

15th December 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Tunicum Township Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on the above date and time at 629 N. Governor Printz Blvd., Essington, PA 19029 with Thomas J. Giancristoforo, President presiding. Vice president Arthur was not present. Also absent was Township Engineer James MacCombie. Representing the Township Engineer was Herbert MacCombie, III. Present:

C. Patrick Barr, Commissioner

Patrick McCarthy, Commissioner

Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner

Sam Auslander, Esq.

Herbert MacCombie, P.E.

David Schreiber, Manager

Elaine M. Brolley, Secretary

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

Invocation

Father Anthony Orth from St. Gabriel's Catholic Church gave the Invocation.

After opening the meeting, President Giancristoforo addressed Item #7, Promotion of Police Officers, out of turn to give the promotion candidates their due. After announcing the item would come out of turn, Mr. Giancristoforo asked for public comment on this item only. There being no public comment, Mr. Giancristoforo moved forward with this item.

Regarding Item #7, Promotion of Police Officers, Commissioner Edmiston abstained from voting on this issue – citing her spouse's position as Chief of Police.

Promotion of Police Officers

On A Motion by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted to approve Officer Mark Tancredi to full time Patrolman with the Tinicum Township Police Department.

On A Motion by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted to approve Officer Andrew O'Neil to full time Patrolman with the Tinicum Township Police Department.

On A Motion by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Corporal William Righter to the rank of Sergeant with the Tinicum Township Police Department.

After the vote on Item #7, the Board called for a brief recess to congratulate the promoted officers at 7:15. The Board called the meeting back to order at 7:20 and continued with the Special Public Hearing regarding the two applications received for the Special Use District.

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners resumed at 8:30 after the Special Use Hearing.

On A Motion by Lisa Edmiston, seconded by Pat Barr, the minutes of the November 2014 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the November 2014 Treasurer's and Secretary's report of Receipts. There being no questions:

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

President Giancristoforo asked for a motion to pay bills for the month of December 2014. The bill list for December will be submitted to the Board members at the end of the month. There being no questions:

On A Motion by Lisa Edmiston, seconded by Pat McCarthy, the bill list will be paid for the month of December 2014 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FOROM

Agenda Item Comments

Regarding Item #10, Adoption of the 2015 Tinicum Township Budget, Mr. Zurdi Dobi asked if the public would have an opportunity to comment before the Board voted. The Board replied, yes.

Regarding Item #12, Conflict of Interest Waiver Beaumont V. Tinicum Township, Mr. Zurdi Dobi asked what the conflict is. Mr. Auslander explained that the law firm retained by our insurance company in one case was also retained by another client to defend another suit in a non-related case. When this happens, a law firm will frequently ask for a waiver of conflict.

Regarding Item #15, Scannell Properties LLC Extension of Time, Mr. Zurdi Dobi commented that he believes that the Township should hire an acoustical engineer to review the sound wall proposed by Scannell Industries.

Mr. Dobi asked the Township Solicitor to provide the case numbers the Board reviewed during Executive Session after the December Workshop Meeting.

Regarding Item #15, Scannell Properties LLC Extension of Time, Mr. Anthony Beaumont commented on the length of time of the extension being requested (through April 2015). Mr. Auslander responded the length of the extension takes into account any anticipated bad winter weather. Mr. Beaumont commented on the “contaminated soil” on the Castleway Properties site and asked the Board to enforce the ‘no-parking’ and ‘administrative controls’ recommended for the Federal Express site.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

Action Rental of Allentown, PA establishing an equipment rental company

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via a roll call vote to approve Action Rental, of Allentown, PA to establish an equipment rental company, with outdoor rental equipment displays on the premises known as 23 Industrial Highway, Essington, PA located within the Special Use District of Tinicum Township with the following two conditions:

- Approval of a grading and landscaping plan acceptable to the Township Engineer
- The 1000 gallon propane tank be above-ground and must meet all federal, state and local ordinances and requirements, particularly with respect to safety issues

Emmaus House, a non-profit Corp proposing to operate a residence for developmentally/mentally disabled or challenged men

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve Emmaus House, a PA non-profit corp. to operate a residence for

developmentally/mentally disabled or challenged men in the Rectory of St. Margaret Mary Church, 500 Wanamaker Ave., Essington, PA located within the Special Use District of Tincum Township.

Reading of the Township of Tincum 2015 Budget

After the Township Secretary read the proposed budget, the Board opened up the floor for public comment. Mr. Zurdi Dobi commented that the opening balance of the 2014 budget was the same as the opening balance of the 2015 budget. Mr. Dobi also stated that in addition to the administrative position that was eliminated by the Township in September 2014, he believes the Board should eliminate the Township Manager position.

Also regarding Item #10, Mr. Charles Monteith asked the Board if the category of Signs and Markings was intended to capture the proposed traffic signs at the Tincum School. The Board responded that the proposed traffic signs would be included in Street Lighting.

On A Motion by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve and adopt the Township of Tincum 2015 Township Budget.

Turnkey Application – Dianna Arthur

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to accept and approve the Turnkey Application from Dianna Arthur at a rate of \$15 per hour.

Conflict of Interest Waiver Beaumont v. Tincum

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to waive any potential conflict of interest the Law Firm of Marshall Dennehey may have concerning their representation of Tincum Township in unrelated litigation matters.

IAM Land Development

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to waive the requirements for a land development application and approval in order for Local Lodge 1776 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMS) at 251 Jansen Avenue to install a 10' X 10' storage shed on the property.

Release #1 for Carr and Duff for Improvements at 420 and 291

Prior to voting Mr. MacCombie explained that the first release is for handicap ramps that have been installed.

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve Release #1 to Carr and Duff construction for the traffic enhancement improvements to the Intersection of Routes 420 & 291 in the amount of \$38,025.00.

Scannell Properties LLC Extension of Time

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to extend the date of completion of the existing Sound Wall at the Federal Express site pursuant to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement adopted July 22, 2014 between the Township and Scannell Properties LLC, to no later than April 30, 2015 conditioned upon reimbursement of the Township's costs.

Code Enforcement Report – November 2014

November: The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

30 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$3,850.00**

22 Building Permits for a total of **\$62,598.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – November 2014

Township Fines: **\$5,231.55**. Of that amount, a total of **\$30.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **654** incidents and made **26** criminal arrests.

26 of those criminal arrests were adults

1 of those criminal arrests was juveniles.

1 of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report – October 2014

Total Calls – 31

Total number of responding personnel – 250

Total time in service – 23:36:00

Fire Company Report – November 2014

Total Calls – 36

Total number of responding personnel – 290

Total time in service – 22:37:00

Total calls YTD –

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Jonathan Buschmeier

T.T.F.C.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – November, 2014

06 Building Permit Reviews

06 Certificates of Occupancy Inspections

4 Violation Notices Issued

08 Building and/or Property Inspections

- 03 Written Response Letters to Building Permits**
- 01 Trailer Permit Issued**
- 01 Cease and Desist Order Issued to Local Restaurant Withdrawn for 90 Days**
- 01 Citation issued for Violation of Property Maintenance Code**
- 04 New Street Addresses Establish for the Emmaus Group on Wanamaker Ave.**
- 01 New street address established fir east Second Street property owned by Tincum Twp.**
- 02 Quotation received to upgrade Buglar/Fire Alarm System which was out of service due Parts not being available at Tincum Twp., Highway Dep't., and Boy Scout Cabin. Contract was issued to Crown Security by Township Manager total amount of \$875.00**

William J. Adams Jr.

Fire Marshal

Assistant Code Enforcement

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – November, 2014

November 2014

Decorated Town Hall for the Holidays
Cleaned all storm drains
Opened tide gates 2 times due to heavy rains
Cut down 2 trees due to storm damage
Cleaned the leaves off the roof at the Police Station & Fire House

Trash removal for the month of November 2014:

Regular trash – 133.53 tons
Heavy trash – 8.39 tons
Recyclables – 20.58 tons
Leaves – 41.10 tons
Yard Waste – 12.82 tons
White goods – 3 pieces

Respectfully Submitted,
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent
Highway Department

SANITATION
Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for November 2014

Total: 28,890,000 gallons

Average: 884,000 gallons

Total Sludge: 229,600 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 18,957 cu ft

Average 2,914 cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 38,000 gals % solids 4.01

Sewer Complaint: None

Equipment Repairs:

11/2/2014 Removed 3 flood lights

11/18/2014 Foxcroft Equip. Co. started to install auto feed chlorine unit

11/25/2014 Order new rotating unit for pump #2 Dewatering pump, unit worn past rebuilding,
runs 24 hrs. 7 days a week.

Miscellaneous items:

11/2014 Service all police vehicles that were due

11/2014 Drained water and removed water meter at Little League building and turn heat on at
bathroom.

Robert J. Bernauer

HEATH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - November, 2014

Mr. Barr thanked Health Officer Samantha Boyle (Fife) for her service, as Mrs. Boyle is leaving to have a child. Mr. Barr reported that signups for winter sports are completed. There are seven basketball teams, five Junior and five senior hockey teams.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander noted that the Board held an executive session to discuss the tax assessment appeal of the City of Philadelphia to the US Postal Facility on Tincum Island Road and the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals case number 09-02872 regarding the state statute governing the purchase of land for airport purposes by one municipality in another municipality.

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

Mr. Herbert MacCombie reported that the work in the entry way of Town Hall was 97% complete and he is pleased with how it turned out. Mr. MacCombie also reported that there is not yet a final release to the Sucher paving Company as there are still some items to address with the project..

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

Mr. Schreiber reported that the Township has received a proposal to erect traffic signage and lights in the area of the Tincum Township School and the Township will be moving forward with that project. Mr. Schreiber also reported that the 2015 Township Calendar will be delivered by the end of the week. Lastly, Mr. Schreiber reminded the public that the January 2015 meeting will not be on its normal 3rd Monday because of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The Board meeting will be the following Tuesday, January 20th.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley stated there was no correspondence this month.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Comment:

1. Mr. John Detweiler, 211 LaGrange Ave., asked if there was any progress on the electronic recycling the Board is considering. The Board responded that the Township is awaiting a dumpster to put items into.
2. Mr. Charles Monteith provided the Township Engineer's office with paperwork he received from a meeting Mr. Monteith had with PennDOT pertaining to warning lights at the Tinicum School. Mr. Monteith asked the Township's Solicitor to expand on the definition of 'continuous' as it relates to the 'barking dog' ordinance. Mr. Monteith stated he believes this ordinance should be amended.
3. Ms. Liz DeMarcantonio complimented Commissioners McCarthy, Edmiston, and Barr for their efforts to provide all of the Township's youth with various sports and athletic activities despite the fact that these three Commissioners no longer have their own children participating. Ms. DeMarcantonio commented that the Board is often not recognized enough for the effort they put forth on behalf of the Township's residents.
4. Mr. Zurdi Dobi stated that he believes residents should be given a copy of the budget. The Board responded that the Budget is available for anyone who wishes to review it. Mr. Dobi stated he is disappointed the Board did not require an acoustic engineer to review the proposed sound wall. Mr. MacCombie provided an explanation as to why the Township removed and then re-erected the white vinyl fencing that is around the Federal Express site.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

