

April 15, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.

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

Patrick Barr, Vice President
Dennis Arthur, Commissioner
Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner
Roger Joseph, Commissioner
David D. Schreiber, Manager
Sam Auslander, Esq., Solicitor

Engineer Dennis O'Neill was absent from this meeting. The Township Engineer's office was represented by Mr. Dominick Scrivano.

Mr. McCarthy called the meeting to order and all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Pastor Ash of the New Life Community Church provided an invocation before the agenda items.

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ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the March 2024 Monthly Commissioners Meeting were accepted and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Board 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 Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. McCarthy reported that the bill list for April 2024 will be distributed to all members at the end of the month. There being no questions;

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Lisa Edmiston, the bill list will be paid for the month of April 2024 by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave, Regarding Item # 4, Approval of the Treasurer's and Secretary's Report, stated that this item was tabled during March's meeting as the Treasurer was out ill and that no vote was taken to approve the March report. Asked the Solicitor to report on any new lawsuits or litigation received since last month. Asked for an update on St. John's Church and the proposed Library grant of up to \$ 2 million. Asked for an update on the re-routing of Tincum Island Road.

Opined that the meeting minutes for the January 2024 Reorganization Meeting were inaccurate by stating that the minutes reflect that public comment was taken before any business was conducted. Mr. Dobi said that statement “is a lie” as his recollection is that the elected Commissioners were sworn in before comment was taken. He also said that the comment about him not wanting to be “signaled out” did not make any sense.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Draft Revised Towing Ordinance

PRIOR TO voting on this item, the Township Solicitor provided a brief explanation of the proposed ordinance in that it will include an updated fee schedule and regulations as to when vehicles may be towed. Mr. Barr asked if the fees would be applicable to situations where a car was towed from a location outside of Tincum Township to a facility within Tincum Township. The Solicitor suggested that a new ordinance would provide the Township with some control and that enforcement would be key.

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted via unanimous roll call vote to instruct the Township Solicitor to draft and advertise an amendment to Chapter 373 of the Township Code governing the removal and impoundment of vehicles from Township streets, roads, public and private property.

Space Agreement with CIAO Delco within the Lazaretto Building

PRIOR TO voting on this item, the Township Solicitor provided a brief overview of the agreement including the rent to be paid, the space allocated, and length of the agreement.

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph the Board voted via unanimous roll call vote to enter into a Co Working Space Agreement with Associazione Regionale Abbruzzese, trading as “CIAO Delco” for use of certain portions of the Lazaretto Building premises for an exhibition center for artwork and artifacts. Said agreement is for an initial term of one (1) year, renewable by mutual agreement at a fee of \$400 per month and increasing to \$500 per month in year 2. CIAO Delco shall be responsible for liability and property insurance for injury to persons and property.

Space Agreement with Swedish Colonial Society within the Lazaretto Building

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to enter into a Co Working Space Agreement with the Swedish Colonial Society (SCS) for use of certain portions of the Lazaretto Building premises for an exhibition center for artwork and artifacts. Said agreement is for an initial term of one (1) year, renewable by mutual agreement at a fee of \$400 per month. The Swedish Colonial Society shall be responsible for liability and property insurance for injury to persons and property.

Designate “Gate 81” as Temporary Hog Island Road Detour

PRIOR TO voting on this item, the Township Engineer’s office provided a brief overview of the various stages of the detours to access Hog Island Road that will be in place as a result of the construction of new Tincum Island Road, including routes and anticipated time frames.

Mr. Walt Ludwig stated that he drove on the new Tincum Island Road and voiced his concerns about the elevation of the new road, the water drainage system being installed, the retention basins and their locations, water run-off affecting residents and the lack of a sound barrier and level of noise that traffic may generate.

The Board responded that the road is not yet open to the public. The Board also responded that the Commissioners have brought these concerns up to the Airport and have been ensured that the construction plans address these concerns. The road appears to be being constructed according to the approved specifications and if the measures affecting water and noise issues are not functioning as expected, the Township will work with the Airport to ensure they are addressed.

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Patrick Barr the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve a temporary detour of traffic traveling eastbound on Second Street through the drive at “Gate 81” to access Hog Island Road to accommodate construction of the new juncture of Tincum Island Road, Hog Island Road and Second Street. Said detour will be of approximately 3 weeks duration and will allow for “one-way” traffic through Gate 81 Drive from Second St. to Hog Island Road.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Report – Roger Joseph, Chairman

March 2024 - The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

48 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of \$ 3,375

14 Building Permits for a total of \$ 154,312

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

Police Report: March 2024

Township Fines: **\$ 6,446** Of that amount, a total of **\$ 3,023** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **500** incidents and made **20** criminal arrests

20 of those criminal arrests were adults

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

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

00 animals were taken into custody

Fire Company Report: **March 2024**

Building Fire	04	Gas Leak	03
Commercial Vehicle	01	Fuel Spill	01
Rubbish Fire	01	Dispatch/Cancel	05
Assist EMS	07	Unfounded Incident	01
MVA	09	CO Alarm	01
General Cleanup	06	Special Assignment	01
<u>Elevator Rescue</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>Auto Fire Alarms</u>	<u>08</u>
Total Calls			49
EMS Calls			182

Fire Marshal Report: **March 2024**

Plan Reviews:

1. Interboro High School, fire alarm system affecting renovations

Fire Inspections and Acceptance Tests:

1. 10 Industrial Highway Buildings E&G
2. Apartments at 410 S. and 416 N. Gov Printz Blvd.

Attended various meetings pertaining to proposed fire code revisions and trainings pertaining to FEMA and Pa Building Code Officials

Ray Lonabaugh, Fire Marshal

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

Trash removal: **March 2024**

Regular Trash	155	Tons
Bulk Trash	14	Tons

- Began seasonal mulching
- Resurfaced Township baseball fields
- Installed new dog-pet clean up stations at 4th Ave and Town Hall
- Performed maintenance on Manor Field walking track
- Began seasonal grass cutting
- Replaced broken flower pot on Gov Printz Blvd
- Maintained and opened Township tide-gates
- Cleaned and maintained storm inlets and ditches

George Hinkle, Superintendent

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment Plant: March 2024

Total flow	46,859,000 gallons	
Average Daily Flow	1,512,000 gallons	
Total sludge	53,500 gallons	(3.2% solids)
Methane Gas	106,098 cu ft	

- Replaced Air Pump at 101 Taylor Ave pump station
- Replaced belt on Plant roof blower
- Services lawn equipment
- Turned on water at baseball field snack bar
- Trimmed trees and mulched around Plant

Louis Clark, Jr., Superintendent

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr reported that the Health and Code Officers recently completed their inspection of the Holiday Inn Express and Waterfront Inn Hotels. Minor issues were addressed and the establishments subsequently passed their inspections.

Mr. Barr reported that baseball and softball sign-ups are complete and unfortunately not enough participants signed up to generate full teams. Tinicum Township participants will join with Prospect Park participants to play this season.

Mr. Barr reported that he and others participated in a tele-meeting on the progress of the feasibility study pertaining to the East Coast Greenway trail. Several routes are being considered to continue the trail through the Township and a report should be available in the near future.

Solicitor's Report: Sam S. Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported that his office is awaiting documentation from Tesla regarding their land development so that Mr. Auslander can prepare the Developers Agreement and Financial Security documents. Regarding the Alliance HD land development at 76 Industrial Highway, Mr. Auslander's office is also working on a sewer module and an operations and maintenance agreement for review by the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Auslander reported that Ivy Realty and Smart Park are working towards an agreement regarding Ivy Realty's land development and the access drive to be constructed on 2nd Street.

Regarding St. John's Church, Mr. Auslander's office is working to locate the proper personnel at Westinghouse to discuss the deed to the Church property.

Regarding the Wawa litigation, Judge Angelos held a hearing in April where all of the involved parties presented their arguments to the Judge. No ruling has yet been made. Regarding the County Health Department litigation, Judge Angelos' injunction remains and there is no change.

There was no new litigation received this past month.

Engineer's Report: Dennis O'Neill, P.E.

The Township Engineer's office reported that they are working on the potential Library grant and that the application is due April 20.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported there are no Zoning Hearings scheduled for this month. The Township's audit will begin in June. The Manager and Commissioner McCarthy attended an event at the Tinicum School whereby State Representative Young and Senator Williams' office presented to the 8th grade students a class on the responsibilities of the Federal, State, and Local elected official's responsibilities.

Secretary's Correspondence – There was no correspondence this month

Other Business –

Board President McCarthy reported that all members had received copies of the delayed Treasurer's and Secretary's Report of Receipts for the month of March 2024 . There being no questions;

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr, the Treasurer and Secretary reports for March 2024 were accepted and approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

Adjourn the Business Portion of Meeting

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston to adjourn the business portion of this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Participation

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave., referring to various demonstrations in different cities that shut down stretches of streets and roads, asked if the Township had plans in place if any of these types of events occurred in Tinicum. The Police Superintendent replied that his department would work with the State Police and other police departments as necessary to address these situations. Asked that the flag at half-staff be raised to full-staff.

Walt Ludwig asked if there was a policy on “airport people” parking on public streets. The Board responded that anyone without a sticker can be ticketed and if Mr. Ludwig sees this situation, he should call 911 to report it.

Adjournment of Meeting

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr this meeting was adjourned by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
David D. Schreiber
Manager/Secretary