

July 20th, 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.

The Township Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on the above date and time both at 97 Wanamaker Avenue, Essington, PA 19029 and via a recorded ZOOM session with Patrick K. McCarthy, President, presiding. Present:

Patrick K. McCarthy, President
Patrick Barr, Vice President
Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner
Roger Joseph, Commissioner
David D. Schreiber, Manager
Sam Auslander, Esq, Solicitor
James W. MacCombie, P.E., Township Engineer

Absent: Dennis R. Arthur, Commissioner

As a result of the COVID 19 and Corona Virus Emergency Declaration issued by Federal, State, and Local Governments, the Board of Commissioner's Workshop and Commissioner's meetings were held remotely using electronic video and audio technology. The Board of Commissioners and essential personnel were remotely present to participate in the meetings.

Agendas for both the Monthly Workshop Meeting and Monthly Commissioner Meeting were posted to the Township's website at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meetings at www.tinicumtwpdelco.com/meeting-minutes. Members of the public wishing to participate in the meetings were asked to submit their questions or comments on Township matters by written email directed to the Tinicum Township Board of Commissioners at either admin@tinicumtownshipdelco.com or tinicumtwpdelco@gmail.com.

All virtual or remote meetings will be recorded and will be made available on the Township website for public viewing after the meeting. 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.

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

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AFTER THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BUT PRIOR TO THE REGULAR MEETING the Board of Commissioners held a Special Use Hearing for the Application of Park and Jet and their parking facility. A transcript of this Special Use Hearing is available separately.

AFTER THE CONCLUSION of the Special Use Hearing, the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners resumed.

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr, second by Roger Joseph, the minutes of the Commissioners June Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy reported that all members had received copies of the Treasurer's and Secretary's Report of Receipts. There being no questions;

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr, second by Lisa Edmiston, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy reported that all members had received the list of bills for the month of July 2020. There being no questions;

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston, second by Pat Barr, the bill list will be paid for the month of July 2020 by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

No Public Comments were received for this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Special Use Application of Park and Jet (Tinicum Developers)

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the Special Use Application of Tinicum Developers involving the expansion of the Park and Jet parking facility by up to an additional 581 parking spaces. In addition, the Board will modify its previous decision of May 2019 allowing for hotel exclusive parking of no less than 412 parking spaces and up to 106 "overflow" spaces. Said approval is also subject to all other conditions previously imposed in July 2009 and May 2019.

Land Development Application of PHL@LLC / 1 Hotel Group

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to reconsider the Board's June 15, 2020 decision to deny applicant, PHL@LLC / 1 Hotel Group's Land Development application for a the development of two (2) new hotels on the property at 101 Taylor Avenue.

On June 16, 2020 the applicant granted the Township an extension to consider their Decision on the Land Development Application until September 30, 2020. The Board of Commissioners, upon reconsideration of the Applicant's correspondence vacates its Decision of June 15, 2020 and approves an extension of time to consider the Applicant's pending Land Development proposal until September 30, 2020.

Adoption of Ordinance 2020-909 Providing for Licensing and Regulations of Hotels, Motels, and Inns.

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt Township Ordinance 2020-909 amending and supplementing Chapter 181 of the Tincum Township Code by providing for regulations, inspections, and licensing procedures for hotels, motels and inns within the Township.

Hiring of Two Public Works Department Employees

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Roger Joseph the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to hire current Part Time employees Michael Connor and John Kissinger as Full Time employees within the Tincum Township Public Works Department at a starting rate of \$18.09.

Police Vehicle and Personal Body Cameras

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to purchase, via the state Co-Stars program, up to 16 personal police body cameras, up to 7 police vehicle cameras, and all associated hardware and software from WatchGuard in the amount of approximately \$79,582.

Code Enforcement Report – June 2020 – Roger Joseph, Chairperson

The Code Enforcement Officer issued:

20 Certificates of Occupancy for a total of **\$ 14,450.00**

14 Building Permits for a total of **\$ 114,358.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police, Fire, and Buildings: Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairperson:

POLICE REPORT:

Fines collected for the month of June 2020

Township Fines: \$ 2,605.65 Out of that amount \$ 25.00 were Parking Tickets

The department handled 534 incidents and made 22 criminal arrests

21 of those criminal arrests were adult

1 of those criminal arrests were juveniles.

Of the Juveniles:

1 of those was handled with the Department and released

0 of those were referred to Criminal or Adult Court

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2020

Tinicum Township Fire Company

There is no report for this month.

Fire Marshal Report

Fire Marshal Report June 2020

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

We received notice from FEMA that we will receive \$76,907.00 from the Port Security Grant the fire company applied for to repower the fire boat, add a bow thruster, and bow guard/bumper. Project cost is in the neighborhood of \$105,000.00. There is resale value on the existing motors, which will be applied to the project. We are responsible for fire and EMS in our area of the river, which includes the marinas. Although marine firefighting assistance from Philadelphia is available and we have drilled with them it takes considerable time for them to get underway and travel down the river.

We are in the process of putting together a grant application to recoup Covid-19 expenditures. We have had a considerable amount of expense for personal protective equipment due to Covid-19.

Although the fire company is Federal and State Tax Exempt as a 501c3 organization it does not exclude Federal Income Tax Filing. An accounting compiled our 2019 tax filing and also performed our annual financial review on June 8, 2020 for the year 2019. Both can be reviewed by the Township Commissioner upon request.

Fire Marshal Activities:

Three elevator state acceptance tests for Phase I (Elevator Fire Recall) and Phase II (Elevator Firemen's Operation) at the airport Terminal 'A' East witnessed by the

Township Fire Marshal on three separate days at 5:00 a.m.
One witnessed fire alarm acceptance test on the 3rd Floor of the Renaissance Hotel.
One witnessed emergency driveway gate control device acceptance test at the Renaissance Hotel. We tested the device with various fire company vehicles.

Two witnessed fuel oil tank foam fire suppression acceptance tests on tanks 7 & 8 at the airport fuel oil tank farm on Hog Island Road.

Attended an American Fire Alarm Association webinar on Emergency Responder Radio Communication Enhancement Systems in NFPA-72.

Attended an International Arson Investigators Association webinar on NFPA 921 “Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigation Chapter 6 Fire Patterns to include new updates.

Attended a Covid-19 Cost Recovery for Fire and EMS webinar.

Attended the Monthly DELCO Board of Fire and Life Safety Meeting

Respectively Submitted,
Raymond W. Lonabaugh, CFPS
Fire Marshal

Public Works, Highways, Railroads & Airport: Lisa E. Edmiston, Chairman

There is no Highway Report for this month.

Walter Lee, Superintendent
Highway Department

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman:

There is no Sanitation Report for this month.

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr reported that soccer is under way and that the Board is hopeful to get through the season despite the COVID pandemic.

Solicitor’s Report: Sam S. Auslander, Esq.

Mr. Auslander reported that the title insurance policy and deed to both the Taylor Avenue properties that were recently purchased by the Township have been received.

Engineer’s Report – James W. MacCombie, P.E.,

Mr. MacCombie reported that he met with representatives of the Philadelphia Division of Aviation and contractors working on the Tinicum Island Road relocation project at the project site. Mr. MacCombie and the group walked the site and discussed various issues that the DOA and contractors should be aware of. Mr. MacCombie discussed the bids received for the

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment Plant butterfly valve replacement project. The apparent low bidder, Blooming Glen Contractors of Skippack, PA did not include their Letter of Intent with their returned bid. However, if agreed to by the Commissioners, Mr. McCombie did not believe this to be a disqualifying event in that the contractor has confirmed they will return the LOI promptly.

The Board agreed that they will accept the signed LOI from Blooming Glen.

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to delegate authority to the Tinicum Township Sewer Authority to administer the project to replace 16 critical butterfly valves at the Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and to award the project to Blooming Glen Contractors of Skippack, PA at their bid price of \$ 112,121.00. Ancillary costs associated with this project including Contingency, Engineering and Contract Administration and Construction Surveillance would bring the total project cost to \$ 134,545.

Manager's Report – David Schreiber – July 2020

The Township Manager reported the following: As has been done over the past couple of months, the meeting agendas have been posted on the Township website for comment from the public. No public comments were received. The July 30, 2020 Zoning Hearing Board meeting will be held via Zoom. Advertisements and instructions on how to participate have been placed in the local newspaper. Documents for the Township's new 2021 Bond have been forwarded to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development by Calhoun Baker for review and approval. There will be no meeting held in August.

Secretary's Correspondence

There was no correspondence reported for the month.

Other Business

There was no Other Business discussed this month.

Adjourn of the Business Portion of Meeting

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

Public Participation

There were no comments from the Public offered for this meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston to adjourn this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

David D. Schreiber
Manager/Secretary