

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2025 -7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Guy Seifert – Chairperson -, **John Kleintop** – V. Chairperson/Treasurer, **Scott Mosier** – Supervisor, **Thomas Nanovic** – Solicitor, **Patricia Mann** – Secretary, **Jim Melber** – Zoning Officer, **Greg Haas** – Engineer

Patricia Mann and BRC recording.

SPECIAL ITEM:

The township needs to retain a labor lawyer– **Guy Seifert made motion to retain Semanoff, Ormsby, Greenberg and Torchia as the township’s representation for labor negotiations.** – **John Kleintop 2nd** – AIF – Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes May 1, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting – **Scott Mosier made motion to approve minutes** – **John Kleintop 2nd** – AIF – Motion Carried

Bill List and Payroll from May 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025 – **Scott Mosier made motion to approve bill/payroll list.** – **John Kleintop 2nd** – AIF – Motion Carried

Towamensing Township Treasurer’s Report as of May 31, 2025 – **Scott Mosier made motion to approve Treasurer’s Report** – **John Kleintop 2nd** – AIF – Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - 5 MINUTE LIMIT:

Eric George, President of Towamensing Township Volunteer Fire Co presented a letter to the Supervisors that Ryan Snyder resigned as fire chief and Cole George will be resume that position. **Guy Seifert made motion to approve Cole George as Fire Chief of Towamensing Township effective May 2, 2025** – **Scott Mosier 2nd** – AIF – Motion Carried

PLANS & SUBDIVISION:

Trachsville Hill Solar Farm Conditional Use Application – **Scott Mosier made a motion to schedule the Conditional Use hearing for Trachsville Hill Solar Farm for June 24, 2025 at 6:00pm** – **John Kleintop 2nd** – AIF – Motion Carried.

Lakeside Self Storage Land Development – Greg Haas summarized that this is a land development plan at the corner of Homestead and Route 209 for self-storage facility, Conditional Use was obtained early 2024, reviewed the Plan and it sat idle for a long time as they worked with an outside agency. They resubmitted the Plan and Greg issued a Review #2 letter on May 6, 2025. It was presented to the Planning Commission on May 12, 2025 and the Planners recommended Conditional Approval based on satisfactorily addressing all comments in Greg’s May 6, 2025 Review #2 letter. Additional conditions being the applicant provide copies of correspondence to the downstream property owner, Fenker as well as showing evidence that attempts were made to contact them about the required Drainage release. Also, another additional condition is the language be inserted into the Stormwater Management Operations and Maintenance Agreement requiring the owner to provide copies of all inspection reports to the township. Greg went over the ordinance explaining the Drainage Easement. Greg advised this run off does meet the requirements per township ordinances. Neil Metzger, Project Manager from Site Design Concepts, Inc. displayed plans of the site and design, gave a presentation explaining how the system works. Neil also confirmed there will be inspections done frequently while this is being constructed. Rodney and Matt George voiced their concerns being a downstream landowner. **Guy Seifert made motion to table this.** – **John Kleintop 2nd** – AIF – Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

The township had a total of 4 contractors considering the concrete step work at the ballfield. There were only 2 contractors that sent in quotes. (22 steps, 8' wide, landing in the middle with a railing.) The first quote was from Neff's Masonry, \$18,500.00 includes the excavation. The second quote was from Cutting Edge Property Services, \$18,633.00 does not include excavation.

Guy Seifert made a motion to accept Neff's Masonry quote for \$18,500.00– John Kleintop 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Waste Management of PA sent a Performance Bond that had a reduction. Solicitor Nanovic explained the reasoning for the reduction, since there is a 3-year contract they put 100% up front and then they reduce it each year.

Guy Seifert made a motion to accept the Performance Bond reduction from Waste Management of PA– John Kleintop 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried

Guy Seifert discussed the Yard Sale Application Permits. The office staff issues the permit, Jim Melber needs to be notified with a copy of the permit. If a denial letter is needed, Jim will provide and office will give to resident.

John Kleintop informed about the America250 Mini Grant that the township was awarded, \$4,000.00. This was used to purchase new picnic tables for the ballfield.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Don Bonett stated Terry Hahn could use some letters of encouragement during this time. Discussion on the Greenweig school house about finishing the painting and entrance way.

ROAD MASTER REPORT:

Currently doing some patching potholes. Paving is supposed to start June 16, 2025, details on website/Facebook. Currently mowing shoulders.

Email questions or comments to ttroad@ptd.net

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

Guy Seifert stated another Zoning workshop will be scheduled shortly. Palmerton Area Comprehensive Plan is under review right now, this includes 4 municipalities. Available in township office

SEO REPORT:

Available in township office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

Eric Gero – The fire company is responsible for the dry hydrant at Pine Run, received permit from the Fish Commission which is good for 3 years. Fire co also took part in the Palmerton Memorial Day Parade.

Cole George – 5 calls for May. Township Road Crew went through pumper/operator class and will be attending a class for EVAC training for emergency vehicles in August. Once that class is completed, they will be running as Tanker / Engine driver / Operator for daytime calls. Also, the township crew replaced the dry hydrant on the other side of the lake. Discussion on other repairs to the dry hydrant.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Next meeting is Monday, June 9, 2025 at 7 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 3991 for planting flowers and mulching the flower beds at the township.

John Kleintop announced that it was Government Day at the township, May 30, 2025. The 6th graders from Towamensing Elementary come to the township building. Roy Christman, Gavin (Roy's grandson) and Penny Kleintop all partake in this. Going over the history, local government, voting etc. Our Road Crew gave them a tour of the recycling center here and the garbage trucks.

OFFICIALS:

Next Board of Supervisor meeting will be July 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

ZONING OFFICER HOURS:

Hours for May 2025:

Thursday, June 5 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thursday, June 12 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thursday, June 19 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thursday, June 26 – 4:00pm to 6:00 pm

Jim Melber, Towamensing Township Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer, can be reached by calling: 570-657-7293. Email: M35A3Deuce@outlook.com

John Kleintop made a motion to adjourn meeting, 8:16 pm – Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Mann, Secretary