

18th May 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.

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

Patrick Barr, Vice President

Dennis R. Arthur, Commissioner

Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner

Roger Joseph, Commissioner

Sam Auslander, Esq.

James MacCombie, P.E.

David Schreiber, Manager

Elaine M. Brolley, Secretary

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance and before beginning the agenda items for this meeting, Board President McCarthy read the following statement:

As we said at the April 2020 Commissioner Meeting, we would like to re-state that as a result of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic and for the duration of the Emergency Declaration issued by Federal, State and Local governments, the monthly Commissioners Workshop and regularly scheduled Commissioners meetings will be conducted remotely utilizing electronic video and audio technology. The Board of Commissioners and essential Township staff will be remotely present and participating in the meeting.

During this time, agendas for Commissioner Meetings are posted at least 24 hours in advance of each scheduled meeting at www.tincumtwpdelco.com/meeting-minutes.

To ensure continued public participation members of the general public wishing to participate are asked to submit their questions or comments on township matters by written email directed to the Tincum Township Board of Commissioners at either admin@tincumtownshipdelco.com or tincumtwpdelco@gmail.com.

All appropriate questions and comments received will be read aloud at each meeting and recorded in the official monthly minutes.

Each Township Commissioners meeting will be recorded and will be made available on the Township website for public viewing as soon as possible. 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.

On A Motion by Roger Joseph, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the April 2020 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy reported that all members had received copies of the April 2020 Treasurer's and Secretary's report of Receipts. There being no questions:

On A Motion by Pat Barr, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy asked for a motion to pay bills for the month of May 2020. The bill list for May will be submitted to the Board members at the end of the month. There being no questions:

On A Motion by Roger Joseph, seconded by Pat Barr, the bill list will be paid for the month of May 2020 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

There was no public comment offered at this meeting.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

Awarding of bid for the Township's 2020 Street Resurfacing Project

There were two bids received for this project. As read at the Workshop meeting, one was from Gessler in the amount of \$292,000 and the other from Sucher at \$248,600. Prior to voting on this item, Engineer James MacCombie stated that there was a mathematical error in one of the bids. Sucher did not include one of the listed line items in their total calculation (although the item was quoted in the overall bid). Consequently, Sucher's actual amount to do the project totaled \$282,699. This was still the lower bid by approximately \$10,000. The streets to be included in the project are: 1st Avenue between South and North Governor Printz Blvd. 3rd Avenue between Seneca St. and N. Governor Printz Blvd. 5th Avenue between S Governor Printz Blvd and Powhattan Ave. Commissioner Arthur asked that any other bids submitted by Sucher must be complete and accurate to be considered for award.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board voted unanimously to award the bid for the Township's 2020 street resurfacing program to Joseph E. Sucher, Inc. Said bid is in the amount of \$282,699.00 and has been reviewed by the Township Engineer.

Summer Seasonal Employees

ON A Motion by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to hire Michael Connor of Lester as a part time seasonal employee beginning in June 2020 at an hourly rate of \$9.25.

Adoption of Resolution 2020-004 Implementing Provisions of Act15 of 2020

ON A Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt Resolution 2020-004 relating to Act 15 of 2020 and Property Tax Relief. Said Resolution would extend the period in which the Township will extend a 2% discount on the taxes imposed on real property through June 12, 2020, the "face" value of taxes through September 30, 2020, and the "penalty" amount from October 1 to December 31, 2020.

General Obligation Notes Series 2021

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to advertise an Ordinance to Authorize the Incurrence of Non-Electoral Debt by the issuance of General Obligation Notes 2021 Series in the aggregate principal amount of \$8,121,000 and award a transaction under a Qualified Interest Management Agreement. The 2021 Note Series will fund a certain refunding project consisting of the current refunding of General Obligation Bonds, 2016 B Series to reduce the total debt service payments and payment of the costs of Issuance of the Participant Note.

Code Enforcement Report – April 2020 – Roger Joseph, Chairman

April: The Code Enforcement Officer Received:

24 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$30,850.00**

16 Building Permits for a total of **\$171,996.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – April 2020

Township Fines: **\$1,138.62**. Of that amount, a total of **\$125.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **333** incidents and made **9** criminal arrests.

9 of those criminal arrests were adults

0 of those criminal arrests were juveniles.

0 of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report –April 2020

No Report This Month

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – April 2020

No Report This Month

Raymond Lanabaugh

Fire Marshal

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – April, 2020

No Report This Month.

Mrs. Edmiston stated that Walt Lee is back to work and looks great.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent
Highway Department**

SANITATION

Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for April 2020

No Report This Month

Robert J. Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation April, 2020

Commissioner Barr reported the following:

Baseball, softball and T-ball have been cancelled for the 2020 season. Mr. Barr stated that he has spoken to a representative in Senator Kearny's office. The senator's office advised that Farmer's Markets may operate while adhering to the Governor's social distancing policies – similar to that of grocery stores. Vendors were sent the Department of Health guidelines and several have responded positively. Mr. Barr is still awaiting other responses to ensure the number of vendors participating. Mr. Barr reported that the Christmas time string lights will be replaced over the Memorial Day weekend with red, white and blue string lights.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported that he is reviewing and updating the Township's ordinance pertaining to Hotels, Motels, and Inns in light of the issues being raised by the number of police calls to various establishments. Mr. Auslander hopes to have something drafted by the June Commissioner Meeting.

Engineer's Report: James MacCombie, P.E.

Mr. James MacCombie reported that his office has responded to the Airport's recent permit application to remove and repair the self-regulating tide gates along Long Hook Creek. Mr. MacCombie that the City has put this project out for and awarded a bid prior to applying for Township construction permits. Mr. MacCombie attended a scoping meeting with Penn DOT and the engineering firm representing the Airport regarding the relocation of Tinicum Island Road and the traffic issues that must be considered for the project. Mr. MacCombie stated to Penn DOT that Township comments must be a part of the Penn DOT submission rather than as part of the 30 day public comment period.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported that the Township continues to post updates and information regarding COVID 19 on the Township Website. Much of the information the Township has is received from Delaware County, therefore the Township does maintain a link to Delaware County to provide residents with the latest information available. Construction on additional Swedish Colonial Society cabins has begun. The Manor Field playground is completed. Township staff is back to full schedules although the

Township's buildings remain closed to the public. The method for how the public can participate in Township meetings was again advertised in the newspaper and posted on the Township website. No public comment was received.

Secretary's Correspondence

No Report This Month.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr to adjourn the business portion of this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There Was No Public Comment offered at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

ON A MOTION by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Barr to adjourn the meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

