

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2025 -7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Patricia Mann and BRC recording.

John Kleintop made public announcement that there was an Executive Session held to discuss legal issues.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes January 6, 2025 Re-Organization Meeting – **John Kleintop made motion to approve minutes – Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried**

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes January 6, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting – **John Kleintop made motion to approve minutes – Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried**

Bill List and Payroll from January 6, 2025 - January 31, 2025 – **John Kleintop made motion to approve bill/payroll list. – Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried**

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - 5 MINUTE LIMIT:

Barbara Stevenson from 220 Kennetta Lane attended the meeting to see where the garbage pickup stood for Kennetta Lane. She was uncertain what other options there are and stated she knows half the residents cooperate and half do not. Supervisor John Kleintop proceeded to explain that a portion of the road is a safety issue for the township's garbage trucks to enter. He stated he was informed by the Roadmaster, Scott Mosier that the road is only plowed on the blacktop portion and there are overgrown trees/brush starting at the dirt road section. Scott Mosier suggested having a dumpster placed or placing modified stone on the dirt road section as temporary fix with it being winter. Barbara stressed her concern on not knowing what to do with her garbage until the residents of Kennetta Lane can come to an agreement on improving the road conditions. John went over the township's garbage ordinance and suggested placing modified stone as well.

Roy Christman from Pohopoco Drive entered the conversation, stating he noticed Twinflower Circle has dumpsters at the end of their private road due the same situation.

PLANS & SUBDIVISION:

Owl Creek Road (Whiteman) Subdivision Plan / Acceptance of Time Extension – March 12, 2025 – **John Kleintop made a motion to accept the time extension until March 12, 2025 – Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.**

Owl Creek Road (Whiteman) Subdivision Plan / Sewage Planning Module – John Kleintop mentioned he spoke with Ian Farrell, SEO, who recommended to accept and sign. **John Kleintop made a motion to accept the Owl Creek Subdivision Plan Sewage Planning Module as noted by our SEO and sign it. – Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.**

Lakeside Self Storage (Sunrise Lehigh Group LLC) / Acceptance of Time Extension – May 13, 2025 – **John Kleintop made a motion to accept the time extension until May 13, 2025 – Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

John Kleintop stated the township has had issues and the possibility of vagrants on the Torrone / 425 57 Drive, Palmerton property. **John Kleintop made a motion to have Nanovic Law Offices proceed implementing a lawsuit on the Torrone / 425 57 Drive property– Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.**

The township is looking to vacate a portion of Old Forest Street. **John Kleintop made a motion to have Nanovic Law Offices schedule a hearing to vacate a portion of Old Forest Street on April 24 2025 at 4:00p.m.– Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.**

John Kleintop made a motion to hire Buckno Lisicky & Company as Towamensing Township’s Auditing Firm– Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Kleintop made a motion to table the commentary for the Palmerton Area Comprehensive Plan due to Guy Seifert’s absence. – Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.

Discussion on the Auditor’s approved salary for Scott Mosier’s Roadmaster/Supervisor was tabled due to Guy Seifert’s absence.

John Kleintop made a motion to accept the premium renewal for the Brosky Insurance / MRM – Property & Liability Insurance for 4/2025-4/2026 – Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Terry Hahn was presented with the 2024 Preservation Reward for his dedication and hard work to the Greenzweig School.

ROAD MASTER REPORT:

Discussion on the current ice and snow weather.

Email questions or comments to ttroad@ptd.net

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

Available in township office

SEO REPORT:

Available in township office

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

Cole George gave report. 9 calls for 2025 thus far. The 910 Mini Pumper truck is for sale, accepting sealed bids. A new gym was put in for the members to use. The fire officers want to set up a work shop with the supervisors.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Next meeting is Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The township received a letter from a concerned resident about the burn ordinance. John Kleintop advised that we communicate with the fire company when burn bans need to go in effect and at this time there is no need to have one in effect.

OFFICIALS:

Next Board of Supervisor meeting will be March 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

ZONING OFFICER HOURS:

Hours for February 2025:

Thursday, February 6 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday, February 13 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday, February 20 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday, February 27 – 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 – Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Mann, Secretary