

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
August 9, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

EXECUTIVE SESSION – held June 19, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. with Solicitor to discuss pending litigation.

ROLL CALL

Penny Kleintop, Chairperson/Treasurer; Thomas Newman, Vice-Chairman; Guy Seifert, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor-absent; Brenda Drew, Secretary; Carl Faust, Zoning Officer-absent; Greg Haas, Engineer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes – Board of Supervisors Meeting – July 5, 2018

Motion: Vice-Chairman Newman made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Supervisor Seifert. Chairperson Kleintop abstained due to absence from the July 5th meeting.

Motion carried.

Bills List and Payroll - July 2018

Motion: Vice-Chairman Newman made a motion to approve the Bills List and Payroll, seconded by Supervisor Seifert.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – July 2018

Motion: Vice-Chairman Newman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Supervisor Seifert.

All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Resident William Eckert is the owner of a 94-acre farm in the Township. A new home is being constructed on a lot adjoining his property. The lot is 3 acres and the owner placed the home near their common boundary. His concern is that, according to State Game laws, he cannot hunt within 150 yards of a home so this now eliminates approximately 5 acres of his hunting land. Theoretically, he foresees his hunting land being greatly reduced if other houses cluster around his acreage. He asked the Supervisors whether there is any way to create zoning laws that would encourage people to build homes away from the minimum setback. Chairperson Kleintop stated that the construction does meet setbacks. Supervisor Seifert stated that the only measure would be a larger setback. He encouraged Mr. Eckert to brainstorm the issue with the Planning Commission and to research on the PSATS website. There is not much that the Supervisors can do. Vice-Chairman Newman encouraged him to talk to future home builders before they build. Mr. Eckert mentioned that his prior township required future home builders to make neighbors aware of building plans before permits were issued.

Ronald and Sandra Decker, Palmerton residents whose family has owned Parcel 16-56-A87 for generations, returned after attending last month's meeting to ask about the correction to the Zoning Map which they had requested. The 2015 Zoning Map shows the parcel's zoning as Residential when it had always been Commercial. Supervisor Seifert acknowledged that there are mistakes on the old map and that there are other parcels that also need correction. The current map, as it's printed, is a matter of record, and there's a process to changing and/or correcting it, as stated by both Chairperson Kleintop and Supervisor Seifert. Engineer Haas explained the process, which includes public notification, response period, review of revisions by the Carbon County Planning Commission and Township Planning Commission and an adoption process. The Deckers would like an acknowledgement from the Supervisors that they understand that a correction is necessary. Chairperson Kleintop agreed that they understand the request. Mrs. Decker would like anyone interested in purchasing the property who inquires at the Township to be assured that the property is zoned Light Commercial. There is a letter in the mail which acknowledges their request and states the following: "We are in the process of amending the Zoning Ordinance and will consider re-zoning your property from Residential to Light Commercial on the Zoning Map as part of those revisions".

PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS

Woods Campground: Time extension to October 1, 2018 granted to the Board of Supervisors. Engineer Haas recommended acceptance of the time extension. Supervisor Seifert made said motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

All-American Concrete Form, Inc.: Time extension to January 15, 2019 granted to the Board of Supervisors. Engineer Haas recommended acceptance of the time extension. Supervisor Seifert made said motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Letters are to be sent to both applicants, copying the Supervisors prior to mailing.

OLD BUSINESS

Materials, Oil & Diesel: Bids were opened by the Secretary and read aloud by the Township Engineer.

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to award the Oil & Diesel contract to PAPCO and to conditionally award the materials contracts to the lowest bidder for each type of material upon review by Counsel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.

All in favor. Motion carried.

2018 Oil and Diesel Bid Award

HEATING OIL & DIESEL

PAPCO

Low Sulfur Diesel

15,000 gallons

Bid: \$2.7560/gallon

TOTAL BID: \$41,340*

No. 2 Heating Oil

2,000 gallons

Bid: \$2.7775/gallon

TOTAL BID: \$5,555

Grand Total: \$46,895.

***Corrected - bid listed**

\$41,339.25 as total of

\$2.7560 per gallon for

15,000 gallons.

Correct total is \$41,340.

| 2018 Materials Bids - FINAL AWARDS - 8/23/2018 | | |
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| STONE & ANTI SKID | STONE & ANTI SKID | STONE & ANTI SKID |
| LEHIGH ASPHALT | HANSON AGGREGATES | H & K GROUP |
| PA-2A Modified | PA-2A Modified - AWARDED BID | PA-2A Modified |
| 1,000 tons | 1,000 tons | 1,000 tons |
| Bid: \$16.20/ton delivered | Bid: \$15.90/ton delivered | Bid: \$17.47/ton delivered |
| TOTAL BID: \$16,200 | TOTAL BID: \$15,900 | TOTAL BID: \$17,470 |
| AASHTO #1 Stone - AWARDED BID | AASHTO #1 Stone | AASHTO #1 Stone |
| 300 tons | 300 tons | 300 tons |
| Bid: \$18.20/ton delivered | Bid: \$18.65/ton delivered | Bid: \$18.92/ton delivered |
| TOTAL BID: \$5,460 | TOTAL BID: \$5,595 | TOTAL BID: \$5,676 |
| PennDOT Type AS3 Anti-Skid | PennDOT Type AS3 Anti-Skid | PennDOT Type AS3 Anti-Skid |
| 600 tons | 600 tons - AWARDED BID | 600 tons |
| Bid: \$17.50/ton delivered | Bid: \$16.65/ton delivered | Bid: \$18.30/ton delivered |
| TOTAL BID: \$10,500 | TOTAL BID: \$9,990 | TOTAL BID: \$10,980* (corrected) |
| Superpave Binder Course, 19.0 mm | Superpave Binder Course, 19.0 mm | Superpave Binder Course, 19.0 mm |
| 1,000 tons | 1,000 tons | 1,000 tons - AWARDED BID |
| Bid: \$69.86/ton delivered | Bid: \$57.45/ton (plus delivery) * | Bid: \$68.45/ton delivered |
| TOTAL BID: \$69,860 | TOTAL BID: \$57,450 * | TOTAL BID: \$68,450 |

NEW BUSINESS

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mary Beth Beers reported that the Historical Commission had a work party meeting on August 8th to work on the historical index to prepare a mailing to the people who own historical property in the Township. There are three new volunteers. There are still workers needed to work on the exterior of the Greenzweig School. Vice-Chairman Newman mentioned that Rick Anderson and Joe the carpenter are available. Mary Beth requested that the Commission is made aware of workers so that they can coordinate the work.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Member to report

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Residents may email questions or comments to: ttroad@ptd.net.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Available in Township office.

SEO REPORT

Available in Township office.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Assistant Chief O'Donnell reported on 10 calls in July, with a year-to-date total of 71 calls. Eric George reported that the September 9th breakfast has been cancelled because it coincides with the Palmerton Community Festival. Volunteers are needed for future breakfasts. There was a fundraiser meeting last evening to brainstorm ideas. He also reported on a fraudulent mail scam soliciting membership drive donations to the Fire Company targeting Kunkletown, Lehighton and Palmerton (Towamensing) addresses and having a return address originating in Kansas. If membership drive letters do not originate from the Township or Firehouse addresses, they are not legitimate. Eric also asked whether the Township can acquire more barricades, cones and detour/road closed signs. A list was handed to the Supervisors. Supervisor Seifert said that he would have the Roadmaster look into it. Vice-Chairman Newman suggested that fire personnel also look into some prices for the same.

Ratify prior approval of Fire Police assistance at the Carbon County Fair, August 6-11, 2018: Supervisor Seifert made said motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Fire Police assistance at the truck race at the Carbon County Fair on August 10, 2018: Supervisor Seifert made said motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.
All in favor. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Greg Haas reported that there are some minor subdivision plans and a small land development plan that are currently being reviewed.

CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICIALS

Vice-Chairman Newman reported that there is a temporary change in the acceptance of glass and paper for recycling as there is excavation work going on to move the electrical line to the recycling shed. The Supervisors would also like to finalize the relocation of the salt shed and directed Carbon Engineering to provide input by the August 23rd Staff Meeting. Supervisor Seifert directed the Secretary to find historical files pertaining to the variances granted for the cell towers at the fire company to determine whether repeaters could be legally placed on them. There is further discussion and planning to acquire radios and install the necessary equipment for our crews' use. Resident, Karl Verren, continues to be a resource for information. Newman also discussed the Strong Women program, asking that the other Supervisors support the use of the meeting room by this group. He believes that it is a public place and could accommodate groups. Chairperson Kleintop believes that this would open up the Township to others wanting to use the room and interfere with regularly scheduled usage by Township personnel. She does not support this program's usage of the room. Supervisor Seifert's concerns include the lack of an AED and the fact that this Penn State program charges a fee for the program. He does not support the usage of the room.

Zoning Office Hours for August 2018: Mondays August 6, 13, 20, 27 – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Supervisor Seifert made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newman.
All in favor. Motion carried.

8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda L. Drew