

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Guy Seifert made an announcement that the door needs to stay open and cannot be blocked.

Guy Seifert requested a raised hand on who is a taxpaying resident of Towamensing and advised they would be the only one with a voice and able to speak at this meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

Patricia Kuehner / BRCTV recording

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2026 Re-Organizational Meeting – **Scott Mosier made motion to approve minutes – John Kleintop 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried**

Bill List/Payroll from February 1, 2026 – February 28, 2026 - **Scott Mosier made motion to approve bill/payroll list. – John Kleintop 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried**

Towamensing Township Treasurer’s Report as of February 28, 2026 – **Scott Mosier made motion to approve Treasurer’s Report – John Kleintop 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - 5 MINUTE LIMIT:

Guy Seifert advised that only taxpaying residents of Towamensing would be able to speak. This excluded Rob Reznick, Ryan Campbell, and Hal Touni due to non-resident.

Guy Seifert stated that there are union negotiations going on and the township will not comment on it. Also advised if the meeting keeps getting interrupted, they meeting will be shut down.

Malcom Campbell/1005 Pine Run Rd- Voiced his concern on how fast the snow plow driver has been going down Pine Run Rd, as well as the tree that is leaning over Pine Run Road. Discussion on why the township cannot remove trees off wires.

Linda Christman/6495 Pohopoco Dr- Stated her comments are her own opinion. She stated her concern for the employees of Towamensing Township, their longevity with Towamensing. She believes employees go on strike because they feel they have no other option due to lack of respect, appreciation, treated unfairly. Linda stated striking is not an employee probably it is an organizational problem and the three Supervisors are the head of the organization. She said the Supervisors response to this problem is to hire a union attorney to talk to the employee. Linda wonders what the Supervisors expect to come out of that, are they going to try and squash the union, to bring the employees back to work. She believes if the Supervisors do this, they will have an unmotivated work force. She asked if they wanted to fire all the employees. Linda mentioned as the leaders of the organization, they need to respect the employees, to sit down with the employees, compromise, and fix this. She hopes the Supervisors are able to put themselves in the employees’ position, keeping an open mind and just resolve this.

Peter Sliwka/875 Stagecoach Rd W- Advised he lived in the township for 35 years. He had questions in regards to the man that the township wants to get rid of. Peter questioned the incident and was advised by Guy Seifert that due to strike and union relations, there will be no comment.

Kevin Fronheiser/3925 Stagecoach Rd W- Requested the bill list to be read aloud. Also, questioned why the resident cannot approve the bills being paid. Guy Seifert advised the process. Bills lists are available for residents. Kevin wanted to know what expense has been spent since the strike has started for outside help coming in.

Barbara Ehrgood/1050 Owl Creek Road- She said a lot of her questions were asked already. Her concerns about the amount of money being spent with strike. Barbara asked if the rise of the garbage bills would be on the bill list. Guy Seifert explained what was on the list and explained why the garbage fees went up and reminding taxes have not gone up in over 20 years. Guy also discussed the budgets and that they are readily available in the office. He also discussed where funding comes from to support the township functions, road repair etc. Barbara also expressed her concerns on why they are doing this to their employees and bringing others in to do their job.

Discussion between Guy Seifert and public, who were non-residents, wanting to discuss the union relations and reason for strike. One gentleman stated he would stay after meeting to discuss with anyone that wants to listen and was advised he would have to do so outside. Another resident advised he does not want to stand in the rain but would like to listen to what the union has to say.

Jason Bencoter/Lonesome Ln- Questioned if the public that was plowing the streets had snow plow insurance, contractors' insurance for themselves. Jason stated he was referring to the list of Unsung Heroes that was listed on the township FB page, using their private vehicles on public roads. The Supervisors and Solicitor Nanovic were uncertain and advised we would investigate with our insurance company. Jason also questioned if the contract for the snow removal with MDF Excavating up for bid and he was informed it was. Jason asked questioned if there was anyone else who we have contracted out for snow removal. He also was informed that Costenbader Excavating/Lee Costenbader was as well.

PLANS & SUBDIVISION:

Greg Haas informed the Supervisors about the Sewage Planning Module for the Schaffer Minor Subdivision. Explaining Ian has looked over the plan and everything is in order. Planning Commission and Jim signed off on it.

Guy Seifert made a motion to approve the Sewage Planning Module for Schaffer Minor Subdivision – John Kleintop 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried

Guy Seifert instructed Patricia Kuehner to read the Bill List aloud.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on what the next Zoning workshop will consist of, data center, water extraction, solar farms.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

There is a Tricky Tray / Basket Raffle being held at the Towamensing Twp Fire Co on April 25th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

ROAD MASTER REPORT:

Getting ready for the road bids in the near future. Greg Haas advised the bids would not be ready until May meeting. **Guy Seifert made a motion to have Engineer Greg Haas to move forward with getting the road bids together – Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.**

John Kleintop advised Greg Haas to use \$550,000 cost amount.

Malcom Campbell brought up his concern about Maxine Dr paving.

Email questions or comments to ttroad@ptd.net

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

Discussion on planning the next Zoning Ordinance workshop. Will get email to all and figure out a date/time that works for all, March/April.

SEO REPORT:

Available in township office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

Egg Hunt at fire co on April 4, 2026 at 3 p.m.

Guy Seifert stated there are 8 new members. And they had 22 calls this year.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Greg Haas informed the PC is updating the Palmerton Area Comprehensive Plan, doing a little at a time. Providing memos to the communities, Dwight Eisenhower is on the committee to update the report. About a month and they would be through it all. Bowmanstown is in the process of creating a master.

Next meeting is Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Cathy Mueller, Towamensing Township Rep on the Palmerton Library Board of Trustees, gave a thank you on the library behalf for the township's donation. She also had a hand out of all the events the library is holding. A reading event this summer being held at the Towamensing Fire Co.

Guy Seifert made a motion to amend the agenda to accept the letter of support from Congressman Mackenzie's office for County Bridge #19.

Discussion on what exactly they are requesting in the letter of support. Greg Haas gave list of what Patricia Kuehner should include in the letter of support. **Guy Seifert made a motion to submit a letter of support based on Engineer Haas's comments – John Kleintop 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.**

OFFICIALS:

Next Board of Supervisor meeting will be April 2, 2026 at 7 p.m.

ZONING OFFICER HOURS:

Hours for March 2026:

Thursday, March 5 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 12 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 19 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 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

Brian Taylor, Secretary Treasurer of Teamster Local 773, asked to speak to the public and the Board. Guy Seifert advised he would allow 15 mins after meeting for him to speak.

Scott Mosier made a motion to adjourn meeting – John Kleintop 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Kuehner, Secretary