

16th December 2019 @ 6:30 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, Patrick McCarthy, President presiding:

C. Patrick Barr, Vice President

Dennis 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.

On A Motion by Lisa Edmiston, seconded by Pat Barr, the minutes of the November 2019 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy reported that all members had received copies of the November 2019 Treasurer's and Secretary's report of Receipts. There being no questions:

On A Motion by Pat Barr, seconded by Roger Joseph, 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 December 2019. 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 Barr, the bill list will be paid for the month of December 2019 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave., objected to Item #7, Agreement of Sale for 101 Taylor Avenue.

Regarding Item # 8, “Reading of the Township of Tinicum 2020 Budget” Mr. Zurdi Dobi asked if the Board would take questions after the reading or if the public had to ask questions prior to the reading. The Board responded it would take questions after the reading.

Regarding Items # 10, “Engagement with RSM LLP for Parking Lot Audit”, Mr. Dobi stated that the Motion should be tabled until the Board determines how many facilities will be audited.

Mr. Dobi asked Mr. Auslander to provide information on the Wu vs. Tinicum Township lawsuit.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

101 Taylor Avenue Agreement of Sale

Prior to voting on this item, Solicitor Auslander stated that the owners of this parcel have now subdivided what was one folio number shared by a condominium association into separate lot numbers and that the Township is entertaining a motion to purchase what is now lots 2 and 3 which consists of the property that held the former Walbers and Lagoon businesses and the submerged lands into the Delaware River, respectively. The other lot created by the subdivision contains the present Waterfront and Holiday Inn Express hotels. The Township will pursue any potential non-matching fund grants available to fund the purchase of Lot 3. Barring the receipt of any grant funding, the Township will take ownership of the parcel within one year of the agreement.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to execute an Agreement of Sale for the acquisition of certain lots located at 101 Taylor Avenue consisting of a 2.8 acre parcel designated as Lot 2 on the recorded Subdivision Plan for Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$750,000.00) Dollars; and a .380 acre submerged land parcel designated as Lot 3 funded by non-matching Grant Funds, if any, to a maximum value of Five Hundred Sixty-five Thousand (\$565,000.00) Dollars.

Said acquisition shall also provide for the transfer of Permit and Submerged Lands License Agreement and the Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit as originally issued by the Pa.DEF.

Said Motion shall extend the authority of the Board of Commissioners to execute and deliver any and all appropriate and necessary documents and procedures to satisfy the terms and conditions of the Agreement of Sale to acquire the right, title and interest to said real estate and existing licenses and permits.

Reading of the Township of Tinicum 2020 Budget

During the Public Comment portion after the Township Secretary's reading of the 2020 Township Budget, Mr. Zurdi Dobi objected to several items in the proposed 2020 budget including: The amount of funding designated for Engineering Services and Legal Services. The Township Managers salary and position, capital project expenditures, and raising the rate of the Sewer Rent from \$4.50 to \$5.00.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve and adopt the Township of Tinicum 2020 Township Budget noting no change in the Township real estate tax rate of 4.4 mils and with a raise in the Sewer Rental Rates from \$4.50 per 1000 gallons to \$5.00 per thousand gallons and to place the corresponding notice in the Delaware County Daily Times.

Land Development of 500 Wanamaker Ave. Partners LLC – Wawa Food Market and Gas Station

ON A MOTION by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the Land Development application of 500 Wanamaker Ave Partners LLC for the construction of a new Wawa Food Market and Gas Station located at 500 Wanamaker Ave. (The former St. Margaret Mary Church). Said construction will consist of a building approximately 5,585 sq ft and associated fuel dispensing area consisting of 9 fuel pumps. This item was unanimously approved subject to the letters of the Township Engineer dated November 13, 2019 and December 10, 2019 as well as the comments of the Engineer dated December 16 and documented herein.

Engagement with RSM LLP for Parking Lot Audit

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to engage with RSM LLP of Philadelphia, PA to conduct a review of the tax revenues attributed to parking services and amounts paid to the Township. Said review would cover the revenue and reporting for a three year period at a cost of approximately \$16,000 per entity reviewed.

John Morton Boy Scout Winter Survival Weekend

ON A MOTION by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the request of the John Morton Winter Survival groups request to hold their annual event at Westinghouse Grove Park on the weekend of January 4th&5th, 2020 with a bad weather date of January 11th and 12th, 2020.

Storm Water Waiver for Taxiway K Improvements at Philadelphia International Airport

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve a waiver from the Township’s Storm Water Management Ordinance for the work being done for renovations to Taxiway “K”. The applicant for said waiver is Atkins North America Inc., who has offered to make a voluntary contribution of \$184,000 to the Township’s Storm Water MS4 fund to provide funding for future Storm Water Management projects.

Extension of Time for the Land Development Application of Michael Saltis of Tidal Waters Properties, Poulson Avenue

ON A MOTION by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the applicant’s request for a time extension by which the Board must consider Michael Saltis’ Tidal Waters Properties Land Development Application. Said Land Development Application is to construct a warehouse on Poulson Avenue with related parking and other site features on currently vacant lots. The extension shall be until May 31st, 2020.

Code Enforcement Report – November 2019: Roger Joseph, Chairman

November: The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

12 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$7,083.50**

20 Building Permits for a total of **\$9,850.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – November 2019

Township Fines: **\$4,201.44**. Of that amount, a total of **\$75.00** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **473** incidents and made **31** criminal arrests.

29 of those criminal arrests were adults

2 of those criminal arrests were juveniles.

2 of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report – November 2019

No Report This Month

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – November 2019

Mr. McCarthy: The following report is submitted for your review:

Performed 2 Fire Alarm Plan Reviews

Performed 1 Access Control Gate (Renaissance Hotel, 500 Stevens Drive)

Witnessed and approved a fire alarm and fire sprinkler acceptance test in the United Parcel Building #1 Hog Island Road on November 1st.

Met with the PHL Engineering on the Phase II Fire Alarm Upgrade on November 12th.

Witnessed and approved a fire alarm and fire sprinkler acceptance test in PHL Terminal 'A' West, Pizza Cucinova, on November 13th.

As a Board Member, attended the Delaware County Fire & Life Safety Board Meeting on November 14th.

As an advisory Board Member, attended the Delaware County Emergency Communications Meeting at the 911 Center on November 14th.

Fire Code Inspection at 345 Seneca Street on November 20th.

Attended the semi-annual Airport Security Committee Meeting in Harrisburg on November 26th.

Attended the State Fire Commissioner's Annual Fire Safety Conference on November 21st & 22nd.

Attended the Annual Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute Conference in Harrisburg on November 22nd & 23rd.

Raymond W. Lonabaugh, CFPS

Fire Marshal

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – November, 2019

1. Four (4) trees were removed from Gov. Printz Park
2. Two (2) trees were removed at the Police station
3. Rebuilt two (2) salt spreaders in house
4. Rubbish removed from a private property – 6.82 tons
5. Trash removal for the month of November 2019:

Regular trash - 159.01 tons
Heavy trash - 9.16 tons
Yard waste - 6.99 tons
Leaves - 143.00 yds.

Wished Everyone a Happy & Safe Holiday Season!

Respectfully Submitted,
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent
Highway Department

SANITATION

Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for November 2019

Total flow	30,151,000-gals	Average	1,005,000 gals
Total sludge	258,132 gals	Percent Solids	2.6%
Methane Gas	84,732 cu ft		
Total Sludge hauled to Delcora	25,900 gallons		

Sewer Complaints

None

Operation:

11/2019 All ok

Equipment repairs

11/2019 Rebuilt pre-heater, new oil pump, filter, complete control modual, new bearings and motor on blower

11/2019 Installed new electric service to chemical shed, ran new wire from MCC to shed.

11/2019 All chlorine equipment serviced

Miscellaneous Items

11/2019 Serviced all police equipment that needed service

Robert J. Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - November, 2019

Commissioner Barr thanked all those that volunteer their time and effort in making the November 30th Community Day and Health Fair a success. The funds that were raised from the Farmers Market and Community Day will be donated to 4 families in need along with 2 scholarships and Coaches for Cancer. Mr. Barr stated that hockey and basketball signups were completed and practices have started. President McCarthy thanked Mr. Barr for hard work.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

No Solicitor Report was given as Mr. Auslander had to excuse himself from the meeting after Item #9 to attend another engagement.

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

Mr. James MacCombie reported that preliminary design of the library ADA ramp should be complete in a couple of weeks. Mr. MacCombie's office met with representative of the Philadelphia Airport regarding the Tincum Island Road relocation project. Mr. MacCombie received plans to review as well as storm water management designs. Bids for the project are expected to be requested this spring 2020.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported the following:

The Township's 2020 meetings, including the 2020 Reorganization Meeting have been advertised. Recycling Igloos have been place at two locations, the site of the Lester Firehouse and at the Library. Representative Dave Dellosso will be holding a Town Hall meeting at Tincum Township Community Room on Wednesday, Jan 8. Representative Dellosso will also hold a Pet Expo in the Community Room on February 15.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley had no report this month.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Comment:

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave., objected to the distribution ratios of the 2015 Airport Settlement Agreement. Mr. Dobi stated that the County Executive Directors position is being reviewed and suggested the Township do the same. Mr. Dobi asked if the storm water issue Mr. McCracken brought up has been resolved and suggested that the Township spend money on resolving it rather than purchase additional property.

The Board asked the Township Engineer to speak to Mr. McCracken.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

