Guy. Carl explained that he talked to him and he is in the process of tearing down 2 mobile homes. He told him he needs to get this cleaned up. I didn't send the violation out because I talked to him and he said he would clean up and not burn it anymore. I did call DPNR. He has not been burning recently but the stuff is still there. He has until the end of September to have it all cleaned up. Sam said he would like to get his well water tested. Guy said that is a DEP issue and you can call them. Mary asked well what about the business and keeping all the vehicles at that location? Carl said he was told he was allowed 1 work vehicle at that location for him to use to and from work. If he wants to run a business out of there he needs to file for a variance and go before a board to get approval to do that. Per Guy the best thing you did is what you did with videos and pictures if they file a variance. Now we have to wait until the end of the month and Carl will stay on this but this process takes time.

Rusty & board discussion about AirBNB and he filed complaints.

Mark Althouse – Jenkins Update, Guy it is still being worked on. By Spring we will have an answer to this.

Mike Ryan – Discussion about AirBNB zoning ordinance in township. Different zoning book years apply different description. Tourist home definition discussion. Guy recommends to attend more workshops.

Jessica recording minutes

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

Muchmore – Land Development/Subdivision, Is a new Subdivision that came in located on North side of Interchange Rd., right by Evergreen and Redhill Rd intersect. It is a 4.2acre lot that has 2 houses and 2 septic systems and 2 wells. Owner wants to take existing lot and split them into 2 lots. Zoning requires 3acre minimum. The issue is one lot will be 3.1 acres and the other only around an acre. He needs a variance and I believe he submitted to application to Carl. Carl said they just submitted application September 3rd. Carl told him he would deny it and would need a letter from the owner giving the engineer the authority to file. As soon as Carl gets that he can write the denial letter and get that out to them. Premature for supervisors.

Michael Moyer land development plan Greg did an inspection today completed site improvements and found it to be constructed according to the plan. He is requesting release of his financial security funds. Greg's recommendation is to release it. It's 32-35 grand. Guy **motion** in condition to get a formal letter along with Greg's letter to release funds. Scott 2nd – AIF – **Motion Carried**

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Short term, Transient and AirBNB rental ordinance with sprinkler changes to be sent to Tom Nanovic by Carl to make changes. **Motion to approve changes and for Tom to advertise for October meeting by Guy, 2nd by Scott – AIF – Motion Carried**

The Mutual Aide Agreement Fire Protection for Polk and Penn Forest to go over at Fire Company

Approval of Emergency Services Ordinance, **Motion by John, 2nd Guy – AIF – Motion Carried**

NEW BUSINESS

Jessica Ahner was appointed as new Planning Secretary. **Motion made by Guy to appoint Jessica as Planning Secretary, 2nd by John – AIF – Motion Carried**

Towamensing Township Pension Plan MMO Worksheet letter was reviewed and initialed by supervisors.

Emergency Services Training Center letter to Carbon County Commissioner was signed by supervisors.

Supervisors in favor of moving polling place for 2020 election from 120 Stable Rd to 105 Firehouse Rd. Secretretay to contact Lisa Dart to make sure she contacted Fire Company. **Motion by Guy, 2nd by Scott – AIF – Motion Carried**

Garbage rate for 2021 tabled to October 1, 2020 meeting. **Motion by John, 2nd by Guy – AIF – Motion Carried**

Tire Disposal rate change, after discussion decided to leave as what we get billed but adding for race tires \$3 small \$4 race and \$7 Truck tires. **Motion made by Guy, 2nd John – AIF-Motion Carried**

Date was set for 2021 Budget Workshop for September 9, 2020 at 6am, was later changed to 1pm,

Zoning Ordinance Amendment voted to move forward to Towamensing Township Planning and Carbon County Planning Commission. Each have 30 days to review. Re-zoning on certain roads due to having farm animals where not allowed. **Motion made by Guy, 2nd by John – AIF – Motion Carried**

Bid packages were opened for Diesel and Heating and Anti-Skid and Superpave 19ml material

Diesel and Heating there were 3 bids.

NRG – Liberty Oil - \$1.69 Diesel - \$1.51 Heating

Georges - \$1.67 Diesel - \$1.62 Heating

Papco - \$1.54 Diesel - \$1.48 Heating -totaled \$25,995.20

Anti-Skid and Superpave 19ml material there were only 1 bid.

Lehigh Asphalt – amounts were not totaled

Was decided to table awarding of bids until October 1st meeting. **Motion made by Guy, 2nd by John – AIF – Motion carried**

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Roy there to talk about Greenzweig School. Work has been done to the school and is structurally sound but weatherboards are falling off. Roy would like guidance on what to do with the school.

His options are:

Do Nothing

Use as a museum

Improve Appearance and name historical building with once a year maintenance.

Use as a meeting room but would need air conditioning and heat.

Put in climate control and use as archive room.

Fix it make it look nice put vinyl siding on it.

Roy thinks the best option is to fix it make it look nice put vinyl siding on it.

Guy made motion to table the decision for 1 year, 2nd John – AIF – Motion Carried

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Member to Report

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Recycling Center under construction -Re-bar is in the walls – No completion date yet

Recycling event will be Saturday, September 19th from 8am to 12pm. Must live in township. To show proof by garbage bill or must be on resident list.

Email questions or comments to ttroad@ptd.net

ZONING OFFICER

Available in Township Office

SEO REPORT

Available in Township Office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

September 3rd report for month of August from Steve Reggio was that the Fire Co. responded to 12 emergency incidents:

8/01/2020 – Assist State Police at Pohopoco Road to Penn Forest Rd directing traffic
8/04/2020 – Automatic Fire Alarm, no fire - 1520 Station Street
8/10/2020 – Passenger vehicle fire – Trachsville Hill Rd
8/10/2020 – Water Rescue – Pohopoco Drive by Deer Lane
8/12/2020 – Flammable Liquid Spill – Interchange Rd by Anderson Drive
8/13/2020 – EMS Call Vehicle Accident w/ injury – 9620 Interchange Rd
8/19/2020 - Automatic Fire Alarm, no fire – 1735 W Stagecoach Rd
8/21/2020 – Odor of Smoke – 95 Chestnut Dr
8/22/2020 – Rubbish Fire – 1645 Trachville Hill Rd
8/24/2020 – Building Fire – 235 North Creek Rd
8/25/2020 – EMS Assist – 60 Creekview Rd

Guy commented Fire Company is doing a much better job getting to calls but always need more volunteers.

Eric George thanked township for contribution given.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Available in township office

Next meeting is Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Alma thanking Township for helping with situation.

OFFICIALS

Reminder: Next meeting October 1, 2020, 7:00pm

Zoning Office Hours for September 2020:

Thursday, September 3rd	4:30-6:30 pm
Thursday, September 10th	4:30-6:30 pm
Thursday, September 17th	4:30-6:30 pm
Thursday, September 24th	4:30-6:30 pm
Thursday, September 29th	4:00-6:00 pm

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. by John – 2nd Scott – AIF Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Ahner, Secretary