

January 21, 2025 @ 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, Vice President  
Dennis Arthur, Commissioner  
Lisa Edmiston Commissioner  
Roger Joseph, Commissioner  
David D. Schreiber, Manager  
Sam Auslander, Esq., Solicitor  
Dennis O'Neill, P.E. Engineer

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

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**ON A MOTION** by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the December 2024 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;

**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 January 2025 will be distributed to all members at the end of the month. There being no questions;

**ON A MOTION** by Dennis Arthur and second by Patrick Barr the bill list will be paid for the month of January 2025 by a unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, referring to Item # 13, Extension of the Agreement Pertaining to the Detour for the Relocated Tincum Island Road, asked Mr. Auslander to note the issues and provide an update on this topic. Regarding Item # 16, Committee Reports, asked Mr. Auslander for an update on the Lutheran Church, Wawa litigation, Wu litigation (what Wu is asking for) and to discuss a topic that involves several retired police officers.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Adoption of Resolution 2025-001 Applying for County Aid Liquid Fuels Funds**

**ON A MOTION** by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted via unanimous roll call vote to adopt Tinicum Township Resolution 2025-001 making application to Delaware County for an allocation of County Liquid Fuels Tax funds in the amount of \$7,223.

**Transfer of Funds from the General Account to the Sewer Account**

**ON A MOTION** by Dennis Arthur and second by Patrick Barr the Board voted via unanimous roll call vote to make semi-annual transfers of funds from the Township General Operating Fund account to the Sewer Account to cover associated debt service and administrative expenses. Said Semi-annual transfers are in the amount of \$375,000

**Approval of Conditional Use Application to Reconstruct Taxiway S**

**ON A MOTION** by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the Conditional Use Application of the City of Philadelphia’s Department of Aviation to reconstruct Taxiway S east of Runway 17-35. Said approval shall be subject to the conditions outlined in the Board of Commissioner’s written decision dated January 21, 2025

**Adoption of Township Resolution 2025-002 – Authorizing Membership in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust**

**ON A MOTION** by Dennis Arthur and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt Tinicum Township Resolution 2025-002 authorizing participation in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) to purchase shares in the Trust for the purpose of investing Township funds in obligations which are otherwise legal investments, as part of a pooled arrangement with other local governmental units.

**Attendance at Annual Seminars and Conferences**

**ON A MOTION** by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the attendance of appropriate Township Officials at various County and Statewide seminars and conferences during calendar year 2025 at an approximate total cost of \$5,000.

**Release #2 for Repairs to Township Marina**

**ON A MOTION** by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve Release #2 for the repairs to the Township’s marina in the Amount of \$290,466 payable to AP Construction of Philadelphia Pa. The release has been reviewed and recommended for payment by the Township Engineer.

**Extension of the Agreement Pertaining to the Detour for the Relocated Tinicum Island Road**

**PRIOR TO VOTING** on this item, Mr. Auslander stated that the new Tinicum Island Road was opened in July 2024 prior to all of the construction requirements being met. As a result, the Board agreed to allow use of the Road upon entering into an Indemnity Agreement with the City of Philadelphia. As some items are still not addressed, an additional extension is needed. In particular, the Township is working with the City on an Operations and Maintenance Agreement as well as a Licensing Agreement for the road.

**ON A MOTION** by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to execute an Amendment to the Indemnification Agreement signed in July 2024, to use the newly constructed Relocated Tinicum Island Road for the temporary detour of traffic at the intersection of the Relocated Tinicum Island Road and Hog Island Road. Said extension agreement shall be subject to receipt of signed Agreements from the City of Philadelphia. The extension shall be through March 31, 2025.

**Co-working Space Agreement with the Swedish Colonial Society**

**ON A MOTION** by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to enter into an Addendum to the current Co-Working Space Agreement with the Swedish Colonial Society for use of certain portions of the Historic Lazaretto Building for an exhibition center for artwork and artifacts. Said addendum is for two years at a rental fee of \$412 per month for the first year and \$424.36 for the second year. The Swedish Colonial Society will continue to be responsible for liability and property insurance for injury to persons and property.

**Emergency Generator Maintenance Agreement with Mardinly Industrial Power**

**ON A MOTION** by Dennis Arthur and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to enter into a scheduled maintenance agreement with Mardinly Industrial Power to furnish the materials and labor to service and maintain the emergency generators for the Township's treatment plant pumping stations, firehouse, police station and Lazaretto Building. Said agreement will be for an initial one year period at a cost of \$9,850 with an option for a second year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Code Enforcement Report – Roger Joseph, Chairman**

**December 2024 - The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:**

17 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of \$ 2,250  
09 Building Permits for a total of \$ 19,440

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

**Police Report: December 2024**

Township Fines: \$ 3,124 Of that amount, a total of \$ 250 were Parking Tickets.

The department handled 391 incidents and made 23 criminal arrests  
19 of those criminal arrests were adults  
02 of those criminal arrests were juveniles.  
00 animals were taken into custody

Mr. McCarthy congratulated Police Superintendent Righter on the Department’s impending official accreditation notice and certification in Harrisburg later in January.

**Fire Company Report: December 2024**

Building Fire	06	Fuel Spill	01
Vehicle Fire	01	Gas Leak	02
Assist EMS	04	Dispatch / Cancel	05
MVA	13	Auto Fire Alarms	08
Total Calls	40		

The Fire Chief reports that in 2024, the Fire Company responded to a total of 561 calls – the second busiest year in company history.

EMS Calls for December 179. Total calls for 2024 were 2,035.

**Fire Marshal Report: December 2024**

**Plan Reviews:**

1. PHL Terminal A East, phase II of roof HVAC system
2. 9 Hog Island Road, Lincoln Financial Corporate Hanger. Demolition of foam fire suppression system.
3. Met with Aqua and Rt. 420 Bridge contractor on placement of new hydrant and standpipe

**Fire / Code Inspections and Acceptance Tests:**

1. PHL Terminal A East damper smoke detector, parts 2 and 3  
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: December 2024**

Regular Trash	204	Tons
Bulk Trash	07	Tons

- Completed leaf pick-up for the season
- Welded numerous repairs to trash truck
- Picked up and delivered Christmas Dinner donations to various residents
- Installed new LED stop signs at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue of North and South Gov Printz Blvd
- Serviced and repaired snowplows and salt spreaders
- Removed sections of seaplane hangar roof
- Prepped Westinghouse Grove for Boy Scout's Winter Survival
- Opened and maintained tide gates during storms
- Removed graffiti from various locations

**George Hinkle, Superintendent**

**Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman**

**Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment Plant: December 2024**

Total flow	27,324,000	gallons
Average Daily Flow	881,000	gallons
Total sludge	39,000	gallons (2.9% solids)
Methane Gas	34,022	cu ft

- Rebuilt pump at shed containing the plant's Bio-Sulfite
- Serviced new snow equipment
- Jetted sewer main on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**Louis Clark, Jr., Superintendent**

### **Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman**

Mr. Barr reported the following health inspections were performed: Travel Lodge (issue with cockroaches), Quality Inn (former Wyndham), Clarion Hotel, Lehman's Restaurant, McBrides Bar, Flashback Bar (all passed). There were 6 attendees at the January "Safe Serve" class.

The Patriotic Organization collected approximately \$8,050 in vendor fees during 2024 and of this, the Organization donated approximately \$7,800 to various causes including several residents dealing with illness, Coaches for Cancer, Tunnels to Trails, and the Dave Remshard memorial fund.

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

Mr. Auslander reported that the Wawa litigation continues at the Commonwealth Court level. Final briefs are due in late March to early April. Oral argument may be scheduled for the fall of 2025. Regarding the Wu litigation, Mr. Auslander stated that since the Mediation process did not bring about a resolution, the details of the mediation process are confidential. Mr. Auslander stated that the topic involving several retired police officers are a Collective Bargaining issue and discussions under Executive Session for this matter are protected from disclosure. The "quiet title" action brought by the owner of the property adjacent to St. Margaret Mary's Church may be scheduled for trial in the summer of 2025.

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

The Township Engineer reported that his office has received an updated "punch-list" of items to be completed for the new Tinicum Island Road. Most of the items contained on the punch list are completed while others are weather dependent and will need to wait for warmer weather. The Engineer's office is also working on a "punch-list" for the 291 Traffic Light project, including restoration of the trenches dug for underground cabling. A more final inspection is scheduled for the end of February. At this time, the contractor is monitoring the new timing sequences and will address any issues raised. The Board asked the Engineer to review if additional cameras can be added to the project at critical areas (Jansen Ave and Stevens Drive)

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

The Township Manager reported that the Township is working with the Commonwealth's Office of Management and Budget to close out the grant obtained for the renovation of the Lazaretto Building. The grant's next time-extension is due in April. However the OMB is working to close the grant prior to then. The Manager and Engineer will be meeting with the contractor retained to complete the Mini Parks Recreation and Open Space study in the coming week to begin the project. The Township was not awarded the grant funds requested for updates to the Library applied for in early 2024.

**Secretary's Correspondence** – There was no Correspondence received this month.

**Other Business** – There was no Other Business discussed this month.

**Adjourn the Business Portion of Meeting**

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

**Public Participation**

Mr. Zurdi Dobi asked about the broken glass panels at two different bus shelters and whether or not anyone had been charged. The Board responded, No. Asked about the cost of the zoning ordinance changes enacted in 2024.

**Adjournment of Meeting**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
David D. Schreiber  
Manager/Secretary