

September 20, 2021 @ 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 K. McCarthy, President, presiding. Present:

Patrick K. McCarthy, President
Patrick Barr, Vice President
Dennis Arthur, Commissioner
Roger Joseph, Commissioner
David D. Schreiber, Manager
Sam Auslander, Esq, Solicitor
Dennis O'Neill, Township Engineer

Commissioner Lisa Edmiston was absent from this meeting.

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

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Hiring of Police Officers

The first item during this evening was the hiring of two new police officer patrolmen for the Tincum Township Police Department. As this is a regular agenda item scheduled for this meeting, the public was given an opportunity to comment on this item before moving forward.

Mr. Zurdi Dobi of 200 Powhatten Avenue asked about the officer's salary. The Board responded that base salary for a patrolman is approximately \$91,000 and that the first three years of an officer's salary is graduated at 70%, 80%, and 90% beginning at approximately \$64,800 in the first year. Mr. Dobi then made a statement about the bible and the oath that the officers take upon the bible and how he hopes that the new officers abide by said oath. Mr. Dobi made reference to a civil lawsuit filed against the Township and the settlement arising out of said lawsuit for the alleged violation of a person's civil rights.

Several of the attendees at the meeting spoke about the good character and integrity of the candidates.

As there was no further public comment on this item. Mr. McCarthy called for motions to hire Mr. Sean Boyd and Mr. James McTighe as Tincum Township Police Officers.

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Dennis Arthur the Board voted unanimously via roll call to appoint Mr. Sean Boyd as a full time Police Officer within the Tinicum Township Police Department pending the required medical examination.

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr the Board voted unanimously via roll call to appoint Mr. James McTighe as a full time Police Officer within the Tinicum Township Police Department pending the required medical examination.

Mr. McCarthy then called upon District Justice Jack Lippart and the two candidates to the podium whereby Judge Lippart administered the oath of office to Mr. Boyd and Mr. McTighe.

Before resumption of the regular meeting, Board President McCarthy was called away to attend to a family/home emergency and excused himself from the rest of the meeting.

Board Vice-President Barr presided over the remainder of the meeting.

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Roger Joseph, the minutes of the Commissioners July 2021 Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

Vice President Barr 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 Roger Joseph and second by Dennis Arthur, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

Vice President Barr reported that the bill list for September 2021 will be distributed to all members at the end of the month. There being no questions;

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Dennis Arthur, the bill list will be paid for the month of September 2021 by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, Lester, asked the following: that the amounts for the Resolutions for Item #7 be read into the motions; that Mr. Auslander provide an estimate on the cost of the Wu litigation, and whether any depositions have been taken; to comment on the second (technical) appraisal obtained for the 1010 Taylor Avenue property.

Regarding Item #10, Adjustment to Township Commissioner Annual Salary, Mr. Dobi stated his opposition to the Commissioners receiving "any additional tax-payer money" because in the opinion of Mr. Dobi, the Board has: purchased various property for no reason thereby taking it off of the tax rolls; "robbed" the Interboro School District by the manner in which the 2015 Airport Settlement Agreement is distributed as he believes it should be divided according to tax millage percentage rates; spending too much money on Governor Printz Park and wasting water on the splash pad; "refusing" to pay the Lazaretto contractor; "covering up" a civil rights lawsuit;

Moving of Town Hall from 629 N. Gov Printz Blvd to the Lazaretto Building, where the meeting room is much smaller; for not recording and broadcasting the Commissioner Meetings; and for changing the zoning ordinance, claiming it was done to benefit the proposed Wawa development.

Art Perdun, 247 S. Governor Printz, asked the following: will the East Coast Greenway Trail be continued into Eddystone (Ridley) after the Darby Creek Bridge?; will the proposed Feasibility Study include Manor Field?; Will the Small Antenna Array ordinance in Item 15 dictate where the antenna may go and can we limit the number? Mr. Barr responded that the Feasibility Study will include Manor Field and that the Township cannot determine if the Trail will continue after the bridge – however that is the goal of the Trail in general. Mr. Auslander stated that it remains to be seen how the distribution of the Small Antenna Array will pan out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Adoption of Township Resolutions 2021- 004 2021-005 and 2021-006

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Dennis Arthur, the Board voted unanimously via roll call to adopt the aforementioned Resolutions as part of the application to participate in the Delaware County Open Space Green Ways Municipal Grant Program in order to help fund a.) The Tincum Township Park and Recreation Open Space Plan in the amount of \$50,000 (Resolution 004) b.) A Feasibility Study to Connect the East Coast Greenway Trail in the amount of \$136,000 (Resolution 005) and c.) Enhancements and Improvements to Manor Park in the amount of \$250,000 (Resolution 006)

Appointment of Ms. Anna Marie (Angel) McCarron to the Tincum Township Zoning Hearing Board

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Ms. Anna Marie (Angel) McCarron to the Tincum Township Zoning Hearing Board for a 2 year term ending December 2023. Ms. McCarron replaces Mr. Keith Geider.

Appointment of Alternate Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Dennis Arthur, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Mr. Thomas Kelly of Kelly Grimes Pietrangelo & Vakil of Media, PA as Alternate Solicitor to the Tincum Township Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Kelly will act as Zoning Solicitor from time to time in the event the regular Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor is unable to preside.

Adjustment to Township Commissioner Annual Compensation

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to instruct the Township Solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance adjusting the annual compensation of the Township Board of Commissioners as allowed for in the recently amended Pennsylvania First Class Township Code. The new compensation amount will be \$3,145 annually beginning in the next full term.

Advertisement of Budget Workshop Dates for the 2022 Budget Process

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to instruct the Township Manager to advertise two Budget Workshop dates for the 2022 budget process. Said Workshop dates will be Wednesday Nov 10 and Wednesday Nov 17

Purchase and Installation of Speed Warning Signs

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Dennis Arthur, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the purchase and installation of three speed warning signs. Said signs will be of the type that alerts motorists of their travelling speed and the posted speed limit. Signs will be placed at locations to be determined on Wanamaker Ave., 4th Ave. and 2nd St.

2022 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Township’s Police and Non Uniform Pension Plans

Prior to voting on this item, Secretary Schreiber read the MMO amounts aloud for the record

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt the Township’s 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Township’s Police Pension Plan in the amounts of \$ 412,366 and \$00 for the Non Uniform Pension Plan.

Appointment of Alternate Crossing Guards

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Dennis Arthur, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint the following individuals as Alternate Crossing Guards:

Mark Sell

Ronald Maurer

Patricia Sannino

Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Ordinance

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Dennis Arthur, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to instruct the Township Solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance providing for rules, regulations and parameters by which Small Wireless Facilities may be deployed within the Township.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Report – Roger Joseph, Chairman

The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

54 Certificates of Occupancies in **July** for a total of \$30,550

16 Building Permits in **July** for a total of \$9,688

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

Police Department Report

July 2021

Township Fines: \$ 3,783 Of that amount, a total of \$ 551 were Parking Tickets.

The department handled 509 incidents and made 14 criminal arrests

13 of those criminal arrests were adults

01 of those criminal arrests were juveniles. Out of those juveniles

01 of the juveniles were handled within the Department and Released.

00 animals were taken into custody

August 2021

Township Fines: \$ 4,383 Of that amount, a total of \$ 825 were Parking Tickets.

The department handled 530 incidents and made 20 criminal arrests

19 of those criminal arrests were adults

01 of those criminal arrests were juveniles. Out of those juveniles

01 of the juveniles were handled within the Department and Released.

00 animals were taken into custody

Fire Company Report – July 2021

Total Calls:	41
Building Fires	03
Boat Fire	01
Vehicle Fire	03
Assist EMS	04
MVA W/ Injuries	10
MVA W/ Entrapment	01
Elevator Rescue	01
Water Rescue	02
Carbon Monoxide Incident	02
Wires Incident	01
Assist PD	01
Dispatch/Cancel	01
Auto Fire Alarms	11
Avg No. of Responding Personnel	08
Time in Service	32 hrs.

Fire Company Report – August 2021

Total Calls:	50
Building Fires	03
Brush Fire	01
Assist EMS	04
Vehicle Fire	01
MVA W/ Injuries	10
MVA w/o Injuies	03
MVA W/ Entrapment	03
Water Rescue	01
Gas Leak	04
Fuel Spill	01
CO Alarm	01
Wires Incident	02
False Call	01
Auto Fire Alarms	15

Avg No. of Responding Pesonnel 07
Time in Service 35 hrs.

Fire Marshal Report July 2021

Performed the following Building Plan Reviews:

1. La Quinta Hotel 53 Industrial Highway, Fire Alarm Repair Plan.
2. UPS, 1 Hog Island Road, Canopy Exterior Wall Fire Sprinkler Plan

Final Acceptance Inspections and Tests:

1. Final acceptance inspection and hydrostatic test of the second half of the UPS building fire sprinklers under conveyors and mezzanines

Inspections:

1. Brand-Safeway, Business Office, G Building 2nd Floor.
2. D. Keller Excavating, Equipment Repair Shop, H Complex.
3. Brand-Safeway, Warehouse, C Building.
4. Lori Apartments Building C, 410 S. Governor Printz Boulevard.
5. 291 Video and DVD, 426 S. Governor Printz Boulevard.
6. Warehouse, 108 Ericson – New tenant inspection.

Fire Marshal Report August 2021

UPS Fire Sprinkler Acceptance Inspections and Tests:

1. Received and reviewed “As Built Drawings” showing the corrected sprinkler head locations for the new conveyors and mezzanines found during the final acceptance inspection.
2. Identified existing areas where sprinkler pattern obstructions have been existing and need to be addressed.

Inspections at Airport Business Complex in the following buildings/businesses:

1. Comcast
2. American Crane
3. Western Fumigation Office
4. Western Fumigation Warehouse
5. Western Fumigation, X-RAY Building
6. Vacant, E Building 2nd & 3rd Floors
7. Vacant Building J2
8. Vacant ‘O’ Building Warehouse
9. Vacant ‘I’ Building

Other Inspections:

1. Lori Apartments Building C, 401 S. Governor Printz Boulevard.
2. 410 Governor Printz Boulevard
3. 423 Governor Printz Boulevard, Building ‘D’
4. Follow up on the “Fantastic Boutique, 426 S. Governor Printz Boulevard. Received and reviewed the fire alarm inspection report

Ray Lonabaugh, Fire Marshal

Public Works, Highways, and Railroads: Lisa Edmiston, Chairperson

Trash removal for the month of July 2021:

Regular Trash	202.52 Tons
Yard Waste	8.84 Tons
Bulk Trash	14.87 Tons

- Removed graffiti from poles, signs and structures through town
- Seaplane docks and ramps repaired and replaced
- Assisted with tide gate replacement at Wildlife Preserve
- Playground equipment at Gov Printz Park repaired
- Cleaned up marina and seaplane areas for splash-in
- Continue mosquito spraying
- Worked 7 after hours events
- Installed parking signs through town

Trash removal for the month of August 2021:

Regular Trash 201.64 Tons
Yard Waste 5.58 Tons
Bulk Trash 13.28 Tons

- Painted street lines
- Repainted parking lots at Firehouse and Townhall
- Repainted parking lines at Library and former Townhall
- Repaired gazebos at Governor Printz Park
- Cleared out rain ditch behind Jet Stream Parking
- Lined soccer field at Manor Field
- Pressure washed large gazebo at Gov Printz Park
- Cleaned out storm drains and other preparation for Tropical Storm Ida

George Hinkle, Superintendent

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report	July 2021
Total flow	31,304,000 gallons
Average Daily Flow	1,061,000 gallons
Total sludge	295,269 gallons
Methane Gas	110,370 cu ft
Sludge Hauled	78,500 gallons
Of which 2.32% were solids	

Operational Items

- Responded to Alarm caused by a power outage at 2nd and Corinthian

Equipment Repairs

- New chlorine equipment installed and fully operational
- Installed two new sump pumps at Ramada Inn and 2nd & Corinthian pumping stations
- Installed new rotating units at Taylor Avenue station
- Installed two new rotating units at 2nd & Corinthian pump station
- Observed that Ramada Inn Station may need 4 gate valves & both check vales as well as two new rotating units

Robert J Bernauer

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr thanked all of the volunteers (Commissioners, Public Works Dept., Ladies Auxiliary, West End Boat Club, etc.) that made the September 11 event at Governor Printz Park a success. Approximately \$7,000 was raised to be shared among First Responders as well as a donation to the USO Welcome Center at the airport.

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

Mr. Auslander acknowledged Mr. Dobi's consistent position and opposition to the Township's litigation with Wu & Associates regarding the renovations of the Lazaretto Building. Mr. Auslander stated that Mr. Dobi and the Township will just need "to agree to disagree". The parties are due in court again sometime in March 2022 and a judge will make a decision as to what the next steps will be. To date, Mr. Wu has been deposed. No other depositions have been taken. Mr. Auslander's firm has billed the Township approximately \$45,000 over a 4 year period for this matter.

Mr. Auslander also stated that, as the Board discussed several times over several months, the Township was required to provide a Technical Review of the appraisal obtained for 101 Taylor Avenue. Said Technical Review was obtained and submitted to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the grant awarded to the Township. Mr. Auslander stated that the Township has been very transparent about this process.

Mr. Auslander stated that the Commissioners met in Executive Session on Tuesday, September 14 to discuss some legal issues that may be forthcoming.

Engineer's Report – Dennis O'Neill P.E.,

Mr. Dennis O'Neill reported that his office has received an electronic copy of the "100% submission" of the plans for the relocation of Tinicum Island Road with responses to MacCombie's last review of March 2021. The electronic document is approximately 260 pages and the Engineer's Office has asked the applicant for a printed copy.

Manager's Report – David Schreiber

The Township Manager reported the following: The tide gate repairs at both the John Heinz and Second Street are complete. The Township has applied for three grants from Delaware County's Green Ways grant program, as noted in the resolutions passed tonight. The Township has closed on the re-financing of the Township's 2016 Series A and B bonds, lowering the interest rate from 3.45 to 1.31 percent for a hard savings of over \$1.4 million.

Secretary's Correspondence

No Correspondence this month.

Other Business

There was no Other Business discussed this month.

Adjourn of the Business Portion of Meeting

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

Public Participation

Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, asked about the police officers hired this evening and why. They Board responded that there are a couple of retirements that have taken/will take place as well as having two officers on disability. Mr. Dobi asked about debris on Hog Island Road. The Board responded that a possible culprit was identified and cited. Mr. Dobi stated that his question about the Technical Review of the appraisal was what was the cost and was it accepted by the DCNR. The Board responded that the cost was less than \$2,000 and that it was accepted by the DCNR.

Adjournment of Meeting

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Dennis Arthur this meeting was adjourned by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

David D. Schreiber
Manager/Secretary