

May 18, 2026 @ 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, Commissioner, Board Vice President
Dennis Arthur, Commissioner
Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner
Roger Joseph, Commissioner
David D. Schreiber, Manager
Dennis O'Neill, P.E. Engineer's Office
Adam Matlawski, Esq., Solicitor

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

Prior to beginning the meeting with the regular agenda items, Commissioner McCarthy introduced Mr. Patrick Quinn. Mr. Quinn announced the winners of the Tinicum School's 7th and 8th grade Memorial Day Essay contest. Two winners from the 7th and 8th grades read aloud their essays describing what Memorial Day means to them for the meeting attendees. The winners included: Lilith May-Kim, Nancy Nguyen, McKayla Laurie, Adama Karbo, AnnaLee May, Camryn Lawver, Diane Fithian, Ava Alkins, Kaylee Marr.

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3. ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph the minutes of the April 2026 Regular 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;

4. ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston the reports were accepted and approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. McCarthy reported that the bill list for May will be distributed to all members at the end of the month. There being no questions;

5. ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston the bill list will be paid for the month of May 2026 by a unanimous voice vote.

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items: There was no public comment offered on Agenda Items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

7. Award of 2026 Street Repaving Project

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to award the Township's 2026 repaving project to Gessler Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of approximately \$390,070 subject to the approval of a Liquid Fuels Project by PennDOT. Streets to re-pave may include: Erickson Ave from Front St. to 2nd St.; Essington Ave in between Corinthian; Carre Avenue from Front St. to 2nd St.; Powhattan Ave from 2nd Ave to 3rd Ave and the Pickleball Courts

8. Replacement of Jansen Avenue Force Main

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to award the contract for the replacement of the Jansen Avenue sanitary sewer force main to Jurich, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$641,159.

9. Land Development Application for 1 Hotel Group at 101/103 Taylor

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted via majority roll call vote to accept applicant 1 Hotel Group, LLC request to grant the Board of Commissioners an extension of time by which the Board must consider Hotel Group's land development application at 101/103 Taylor Avenue. Said land development application is to construct two new hotels on the site of the current Holiday Inn Express. The extension shall be until July 31, 2026. Commissioners Barr, Edmiston, Arthur, McCarthy voted Aye. Commissioner Joseph voted Nay.

10. Settlement of Wu Litigation

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to enter into an agreement to provide final settlement and mutual release from litigation with Wu & Associates, Inc. and Vitetta Group, Inc. Said agreement will fully and completely resolve, terminate and settle all disputes and claims relating to the project to renovate the Historic Lazaretto Building.

11. Adoption of International Fire Code of 2021

ON A MOTION by 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 to adopt the International Fire Code of 2021, updating Chapter 103 of the Tinicum Township Code.

12. Revision to Land Development Application of Ivy Realty at 10 Industrial Highway (Airport Logistics Center)

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Patrick Barr the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve Ivy Realty's proposal to amend their approved Land Development Application. Said approved application is to construct a warehouse/distribution facility of approximately 1.1 million square feet with an associated parking deck. The slightly revised building would reduce the facility by approximately 100,00 square feet and eliminate the parking deck-with sufficient surface parking to satisfy zoning requirements. All other aspects of the project (use, access and egress points, storm water management, etc.) will remain the same. All previous conditions of approval will remain in effect.

13. Adoption of Updated Property Maintenance Code

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Roger Joseph the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to instruct the Township Engineer, Solicitor, and Manager to draft and advertise for the adoption of the updated and revised Property Maintenance Code of 2021, amending Chapter 265 of the Township Code.

14. Resignation of George Hinkle from the Tinicum Township Sewer Authority

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to accept the resignation of Mr. George Hinkle of Lester from the Tinicum Township Sewer Authority effective immediately.

15. Appointment to the Tinicum Township Sewer Authority

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Dennis Arthur the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Mr. Michael Connor of Lester to the Tinicum Township Sewer Authority for a two-year term ending in December 2027.

16. Amendment to Chapter 360 of the Township Code Prohibiting Parking on Grass

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Roger Joseph the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to instruct the Township Solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance revising Chapter 360 of the Township Code to prohibit parking on grassy areas of one's property

17. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Report – Roger Joseph, Chairman

April 2026 - The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

<u>33</u>	Certificates of Occupancies for a total of <u>\$ 65,741</u>
<u>12</u>	Building Permits for a total of <u>\$ 4,600</u>

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

Police Report: **April 2026**

Township Fines: **\$ 5,698** Of that amount, a total of **\$ 2,207** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **430 incidents** and made **19** adult criminal arrests

Fire Company Report: **April 2026**

Vehicle Fire	01	Rescues	02
Brush/Grass Fire	02	Investigations	03
Trash/Rubbish Fire	01	MV Accidents	05
Building Fire	06	Malfunction Alarm	02
Assist ME	01	Gas Leak/Odor	01
Fuel Spills/Odor	01	CO Alarms	01
Cancelled Calls	05	Assist EMS	03
<u>Cooking Fires</u>	<u>03</u>	Auto Fire Alarms	16
TOTAL CALLS	53	EMS Call	131

Fire Marshal Report: **April 2026**

Fire / Code Inspections and Acceptance Tests:

1. 600 S. Governor Printz Boulevard, Motel 6, reviewed and commented on the plan to renovate the current Motel and add 5 apartments for employees (non-guests)
2. Tincum Elementary School location of updated fire alarm system.
3. PHL Terminal 'A' West, Baggage Handling System alteration and fire sprinkler coverage under conveyor
4. PHL Terminal 'A' West and 'A' East Restroom Fire Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Inspection and Acceptance Test
5. PHL Terminal 'A' West "Kosher – To – Go" relocated smoke detector and fire sprinkler valve inspection

Fire Scene Investigation and Call Out:

1. Quality Hotel, 45 Industrial Highway, several false alarms
2. 410 and 416 Governor Printz Blvd Apartments false alarm calls, sewage in basement and no keys in Know Box
3. 131 Chippewa St. – open burning during Commonwealth ban and drought

Fire Code Violations:

1. Quality Hotel, 45 Industrial Highway, advised them that fire system needs replacing, and numerous other violations involving the elevator, standpipe risers, and placards in stairways

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 for the month of April 2026

Regular Trash	185	Tons
Yard Waste	02	Tons
Bulk Trash	12	Tons
Street Sweepings	06	Tons

- Began bi-weekly street sweeping
- Loaded summer Farmers Market equipment onto utility trailer
- Maintained ball fields
- Accepted, registered, and lettered new trash truck
- Completed line painting on Tinicum and Hog Island Roads
- Planted flowers along 291
- Installed new weed spraying machine
- Built signage to assist police with traffic control from cruise goers

Walt Lee, Jr., Superintendent

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment April 2026

Total flow	29,571,000	gallons
Average Daily Flow	986,000	gallons
Total sludge	65,000	gallons (2.8% solids)

- Jetted and cleared sewer main at 400 block of Powhattan Ave
- Jetted and cleared sewer main at 500 block of Saude Ave
- Serviced all pumping stations
- Videoed and jetted sewer mail on 100 block of Lagrange Ave.
- Installed new blower at 101 Taylor Ave pump station

Louis Clarke, Jr., Superintendent

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr reported the following inspections completed:

Canteen Dining at UPS, McGillicuddy's Bar, Aramark-Key Café, RJ's Hot Dog Stand, Romano's Pizza, Clarion Bar/Restaurant, La Colombe, Curito Burrito, PKS Kosher Market, Big Joe's Sandwich Shop.

The following complaints were investigated: health violations in basement of Governor Printz Apartments; report of insect activity at Motel 6 rooms 177, 178, 280; report of insect activity in rooms above Flashback's Bar;

The first Farmers Market is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10 beginning at 4:30

Solicitor's Report: J. Adam Matlawski, Esquire

Mr. Matlawski reported that the plaintiff in the Wawa litigation has filed an appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court challenging the lower court's decision in favor the Township and other defendants. All responding briefs have been filed with the Court and the parties are now awaiting the Court's decision.

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

Mr. O'Neill reported that the Township's traffic engineer (Traffic Planning and Design) has been monitoring the traffic flow on 291 affected by the cruise goers traveling to and from the Clarion Hotel. TPD has provided the Clarion, Norwegian Cruise Line and Philaport with their observations and suggestions to streamline the traffic flows. The Engineers Office is also in contact with Sam Auslander's office to finalize the "as-built" documents for Tinicum Island Road.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported that the marquess sign at the former "Lou Turk's", now known as the "Carousel" has been re-painted. The Township continues to work on the Advanced Life Support ambulance service with the surrounding communities.

Secretary's Correspondence – David D Schreiber

There was no correspondence this month

Other Business

There was no other business discussed this month

Adjourn 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

Ms. Elaine Marr, 300 Massasoit St., spoke to the Board about the recent work done in front of her home at the railroad tracks whereby PECO and its subcontractor placed a new gas service line under the tracks. Ms. Marr complained about the length of time the work took, the noise generated, and spoke about damage Ms. Marr claims was done to her property during the project. Ms. Marr stated that she could not get any satisfactory responses about her concerns from Code Enforcement personnel. Ms. Marr provided a written document to the Board and asked that the Board look into her concerns.

Adjournment of Meeting

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

Respectfully Submitted,
David D. Schreiber
Manager/Secretary