

December 22, 2020 @ 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
- James W. MacCombie, P.E., 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 Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the Commissioners November 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 Pat Barr 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 December 2020 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 Roger Joseph, the bill list will be paid for the month of December 2020 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

Approval of the 2021 Township of Tincum Financial Budget

Prior to voting on this item, the Township Secretary read aloud the Township’s proposed 2021 Financial Budget, herein contained as part of the December minutes

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt the Township of Tincum 2021 Budget as read by the Township Secretary and authorizing the corresponding notice to be placed in the Delaware County Daily Times.

Commissioner Arthur commented by thanking the Commissioners and Township personnel for working hard to control all Township expenses.

Adoption of the Township’s All Purpose Real Estate Tax Millage Rate

Prior to voting on this item, the Township Manager commented that the Township’s millage rate is changing from 4.4 mils to 3.0 mils. This change is the result of the County-wide reassessment process engaged in by Delaware County. A stipulation of the reassessment process was that municipalities were not permitted to realize a “windfall” if their total reassessed property values were significantly raised. Municipalities were required to adjust their millage rates to collect substantially the same amount of real estate taxes as was collected prior to the reassessment. Consequently, as a result of the Township’s real estate assessments going from \$477 million to \$709 million, the millage rate was adjusted from 4.4 mils to 3.0 mils.

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Patrick Barr the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt Tincum Township’s All Purpose Real Estate Tax Rate setting the 2021 millage rate at 3.0 mils. The Sewer Rental rate of \$5 per thousand gallons used will be unchanged. Corresponding notices are to be placed in the Delaware County Daily Times.

Commissioner McCarthy commented that the Township will address a letter to Delaware County Council expressing the Township's displeasure with the re-assessment process as many homeowner residents will see tax increase while many high-valued commercial properties will see a tax decrease.

Land Development Application of Michael Saltis of Tidal Water Properties

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the land development application of Michael Saltis of Tidal Water Properties to construct an approximately 6,400 sq. ft. warehouse for a medical supply business at 31-37 Paulson Avenue with related parking and other site features on currently vacant lots. Said approval is subject to the satisfaction of the conditions contained on Appendix "A" affixed hereto.

Bids for Storm Water Mitigation Plans at Front and Carre Streets

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to instruct the Township Engineer to draft bid requirements and place advertisements for bids to address the storm water drainage issues at the location of Front and Carre Streets. Said mitigation efforts will be in line with the issues outlined in the Township Engineer's letter of August 19, 2020.

The Township Manager commented that the cost of this proposed project will be covered by the funds currently in the Township's Storm Water Maintenance account without affecting the expenditures from the Township's General Fund budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Report – November 2020: Roger Joseph, Chairman

The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

56 Certificates of Occupancies in November for a total of \$ 8,450

11 Building Permits in November for a total of \$ 8,585.50

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

November 2020

Township Fines: **\$3,854** of that amount, a total of **\$ 1,011** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **390** incidents and made **20** criminal arrests

16 of those criminal arrests were adults

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

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

0 animals were taken into custody

- Repaired/replaced gazebo spindles
- Did annual maintenance to all salt spreading machinery
- Installed various signage, include signs at 2th Ward Playground
- Opened Tide Gates to control storm water
- Repaired gate hinges at Gov Printz Park
- Continued leaf pick up in all wards
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Respectfully submitted,
George Hinkle, Superintendent

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report November 2020

Total flow 42,120,000 gallons
 Average Daily Flow: 1,404 gallons
 Total Sludge: 241,872 gallons
 Total sludge hauled: 39,600 gallons of which 2.43% were solids
 Methane Gas 102,863 cu ft.

Operational Items:

Automatic flow control valve stopped working, called for repairs to avoid having to adjust the flow by hand
 Installed two new utility water pumps at chlorine building
 Installed re-built screw impeller pump. Took the replaced pump to LJ Stephen to have it rebuilt.
 Installed new transducer in primary wet well

Bernaer attended class to re-new operator license
 Service all Police cars and plant equipment as needed

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert J Bernauer

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr thanked Health Officer Cindy Joseph, Fire Marshall Ray Lonabaugh, and Code Enforcement Officer Joe Little for their diligence and good work in their inspections of the Township's hotels and motels for health and life safety issues. Mr. Barr stated that the Tinicum Township Patriotic Organization was able to donate approximately \$18,000 to the Foltz family to assist them in their battle against cancer. Unfortunately, Mr. Foltz passed away last week as a result of his illness.

Mr. Barr stated that sometime in January or February of this year, he had mentioned to the Commissioners that because of his work schedule and other commitments, he may not be able to coordinate all of the Township's community events that he has been so involved with. Unfortunately, Mr. Barr will no longer be able to coordinate the Township Independence Day and Community Day celebrations and the 2020 events will be his last ones. Mr. Barr is hopeful that these events will continue to be held, however. Mr. Barr will continue to work with the Farmers Market events.

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

Mr. Auslander reported on a civil case that resulted from a Township Code violation whereby a property owner was cited for lack of a certificate of occupancy and subsequently found guilty by the District Justice because the property owner failed to show for his hearing. The property owner then appealed his verdict to Common Pleas Court, and again failed to show for his hearing. The appeal was thereby dismissed. The property owner has now petitioned the court for re-consideration of the appeal dismissal and the court has allowed for a re-consideration. This case will now be heard in February 2021.

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

In regard to Penn Dot's proposal to replace the bridge over the Darby Creek on north and southbound Rt. 420, Mr. MacCombie reported his office responded to a letter to provide a Chapter 105 DEP permit by issuing a letter of consistency to Penn DOT. Essentially the letter confirms that the proposed project is in compliance with storm water management requirements. This project is proposed for 2022.

Mr. MacCombie also stated that he has been contacted by Airport personnel regarding storm water management requirements for the proposed Remain Over Night (RON) apron project on airport property. Mr. MacCombie advised the Airport that a storm water management operations plan was a non-negotiable requirement of the project.

Manager's Report – David Schreiber

The Township Manager reported the following: He and the Township Engineer's office is meeting with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources regarding the recently awarded \$62,000 grant to discuss the contract requirements and timeframe for receiving funds. The John Heinz Winter Survival Camp held for the past 55+ years is being postponed in 2021 as a precaution against the COVID virus. The final draft of the Township's new, proposed Zoning Ordinance is complete. An Act 247 request has been sent to Delaware County requesting their review. The Township may hold a public meeting/hearing in February 2021 to consider the new ordinance.

Secretary's Correspondence

There was no correspondence reported for the month.

Other Business

There was no Other Business discussed this month.

Adjourn of 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

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

APPENDIX “A”

Saltis Conditions:

1. Safety Plan shall be drafted by the Applicant and will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners, Township Engineer and Solicitor
2. Township to be indemnified and named as additional insured against any actions resulting from loading or unloading of vehicles, traffic patterns, or other vehicular issues.
3. Adherence to Township Engineer’s letter dated November 9, 2020.
4. Appropriate re-cycling and trash collection plan (particularly for plastic and cellophane wraps) shall be developed by the applicant and will be reviewed for acceptance by the Township.
5. The Applicant shall enter into a Developers Agreement, a Financial Security Agreement, and a Storm Water Management Maintenance Agreement to be approved by the Township Solicitor and Township Engineer
6. No outside Storage associated with the proposed warehouse is to be permitted
7. All building, construction, grading, and other permits will be required.
8. Applicant will comply with conditions contained in the Zoning Hearing Board decision
9. Proper signage regarding Parking/Stopping/ Standing and others as required will be placed by the Applicant.