

March 16, 2026 @ 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, Commissioner, Board Vice President
Dennis Arthur, Commissioner
Roger Joseph, Commissioner
David D. Schreiber, Manager
Dennis O'Neill, P.E. Engineer's Office
Jim Byrne, Esq., Solicitor

Commissioner Lisa Edmiston was absent from this meeting.

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

Pastor York Ash of the New Life Community Church gave a brief invocation, after which Mr. McCarthy asked for a moment of silence for several members of the community that passed away this past month.

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3. ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Dennis Arthur, the minutes of the February 2026 Regular Monthly Commissioners Meeting were accepted and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

4. 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 March will be distributed to all members at the end of the month. There being no questions;

5. ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Dennis Arthur the bill list will be paid for the month of March 2026 by a unanimous voice vote.

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items: There was no public comment offered on Agenda Items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

7. Land Development at 4 Atlantic Avenue, Philaport Cruise Terminal Tent

PRIOR TO VOTING on this item, the Township Manager stated that the applicant has advised the Township that they were not able to reach a lease agreement with the Airport/City. Consequently, the applicant will not be moving forward with placing a tent on the property at this time.

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr the Board voted via unanimous roll call vote to table this item until further notice.

8. Extension of Land Development Application for 1 Hotel Group at 101/103 Taylor Avenue

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Dennis Arthur the Board voted via a 3 to 1 majority roll call vote to accept applicant 1 Hotel Group LLC request to grant the Board an extension of time by which the Board must consider Hotel Group's land development application at 101/103 Taylor Avenue. Said land development application is to construct two new hotels on the site of the current Holiday Inn Express. The extension shall be until May 31, 2026. Ayes: Commissioners Barr, Arthur, and McCarthy. Nay: Commissioner Joseph

9. Annual Township Repaving Project

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to instruct the Township Engineer to recommend specific streets to include in the Township's 2026 street repaving project and to prepare and advertise said project for bid solicitation

10. Transfer of Township Funds from M&T Bank to Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Dennis Arthur the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to instruct the Township Manager to transfer Township funds from M&T Bank to PLGIT in the amount of approximately \$1.9 million. Said funds are the remaining proceeds of the 2016 series bonds issued by the Township for the renovation of the Lazaretto Property.

11. Agreement with Grant Success Labs

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to enter into an agreement with Grant Success Lab to provide grant research, development, and administration services to the Township for up to 4 grant applications annually at a cost of \$30,000.

12. Retirement of George Hinkle as Public Works Director

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Dennis Arthur the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to accept the retirement notice from George Hinkle as Superintendent of the Public Works Department. The Board would like to sincerely thank George for his 30 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the residents of Tinicum Township.

13. Appointment of Public Works Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Roger Joseph the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Mr. Walter Lee, Jr, as Superintendent and Mr. Matthew Brady as Assistant Superintendent of the Public Works Department effective immediately.

14. Summer Seasonal Employees

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Patrick Barr the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint the following individuals as part time summer seasonal employees: Jesse Quigley, Ryan Warren, Jayden Rogers, Angelo Santana, Adam Weinberg at the Public Works Dept. and Zachary Clarke and Gabirel Rivera at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Report – Roger Joseph, Chairman

February 2026 - The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

72 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$ 10,650**

09 Building Permits for a total of **\$ 29,405**

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

Police Report: February 2026

Township Fines: **\$ 4,856** Of that amount, a total of **\$ 1,893** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **429** incidents and made **15** criminal arrests

15 of those criminal arrests were adults

00 of those criminal arrests were juveniles.

00 animals were taken into custody

Fire Company Report: February 2026

There was no February report available.

Fire Marshal Report: February 2026

Fire / Code Inspections and Acceptance Tests:

1. 127 Saude Avenue
2. 10 Industrial Highway, Complex 'A'
3. PHL Terminal 'A' West, Restrooms

Fire Scene Investigation:

1. 647 Jansen Avenue, Electrical Wall Light Switch Box

Also made several calls to Hotels and at Cargo City for frozen or ruptured water pipes during the winter weather freezing

Working on drafting a resolution and ordinance for the Township to adopt the 2021 International Fire Code.

Attended various meetings and training sessions for the Fire Marshal's Association

Ray Lonabaugh, Fire Marshal

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

Trash removal for the month of February 2026

Regular Trash	131	Tons
Yard Waste	03	Tons
Bulk Trash	07	Tons

- Repaired corrugated tubing on downspouts at Town Hall
- Serviced and repaired snow plowing equipment for upcoming storm
- Plowed 14 inches of snow
- Shoveled, cleared, salted crossing guard corners for safe school travel
- Painted snow plows with Rustoleum to deter rust and deterioration
- Trimmed debris from snow storm of off trees
- Put up Hero Banners for Interboro School District on Seneca Street
- Repaired fence on 420 side of Manor Field
- Replaced ceiling tiles at Tinicum Memorial Building

George Hinkle, Superintendent

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment		<u>February 2026</u>
Total flow	28,963,000 gallons	
Average Daily Flow	1,034,000 gallons	
Total sludge	52,000 gallons	(2.8% solids)

- Removed ice from plant filters
- Removed ice from primary digester lid
- Contacted PECO for repairs to new PECO gas line
- Removed snow and ice from around plant and pump stations
- Installed new drive shaft on recirculating pump

Louis Clark, Jr., Superintendent

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr reported the following inspections completed: Riverside Yacht Club, Wawa Store, Hudson News (PHL), Smashburger (PHL), Bruegger's Bagels (PHL). The following complaints were investigated: Bed bugs at Travel Lodge (subsequent report received that no insects were present); Cock roaches at Motel 6 (Room closed until inspection report is received); Mice, mold, and ceiling damage at Motel 6 (Room closed until inspection report is received); Unsanitary conditions and leak in bathroom at Quality Inn (Inspected and no violations found).

Solicitor's Report: J. Adam Matlawski, Esquire

Mr. Matlawski reported that the Township has received a new personal injury complaint involving a Public Works Department trash truck and another vehicle. Mr. Matlawski's office is working on revisiting the previously discussed Advanced Life Support (ALS) service.

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

Mr. O'Neill reported that his office has walked the new Philaport Cruise Pier site and the site is filled with a lot of activity. It remains to be seen if it will be ready by the first sailing anticipated in April. The Township will be inspecting the site prior to sailing to verify that safety measures are in place. Both the Township's traffic consultant and the City have provided feedback to Philaport on the anticipated traffic impacts and the ports plans for traffic signage.

The Township's 2025 Chapter 94 report to the DEP has been completed. Water volumes are down in 2025 over the previous couple of years. The system has been deemed to be in good condition with no operating violations. Bids to replace the Jansen Avenue force main will be taken in April.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported that Executive Sessions were held this past month to discuss real estate matters.

Secretary's Correspondence – David D Schreiber

There was no correspondence this month

Other Business

There was no other business discussed this month

Adjourn the Business Portion of Meeting

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

Public Participation

Mr. Walt Ludwig, asked if the former All State Career School property was being considered for a parking lot. The Board responded that no one has approached the Township about such an idea. Mr. Ludwig asked the Board how cruise ships at the new Philaport Cruise Terminal will be refueled. The Board responded that Philaport has stated that refueling will not occur at the facility.

Mr. Ed Rubillo, Wyandotte Street, asked if the railroad lines that run near the new cruise facility will be active or put out of service. The Board responded that there has not been any discussion about the railroad lines being taken out of service.

Adjournment of Meeting

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

Respectfully Submitted,
David D. Schreiber
Manager/Secretary