

**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP BUILDING**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 9, 2020 7:00 p.m.**

**Executive Session 6:30 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Guy Seifert**, Chairperson/Treasurer; **Scott Mosier**, Vice-Chairman; **John Kleintop**, Supervisor; **Thomas Nanovic**, Solicitor-absent; **Jessica Ahner**, Secretary; **Carl Faust**, Zoning Officer; **Greg Haas**, Engineer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Towamensing Township Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting – **Motion**, Scott - John **2nd**. **AIF**- Motion Carried

Bill List and Payroll from June 5-July 6, 2020 - **Motion**, Scott – **2nd** John – **AIF**, Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2020 -**Motion**-Scott **2nd** - John **All in favor**- Motion Carried

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

Dan Meixsell came out to the signs are working and would like more posted. Most people follow it. State police are using those signs and towing cars. Put some more signs up. It is usually worse in the heat and it's not letting up. Guy commented DCNR's Concept was to close the road and that won't happen somebody may get killed. It's not practical to do that unless they inform state troopers and they better be on it as well. Dan sent letter to DCNR. John mentioned he saw Dan's letter and appreciates him letting us know he sent that. If he receives a response to please let us know. We really need to keep the pressure on Alma. Someone commented could be a money issue too, getting the park rangers in. We told them they were in violation of our zoning and they ignored that. Guy said we will keep putting up the signs.

Kevin Christman said there is not a lot residents can do unless there is an ordinance and Guy said yes and that's what we are doing. What can you do about residents letting them park on their lawn for a charge? Guy said there is nothing much we can do about that. They are not in violation of anything. Carl said to contact the county and maybe the county can collect an amusement tax from them. Guy said I think what you need to do is join forces and something has to have some kind of ratification. Is it normal for a park to have 3 rangers or should there be more? John asked if there one for boat launch? Don't know may be there should be more to handle the size of the park.

Mark Althouse complaint about 24hour yard sale across the street. Carl said it is okay for him to have sales but he has to keep the sight open for turning off of Stable Rd. He has to have offsite parking. My property and the Fink's property well maintained and I'm living next to a bunch of hillbillies. Plain and simple its an eyesore. This goes on every year and not sited. Because he is light commercial, he needs to have so many parking spots. They determine they have those spots by parking in my yard and the Fink's yard. Per Carl, he got the letter last year and the issue is he has 30 days to appeal. Last year before the 30 days wass up he was gone. That's the issue. What about no parking signs?? We can put no parking signs up with your permissions.

Fink's complaint is there is a difference of running a business and a dump site. They are up there unloading that truck with more garbage. If I put my junk out for garbage they are picking my garbage and sell my garbage. Guy said they pick through our dumpsters. It is disgusting to come out and look at. The other thing is are they allowed to be renting? If they are doing short term rental Carl needs proof. You should see the amount of people that are coming and going. I know they belong to a group. The problem still is the 30 days to appeal. Guy said let's try parking spots based on sq. footage violation letter. John asked Greg to do parking study. Guy said we will try the no parking signs on your property. It won't solve sales but will solve safety issues and not parking on your property. Residents approved no parking signs to be put on property.

## **PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS**

Jerusalem UCC plans were given to supervisors for review

New septic was submitted to SEO. Septic is located in far field area. Septic system is designed for 260 seats in church and 175 seats in AP room. To 1052 gallons per day. New septic is reducing flow. Doubled length of spreader in septic. It is a 15" pipe. There is a 3" hole in the bason. The system detains the water and releases it slowly. Everything flows in a Northern direction. Water should stay on the east side of Church Dr. and flow down. Whole septic will drain to one area onto Church Dr/Alton Rd intersection. Suggested Infiltration the water will still have to flow somewhere. If we could we would put a 3" pipe out there but the township ordinance does not allow for that. Brian said there would really have to be an intense storm and a lot gong on to flow that far and bason to fill up. Can you take it South on Church??

Parking 260 seats in church required to have 68 spaces per zoning ordinance. We have 71 spaces. We do meet the requirements. Need to figure parking with addition? The new space will not be used at the same time. To make more user friendly for elderly, etc. Also, plenty of parking in field area if needed. Different because its sanctuary. Existing non-conformity and its okay but just so everyone knows it's going to be occurring. I'm okay with the computation, the 71.

Greg is fine with waiver request now. They expanded the length of the level spreader. Also are providing a seed mixture in the bottom of the bason with a deeper root structure and open the bason structure to allow more of a filtration to occur. There is no structure there. The whole sight drains to that intersection They are decreasing the flows. Everything else in the letter is either administrative, things that need to be provided or EMS plan, adequacy from conservation district. SEO still outstanding.

No feedback from SEO yet.

**Supervisors decided not to do the waiver for now and for them to go back to drawing board.**

Greg did traffic studies and speed limit change requesting speed limit change on Alton Rd to 45 mph and 30 mph around curves.

Speed limit Change from 55mph on Alton Road - **Guy** made **motion** to change speed limit on Alton Road from 55mph to 30 mph – **2<sup>nd</sup>** by **Scott** – **AIF** – Motion Carried  
Resolution will need to be made for speed limit change.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Recycling bid Jess to e-mail to Tom at APM to give us signed recycling contract and bid bond or bd will be re awarded.

Supervisors signed reenacted Towamensing Township No Parking Ordinance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dylan Tyahla vs Carbon County Board of Assessments Appeals **Guy** made **motion** to accept executed stipulation and 2<sup>nd</sup> by **John** – **AIF** – Motion Carried

**Guy Tabled** Borough of Beaver Meadows Joint board of appeals UCC matters.

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Letter from Jim Christman – Per Guy no more help.

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

No member to reported.

## **ROAD MASTER REPORT**

No work from Lehigh Hanson on road work.

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**

July 9th report for month of June from Eric George was that the Fire Co. responded to 4 emergency incidents:

6/05/2020 – Assist State Police tree blocking road on Firehouse and Carney

6/13/2020 – Brush Fire – 470 Maxine

6/22/2020 – EMS Landing – Assist EMS – Firehouse parking lot

6/24/2020 - Automatic fire alarm – 60 Horseshoe

COVID-19 Pandemic prevented fire company from having fundraisers so they were looking into billing insurance companies for the company of materials that were used. Did look into it last year but Penny wanted to see more info on it. It helps a lot if township would have an ordinance. Franklin uses same company. Guy commented this is something to help get help with our materials. Would like to see copy ordinance before doing one.

Would like to have Tyler Reggio sworn in as Fire Police he went through all the training. Nanovic will swear him in.

Reminder we need to do the six month follow up meeting with Polk, Franklin & Aquashicola. Jessica to request meeting and schedule.

Craft Show July 18<sup>th</sup> – 9 am to 4 pm

## **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Available in township office

Next meeting is Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7 p.m. - cancelled

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

## **OFFICIALS**

Reminder: Next meeting August 6, 2020, 7:00pm

### **Zoning Office Hours for June 2020:**

Thursday, July 9th 4:30-6:30 pm  
Thursday, July 16th 4:30-6:30 pm  
Thursday, July 23rd 4:30-6:30 pm  
Thursday, July 30th 4:30-6:30 pm

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 8:50 p.m. by John – 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott – AIF Motion carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Ahner, Secretary