

16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Tincum 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.

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### **Invocation**

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

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After Father Orth gave the invocation for the meeting, President Giancristoforo introduced the first order of business for the Board as the appointment of two new Part Time Police Officers to the Tincum Township Police Department. Before proceeding the Board asked for Public Comment on this agenda item only. The public having no comment, the Board proceeded with the appointment of the new part time police officer.

### **Promotion of Police Officers**

**On A Motion** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Lis as a Part Time Police Officer within the Tincum Township Police Department.

**On A Motion** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Geisler as a Part Time Police Officer within the Tincum Township Police Department.

Subsequent to the motions to appoint the new officers, at 19:10 Board President Giancristoforo recessed the regular Board meeting to conduct the Special Public Hearing on the application submitted by Philadelphia International Airport for the project proposed for Runway 27L.

At the conclusion of the Special Public Hearing (at 19:56) President Giancristoforo called the regular meeting to order once again.

**On A Motion** by Lisa Edmiston, seconded by Pat McCarthy, the minutes of the February 2015 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the February 2015 Treasurer's and Secretary's report of Receipts. There being no questions:

**On A Motion** by Pat Barr, seconded by Pat McCarthy, 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 March 2015. The bill list for March 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 March 2015 by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **Agenda Item Comments**

Mr. Zurdi Dobi asked the Township Solicitor to provide any topics and their associated docket numbers to the public during the Solicitor's report.

Regarding Item #8, Appointment of Township Health Officer, and Mr. Art Perdun asked if the candidate was qualified. The Board responded the candidate is qualified and will need to be state certified.

Regarding Item # 07, Appointment of New Part Time Police Officers, Mr. Perdun asked why the Board is hiring new part time officers. The Board responded that the Police Department recently promoted two part time officers to full time and that the Department currently has no part time officers.

Regarding Item #11, Request for Proposals for Tinicum Township 2015 Street Resurfacing, Ms. Michele Donahue of 184 Mohican St. asked if the lot at Manor Field can be paved for use by Township youth. The Board replied that that it can be looked at during the paving RFP process.

## **ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE**

### **Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman**

#### **Runway 27L Extension & Associated Taxiways**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via a roll call vote to approve the application of the City of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia International Airport to make improvements to the existing 27L Runway and associated Taxiways at the Philadelphia International Airport. Said improvements shall consist of an extension of Runway 27L of approximately 1500 feet to the east to meet current FAA standards, improve efficiency, and enhance safety on the airfield. Further, said approval will be contingent upon the satisfaction of the following conditions:

- Applicant must adhere to all State and Federal regulations
- Applicant must comply with all aspects of the Township's Land Development Ordinance
- Applicant must meet all Stormwater Management and MS4 requirements
- Applicant must adhere to all Building Permit and Building Code regulations

**Appointment of Township Health Officer**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Ms. Holly Waldeck of Manhattan Street in Lester as Tincum Township Health Officer at a rate of \$50.00 per hour.

**Sale of old Police Vehicle**

**On A Motion** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to place an advertisement in the local newspaper to receive bids for the purpose of selling the following vehicle: 1994 Toyota Landcruiser, VIN # JT3DJ81W1R0053100.

**Use of Westinghouse Grove and Scout Cabin for Easter Egg Hunt**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to allow the Fox Smith VFW Lodge to conduct their annual Easter Egg Hunt on the premises of Westinghouse Grove and the Scout Cabin.

**Request for Proposals for Tincum Township 2015 Street Resurfacing**

Prior to voting Mr. MacCombie commented that we are coming from a bad winter and that we should send the project out for bid. Go out for bid early for a better price.

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to direct the Township Engineer's office to assemble a Request for Proposal and to make recommendations as to streets or roadways in need of repair for the Township's 2015 Street Resurfacing Project.

**Release of Escrow Funds**

Prior to voting Mr. MacCombie stated that he would recommend the release.

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the release of escrow funds to ASDD General Partners, LLC in the amount of \$4,500 related to their land development plan. Said release has been reviewed and recommended by the Township Engineer's office.

**East Coast Greenway Trail Construction Inspection Consultant**

Prior to voting Mr. MacCombie explained that he would not meet qualifications in time and suggested we approve.

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to engage the engineering firm of Pennoni Associates of King of Prussia as the Construction Inspection Consultant for the Township's East Coast greenway trail Project.

**Appointment of Full Time Police Secretary**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to appoint Ms. Wendy Medendorp, of Saude Avenue in Essington, as a full time police Department Secretary at a rate of \$16.50 per hour effective April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Code Enforcement Report –February 2015**

**February:** The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

**08** Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$1,200.00**

**14** Building Permits for a total of **\$32,688.00**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS**

**Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman**

**POLICE REPORT – February 2015**

Township Fines: **\$6,063.12**. Of that amount, a total of **\$210.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **685** incidents and made **29** criminal arrests.

**29** of those criminal arrests were adults

**0** of those criminal arrests was juveniles.

**0** of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

**0** animals were taken into custody

**FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:**

**Fire Company Report – February 2015**

**No Fire Company Report this month.**

Total Calls – 0

Total number of responding personnel – 0

Total time in service –

**Total calls YTD –**

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Jonathan Buschmeier

T.T.F.C.

**FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – February, 2015**

- 07 Certificate of Occupancies Inspections
- 04 Violation Notice Issued
- 06 Citations Issued for Property Maintenance & certificate of Occupancy  
Violations
- 04 Building and/or Property Inspections
- 03 Written Response Letters to Building Permits
- 02 Fire Alarm Acceptance Test
- 01 Kitchen Fire Protection Test
- 01 Kitchen Hood & Duct Inspection

**William J. Adams Jr.**

**Fire Marshal**

**Assistant Code Enforcement**

**PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS**

**Lisa Edmiston, Chairman**

Public Works – February, 2015

**February 2015**

Repaired snow equipment in house

Rock salt used - 98.63 tons

Cold patch used - 2.5 tons

**Trash removal for the month of February 2015:**

Regular trash – 116.18 tons

Heavy trash – 6.05 tons

Recyclables – 19.43 tons

T.V.'s recycled – 54 pieces

Respectfully Submitted,  
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent  
Highway Department

**SANITATION**

**Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman**

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

**Monthly Report for February 2015**

Total: 28,682,000 gallons

Average: 1,024,000 gallons

Total Sludge: 197,377 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 108,659 cu ft

Average 3,880 cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 23,000 gals % solids 3.20

Sewer Complaint: Rod sewer 400 Blk. Of Wanamaker, County savings called.

**Equipment Repairs:**

02/3/2015 Installed new light over chlorine door

02/2015 Rebuilt telescope valves at head primary settling tanks

02/04/2015 Installed light over plant station door

02/06/2015 Put new bulb in light at scout cabin, north side

02/07/2015 C. Frank Inc. excavated to replace both drain valves at  
Chlorine tanks, stems wore out.

02/12/2015 Re-wired controls at generator at Comfort Inn, mice ate  
control wires.

02/13/2015 Turn up heat at Scout Cabin & Bathrooms do to 0 degree  
weather.

02/22/2015 Both covers frozen in place on digesters

02/23/2015 Put new battery in generator Comfort Inn

**Operation problems:**

02/2015 Chlorine system, gas system, secondary tanks all frozen due to extreme cold. No. 2  
secondary tank Out of Service due to ice breaking upper track.

**Miscellaneous items:**

02/2015 Service all police vehicles that had to be serviced.

Robert J. Bernauer



## **HEATH AND RECREATION**

### **Pat Barr, Chairman**

#### **Board of Health / Recreation - March, 2015**

Mr. Barr reported that hockey and basketball seasons are winding down and that only the championship games are left in the season. Mr. Barr thanked fellow Commissioners Edmiston and McCarthy for their assistance with running the sports programs despite them having no children that play on the teams.

Mr. Barr also reminded the public of the Pet Clinic for Rabies and Distemper vaccines on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire**

Mr. Auslander reported that the Board met in Executive Session on February 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals case 09-02872 and to discuss various Tax Assessment Appeals pending with the School District, County and Township (2011-09734, 2011-09699). Council for the represented parties has recommended a withdrawal of the appeals by all sides.

Mr. Auslander also reported that he and the Township Engineer are reviewing the revised FEMA flood plain model ordinance and will have recommendations to the Board for revisions to the Township Flood Plain Ordinance. Mr. Auslander has also been in contact with the developer of the proposed Baywood Hotel to move that project forward.

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

Mr. Herbert MacCombie reported that the project to re-locate the Runway Localizer at the airport will begin with piles being placed next week (week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>). Mr. MacCombie reported that the Conrail Overpass Bridge over 291 has been stripped down to its decking and the contractor will be pouring cement beginning week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. MacCombie also reviewed the copper contained in the effluent at the Water Treatment Plant and stated that the proposal the Township received to mitigate the problem costing almost \$90,000 would not have resolved the problem. As an alternative, a different study was proposed that would allow the DEP to revise the Township's discharge permit to account for the raised copper levels. This study would be \$25,000 but may be offset by savings on the cost of chemicals and the heating of chemicals currently being used to treat the copper levels.

A 'pre-treatment' ordinance will also be considered so that the waste water arriving into the Water Treatment Plant must be treated prior to being received.

### **Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber**

Mr. Schreiber reported that PennDOT design consultant for the School Zone lights has completed their design and PennDOT can be expected to issue a permit in the very near future. Once a permit is issued, the Township can secure the equipment for installation.

Mr. Schreiber also stated that the Township has participated in emergency planning exercises led by Delaware County Emergency Management for the purpose of establishing an emergency plan for the three communities through which crude oil trains pass on a daily basis. The goal of the exercises is to establish a resident communication plan and emergency operations procedures for any potential incident.

Mr. Schreiber also stated that as a result of the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance ordinance passed by the Board, the Township would be issuing a revised tax bill to Castleway Properties resulting from the Federal Express construction project.

### **Secretary's Correspondence**

Ms. Brolley read a permit application submitted from Michael Sheridan and Kim Monroe of Ridley Park for the use of Governor Printz Park for their wedding, Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 5:00 PM, with approximately 60 to 70 attendees.

**ON A Motion** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board voted unanimously to approve the use of Governor Printz Park for a wedding with approximately 60 to 70 attendees on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 5:00 PM.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING**

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

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **Public Comment:**

1. Mr. Charles Monteith of Jansen Ave asked for an update on the School Lights project. The Board responded that the Township Manager just provided an update via the Township Manager report.
2. Mr. Monteith also asked that jobs that are available in the Township be posted on the website.
3. Mr. Monteith also noted his displeasure of the Township's noise ordinance as it pertains to barking dogs, noting that he has been fined \$600.
4. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave., brought the leaking roof at the Library to the attention of the Board. The Board responded that they are aware and have contacted a roofer to review the damage.
5. Mr. Dobi also complained that he came into the office to ask for the March 2014 minutes and was told they were not available. The Board and Township Manager responded that the minutes are both in the minute book and are still on the website.
6. Mr. Dobi also voiced his opinion that the Township Manager should be dismissed because, in Mr. Dobi's opinion, the LERTA ordinance is not being properly implemented.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

