

February 16, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M.

The Township Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on the above date and time both at 97 Wanamaker Avenue, Essington, PA 19029 and via a recorded ZOOM session with Patrick K. McCarthy, President, presiding. Present:

- Patrick K. McCarthy, President
- Patrick Barr, Vice President
- Dennis R. Arthur, Commissioner
- Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner
- Roger Joseph, Commissioner
- David D. Schreiber, Manager
- Sam Auslander, Esq, Solicitor
- Herbert MacCombie, Township Engineer

As a result of the COVID 19 and Corona Virus Emergency Declaration issued by Federal, State, and Local Governments, the Board of Commissioner’s Workshop and Commissioner’s meetings were held remotely using electronic video and audio technology. The Board of Commissioners and essential personnel were remotely present to participate in the meetings.

Agendas for both the Monthly Workshop Meeting and Monthly Commissioner Meeting were posted to the Township’s website at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meetings at www.tinicumtwpdelco.com/meeting-minutes. Members of the public wishing to participate in the meetings were asked to submit their questions or comments on Township matters by written email directed to the Tincum Township Board of Commissioners at either admin@tinicumtownshipdelco.com or tinicumtwpdelco@gmail.com.

All virtual or remote meetings will be recorded and will be made available on the Township website for public viewing after the meeting. While the Township Commissioners regret this inconvenience, they believe their good faith effort permits a reasonably accessible method for the public to participate during this difficult time in our community.

President McCarthy called the meeting to order, all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Dennis Arthur, the minutes of the Commissioners January 2021 Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy reported that all members had received copies of the Treasurer’s and Secretary’s Report of Receipts. There being no questions;

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Dennis Arthur, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy reported that the bill list for February 2021 will be distributed to all members at the end of the month. There being no questions;

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Patrick Barr, the bill list will be paid for the month of February 2021 by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

No Public Comments were received for this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND FINANCE – Patrick K. McCarthy Chairman

Site Access Agreement with City of Philadelphia

Mr. MacCombie commented that he has met with representatives of the Airport regarding this request, has reviewed the area that the Airport would like to trim and has no issues with the request.

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to execute a Site Access Agreement with the City of Philadelphia permitting entry upon Tinicum Township property for the purpose of performing the tree trimming of a number of trees obstructing Philadelphia International Airport operations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Report – January 2021 Roger Joseph, Chairman

The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

51 Certificates of Occupancies in **January** for a total of **\$ 7,475**
12 Building Permits in **January** for a total of **\$ 15,864**

Police, Fire, and Buildings: Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

January 2021

Township Fines: **\$3,304.94** of that amount, a total of **\$450** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **505** incidents and made **28** criminal arrests
27 of those criminal arrests were adults

01 of those criminal arrests were juveniles. Out of those juveniles

01 of the juveniles were handled within the Department and Released.

0 animals were taken into custody

Fire Company Report – January 2021

Total Calls:	33
Building Fires	04
Vehicle Fire	01
MVA w/Injuries	09
MVA w/o Injuries	03
MVA w/ Entrapment	02
Wires	01
Water Flow Alarm	01
CO Alarm	01
Dispatch/Cancel	01
AFA	10

Avg No. of Responding Personnel 07
Time in Service 26 hrs.

Fire Marshal Report January 2021

There is no Fire Marshal Report available this month.

Public Works, Highways, and Railroads: Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Trash removal for the month of January 2021:

Regular Trash 174.83 Tons
Yard Waste 5.44 Tons
Bulk Trash 12.27 Tons

- Repaired fence posts at Gov Printz Park Tot Lot
- Used 2 tons of Cold Patch on pothole repairs
- Cleaned and repaired various storm drains
- Made repairs to Manor Field Walking Track
- Cleaned up trash and debris along Hog Island Road

Respectfully submitted,
George Hinkle, Superintendent

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report January 2021

Total flow	39,147,000 gallons
Average Daily Flow	1,263,000 gallons
Total sludge	233,406 gallons
Methane Gas	89,963 cu ft

Operational Items:

- Painted all levels of the Water Treatment Plant and the pumping stations at Front and Jansen, and 4th and Chippewa, Front and Jansen
- Completed rebuild of the Flow Valve that controls the water flow into and out of the treatment plant
- Completed DEP required daily lab work while by-pass pumping to install recirculation valves
- Service all vehicle requiring maintenance

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J Bernauer

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr reported that sign-ups for baseball, softball and t-ball will be beginning shortly. Volunteers for coaches and other logistics are always needed and appreciated. Interested parties can contact Commissioner Barr.

Solicitor's Report: Sam S. Auslander, Esq.

Mr. Auslander reported he has a meeting scheduled for the first week of March with the City of Philadelphia regarding the deeds associated with the property formerly known as the Henderson Tract and the redesign of Tinicum Island Road to address some legal issues.

Mr. Auslander has entered his appearance for all of tax assessment appeals received through January 2021. The cut-off date for appeals was January 31. Consequently, the Township should not be expecting any additional appeal notices.

Engineer's Report – James W. MacCombie, P.E.,

Mr. Herbert MacCombie attended the meeting in place of Mr. James MacCombie. Mr. MacCombie reported that he has met with representatives of the Philadelphia Airport to discuss the relocation of taxi-way "P". Mr. MacCombie has advised the airport that they must request a Special Use Hearing in front of the Commissioners and that the Board may expect this request in March.

Mr. MacCombie is also working on resolving the issue with the malfunctioning sluice gate located within the John Heinz refuge. The current gate that is installed is no longer manufactured. Mr. MacCombie will be working on potential plans to have a new one installed.

Mr. MacCombie also mentioned that the former Tinicum Industrial Park, operated by Castleway Properties, has entered into a new long-term (99 year) lease/developers agreement with a new developer, Ivy Realty. The Township will be meeting in the near future with Ivy to discuss occupants, Certificates of Occupancy and Ivy's request to modify the intersection of Tinicum Island and Hog Island Roads.

Manager's Report – David Schreiber

The Township Manager reported the following: The comprehensive proposed new Zoning Ordinance is in its final draft form and is ready to be advertised for a public hearing. The Township will be looking to do this on March 24 after the required notices are completed. Tax Bills are printed and will be mailed within the next 10-14 days.

Secretary's Correspondence

The Township received two requests from the New Life Community Church requesting the use of Township parks for two events.

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via voice vote to authorize New Life Community Church's request to use Manor Field for their "Community Easter Service and Egg Hunt" on Sunday, April 4, 2021 from 10 am until 3pm.

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via voice vote to authorize New Life Community Church's request to use Manor Field for their "Community Yard Sale" on Saturday, March 20, 2021 from 7am to 3pm.

The Church will do all set up and clean up for the events.

Other Business

There was no Other Business discussed this month.

Adjourn of the Business Portion of Meeting

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Pat Barr to adjourn the business portion of this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Participation

There were no comments from the Public offered for this meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Patrick Barr adjourns this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

David D. Schreiber
Manager/Secretary