

## Conditional Use Hearing PA State Police, February 6, 2020, 6:30 pm

Tom Nanovic stated this is a conditional use hearing requested by PA state police and Tower Services Unlimited to seek conditional use and construct and operate a radiant use 705 (F5) Communication tower to include an 80ft tall tower with antennas and related equipment located at 9170 Interchange Rd in Towamensing Township. Property is currently owned by EII-WB&L LP where PA State Police barracks resides. The facility is zoned light commercial zoning district where the communication tower and equipment are permitted as conditional use Section 505F by the Towamensing Township zoning ordinance and zoning officer, Carl Faust's statement that this is a conditional use in this zoning. Hearing was advertised in Times News. Was also sent to property owners as listed on application. This hearing is for conditional use and is not a variance. Applicants need to meet conditions that are set forth in the ordinance section 505F5 and also general conditions in section 704. If they meet the conditions the board has to approve the application unless this particular tower would cause harm to the health and safety and welfare to the community. The meeting will now be turned over to the applicants.

### Testifying Applicants

Vincent Ugialoro – radio communication specialist to the PA state police

Shawn Carter – Radio section supervisor for the PA state police

Anyone testifying sworn in by Tom Nanovic

Vincent stated PA state police respectfully requesting an 80ft radio communication tower be approved for safety of our troopers. Currently the state is involved in a state wide radio deployment upgrade on the entire radio system. The tower is required as the statewide upgrade to be put up in every station to implement the new system. The upgrade enhances the coverage of communication for our troopers. Vincent then went through all ordinances per Guy Seifert's request. Carl Faust said he could address issues in the ordinances instead of doing all of them. There was a resident that had concerns so had to go through them all. Vincent then went through all ordinances.

Resident asked if towers at fire company could be used. Answer was no they are cell phone towers.

Vincent went through #6 – Can not plant evergreens. Plan is to put up fence with slats in. #16 Setback from the building – the closer the tower to the building the better the reception. Would have to run longer wires that would interfere with reception.

Barry Hahn had question about property zoning residential or commercial. Guy said they had to get a conditional use to move in the building as a state police barracks to change to commercial.

Executive session at 6:58pm – 7:00pm

Towamensing Township to the PA state police to grant conditional use with condition that the tower is decommissioned when the state police stop using property. **With Tower located in exhibit 3. Motion Guy Seifert– 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Mosier AIF -Motion Carried**

**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING  
Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2020 6:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**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 January 6, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting - **Motion to approve Guy Seifert -2nd Scott Mosier All in favor- Motion Carried**

Bill List and Payroll from Dec 31-Jan 6, 2020

**Motion to approve - Guy Seifert 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Mosier All in favor- Motion Carried**

Treasurer's Report

**Motion to approve - Guy Seifert 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Moser All in favor- Motion Carried**

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

Ron Strohl – Garbage charge for extra bags. Scott to get back to him

Roy Christman letter read by Guy Seifert in his absence – Briefly letter noted that Roy attended Penn Forest Township Supervisors meeting and it was brought up about adopting a resolution for a public announcement be advertised for any open positions. Guy feels that this township does not this township needs this.

**John made motion that the township does not need resolution drafted. 2<sup>nd</sup> Guy AIF-Motion Carried**

**PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS**

Williams Subdivision time Extension Letter Approval – **Motion to Accept letter of extension John 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott AIF – Motion Carried**

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Advanced Disposal Bond approval to return Bond – **Motion that bond is returned – Guy 2<sup>nd</sup> John – AIF – Motion Carried**

Carbon County Council of Gov't Membership – **Motion to pay – Guy 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott – AIF – Motion Carried**

Mutual Aid Agreement between Township, including Penn Township – Fire Company agreement to be discussed with Nanovic. Overview was given to public by Guy.

Palmerton Booster Club 2020 Monthly Meeting approval – **Motion to approval dates with Township business taking priority if need to be used – Guy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott - AIF – Motion Carried**

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Karl Rolappe reported on regular scheduled meeting Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 the historical commission on unanimous vote of all 6 members to add 3 properties to township list to be officially recognized as historic sights. He summarized the 3.

The first is a wood cabin built by one of the founders of the Pine Run Association, currently being restored by owner John Everett. The cabin is a good example of rustic homes built through 1900 and 1920.

The second was constructed fairly recently, this is the castle in Beltzville Lake it is a unique structure and is a standalone architectural.

The third is the temple known as the school of enlightening visible from Evergreen Drive.

Also, would add a structure that was previously deleted 6320 Pohopoco Dr previously identified as the small village of hattery, now part of municipal water authority property the building was once a post office but now a storage shed. It was built in the in the 1940's. and this building should be kept on list as historical sites.

Karl past along info to supervisors.

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Matt George addressed board on things rec wanted to do to ball field – fencing, backstop, scoreboard, electric (utilize junction box there), building for batting cages & equipment, talked about removing pavilion there to make room for the building. **Motion to approve exploring possibilities to put building up at ball field – Guy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott – John opposed - Motion Carried**

The other thing is that physical contract we have to fill out every year to use the field. An agreement to make it longer because we are putting a lot of money into the fields. You should have a board with softball, little league, etc. Set up workshop to handle situation.

## **ROAD MASTER REPORT**

Road project contract 9 streets finalize streets and budget # per Greg. Recycling Center Funds

Scott reported that vehicle and building maintenance was done and snow plowing.

Email questions or comments to [ttroad@ptd.net](mailto:ttroad@ptd.net)

## **ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

Available in township office

## **SEO REPORT**

Available in township office

## **FIRE COMPANY REPORT**

January Report

Responded to 3 emergency calls-

1/10/20 – 565 Twin Flowers Circle – Automatic Fire Alarm

1/12/20 – East James St and Milton Dr – Wires and tree down

1/25/20 – 40 Walnut Dr – Wires and tree down

Motion to approve Steve Regio, Fire Chief and Eric George, president of the Fire Company- **John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Guy – AIF Motion Past**

## **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Next meeting is February 10, 2020

No member to report

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Greater Lehigh Valley Reception Tickets for supervisors, Monday April 27<sup>th</sup> – Guy no, Scott no, John no

## **OFFICIALS**

Reminder: Winter road maintenance takes precedence over garbage collection.

Zoning Office Hours for January, 2020:

Tuesday February 4, 2020 4:30-6:30pm

Tuesday February 11, 2020 4:30-6:30pm

Tuesday February 18, 2020 4:30-6:30pm

Tuesday February 25, 2020 4:30-6:30pm

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

**Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm by Scott Mosier and seconded by John Kleintop AIF**

Respectfully submitted

Jessica Ahner, Secretary