

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 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.

Guy Seifert made public announcement that there was an Executive Session held to discuss legal issues.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

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

Bill List and Payroll from February 1, 2025 – February 28, 2025 – **Scott Mosier made motion to approve bill/payroll list. – John Kleintop 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried**

Towamensing Township Treasurer’s Report as of February 28, 2025 – **Scott Mosier made motion to approve Treasurer’s Report – John Kleintop 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - 5 MINUTE LIMIT:

Tanya Frey, Clearview Drive resident questioned when the road agreement maintenance expires on Clearview and she provided her deed. Guy Seifert informed the township has nothing to do with the deed. He also stated the township does not have a standing with the road maintenance, the township will not take equipment or trucks on the roads because they are not fit. Tanya also questioned how the dumpster got to be placed there and to see the agreement. Guy Seifert explained there was no agreement from the township. He advised the homeowners from Clearview and Kennetta should get together and have a discussion.

Robin Genewski, Kennetta Lane resident, garbage concern. Guy Seifert reiterated the same response he gave Tanya regarding the same situation.

Jeff Genewski, Kennetta Lane resident, questioned if there was another way to get trash removal in this township. Guy Seifert explained business aspect of having township trash removal. Also, the township rates are lower.

Frank Sestok, Summer Mtn. Road resident, stated he is not directly affected by the dumpster issue but he wanted to know if there was not signed legal documentation how did the dumpster get there. Guy Seifert advised the landowner of the private road requested a dumpster placed for the residents of that road to use.

There was discussion on what is the right of way and if the dumpster was placed on private property or not. Robin Genewski asked if the homeowners should get together and get a lawyer. Tanya Frey stated each development would have to file separately but could use the same attorney.

Gwen Keefer, Kennetta Lane resident, concerned about if the Gun Club stops them from using the dumpster. She asked if they could put their garbage on the side of the road by mailboxes, off Gun Club. There was discussion about the geography of this location and due to road traffic, location, and amount of garbage, it is not possible.

Guy Seifert stated, the roads are not fit for the garbage trucks to go down, right now there are dumpsters for the residents to use and trucks can reach those dumpsters and get them emptied, trash is getting taken care of for now.

David Severino presented his partake in the America 250 along with other groups for Carbon County. They are trying to organize a celebration on July 4, 2026 for the 250th Birthday of America and incorporate all the municipalities within. More info can be found on the poconomounatin.com website calendar, Carbon County America meeting is March 13th 6:30pm – 8:00pm at 150 W. 13th St. Jim Thorpe, this is open to the public. There are many different events to join.

Guy Seifert made a motion to authorize David Severino work with the Historical Commission in the promotion and the organization in all the birthday prep for 250th Birthday Celebration of America, once they have their idea on the township's part, schedule workshop with BOS to go over. – Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried

PLANS & SUBDIVISION:

Owl Creek Road (Whiteman) Subdivision Plan / Acceptance of Time Extension – June 30, 2025 – **Scott Mosier made a motion to accept the time extension until March 12, 2025 – John Kleintop 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

John Kleintop stated it is important that the public know that there is a chart of how the supervisors get paid in this municipality, it is based on residents. Towamensing Township is less than 5,000 residents, salary is \$1875 annually. They enacted an ordinance that is has raised to \$3145. That does not take effect on sitting supervisors. You must run for supervisor and if you are elected, this salary will take effect for that supervisor only.

John Kleintop made a motion to move forward with enacting the Act 94 of 2024, Supervisor Compensation Ordinance. – Scott Mosier 2nd. Guy Seifert is not in favor.

Guy Seifert touched base on the Palmerton Area Comprehensive Plan that was done 15 years ago. It includes Towamensing, Lower Towamensing, Palmerton and Bowmanstown. The does several different things for each municipality and gives a better voice when dealing with PennDOT etc. Dwight Eisenhower (Chair for PC) and Guy Seifert (Supervisor) attended the first meeting in the beginning of the year. The township took the Plan and had our engineer scan it and it can be provided to our Planning board for comment and correction. The new meeting will be in April and we will take our notes to the group at the meeting for discussion. There was discussion about Carbon County working on a comprehensive plan and contacting the county planning office to see if there are any pending scheduled meeting on this matter. Guy Seifert advised to have other Supervisors to go through Plan and make comments as well. Guy Seifert tabled this for now until farther information is provided.

Township Auditors met on January 10, 2025 and provided the minutes that approved the salary presented for Roadmaster Scott Mosier of \$27.04. **Guy Seifert made motion to approve the Auditor minutes – John Kleintop 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried**

Employee #2 issue. **Guy Seifert made a motion to discharge employee #2 – John Kleintop 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.**

John Kleintop discussed the ballfields repairs/upgrades that need attention. He stated the steps from the upper parking lot to the fields need repair. He asked the Township Engineer, Greg Haas to look at them, advise and create a bid to put concrete steps in. Greg Haas stated he would look at this and get back to the supervisors. John Kleintop also mentioned there are some other items at the field that need to be replaced, swings and bleachers. There will be a meeting between the township and the recreation committee to see what improvements can be made that will be better for our youth.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Don Bonett advised that the committee only has 7 positions for officers but they will accept Patricia Mann as an associate member. **John Kleintop made a motion to approve Patricia Mann as a member of the Historical Commission – Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.**

Don Bonett submitted the list of Historical Commission members. **Guy Seifert made a motion to accept the list submitted – Scott Mosier 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.**

Don Bonett asked to have a cabinet (purchased by HC) to be placed in the meeting room, that they could use for historical artifacts. He stated he will research and bring ideas to next meeting.

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:

None

PLANNING COMMISSION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kathy DeKorte resignation letter from Palmerton Area Library Board of Directors, effective immediately. Cathy Mueller, township resident, mailed a letter in to township requesting to be considered to replace Kathy DeKorte. Township will forward to the Palmerton Are Library.

OFFICIALS:

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

ZONING OFFICER HOURS:

Hours for March 2025:

Thursday, March 6 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 13 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 20 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 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

Scott Mosier made a motion to adjourn meeting, 8:08pm – John Kleintop 2nd – AIF – Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Mann, Secretary