

17th March, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Tinicum Township Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on the above date and time at 629 N. Governor Printz Blvd., Essington, PA 19029 with Thomas Giancristoforo, Jr., President, presiding. Present:

Dennis R. Arthur, Vice-President

Lisa E. Edmiston, Commissioner

C. Patrick Barr, Commissioner

Patrick McCarthy, Commissioner

Sam Auslander, Esq

James MacCombie, P.E.

David Schreiber, Manager

Elaine M. Brolley, Secretary

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

INVOCATION

Pastor White from St. John's Episcopal Church gave the invocation.

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur, second by Pat Barr, the minutes of the Commissioners Monthly Meeting was accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo 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 Dennis Arthur, second by Lisa Edmiston, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received the list of bills for the month of March 2014. There being no questions:

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur, second by Pat McCarthy, the bill list will be paid for the month of March 2014 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

6. Agenda Item Comments

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave, asked Mr. Auslander to discuss the Surety Bond for Keystone Realty Group during Mr. Auslander's Solicitor Report. Mr. Dobi also asked that documents provided to the Township during the July 2013 Commissioners meeting be included in the July 2013 minutes. Mr. Auslander responded that the Township was not obligated to include submitted documents into the Township's minutes.

Mr. Dobi also asked Mr. MacCombie to discuss the new FEMA Flood Plain changes and the proposed additional sound wall around the Federal Express property.

Under Solicitor issue - talks with Scanel and Sound Barrier, What is the status?

July 2013 minutes - Second Ward resident's life has changed and we refuse to put it in the public records.

Mr. Auslander commented that the minutes are not a transcript. Mr. Dobi has a right to have a copy of the minutes, but there is no reason for an attachment to the minutes.

President Giancristoforo commented that Mr. Dobi should keep his questions on the agenda.

Mr. Auslander agreed.

Mr. Dobi said to amend the minutes.

**ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE-Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr.,
Chairman**

**Adoption of Ordinance No 2014-868 – Participation as a member of the Pennsylvania Local
Government Investment Trust (PLGIT).**

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr, seconded by Patrick McCarthy the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to authorize the Township to adopt ordinance 2014-868.

Installation of “School Zone” caution lights on Seneca Street

ON A MOTION by Pat McCarthy, seconded by Lisa Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to authorize the Township to install flashing amber lighted “School Zone” signs at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 - said cost to be shared between the Township and the Interboro School District.

Appointment to Township Zoning Hearing Board

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston seconded by Pat McCarthy the Board unanimously voted to re-appoint Mr. Roger Joseph of 402 LaGrange to a new term on the Zoning Hearing Board to expire December 2016.

Application of Philadelphia International Airport to relocate their Localizer Antennae Array

Mr. Auslander stated it is special use, applicant has requested to comply with storm water management.

Mr. Barr stated he views this as a safety improvement.

On a Motion by Patrick Barr, seconded by Patrick McCarthy, the Board, via majority roll call voted to authorize the application of the City of Philadelphia for the relocation of the navigational aid known as “Localizer Antennae Array” to the East of Runway 9R subject to the conditions suggested by the Township Solicitor and Engineer.

Mr. Arthur voted against the Motion.

Application of Philadelphia International Airport for improvements to Taxiways EE and H

Mr. Auslander stated this application contains similar safeguards as Localize Antennae Array. Requested a MS 4 Waiver. A sum of \$94,927.00 goes to MS 4 fund.

On a Motion by Pat Barr, seconded by Patrick McCarthy, the Board unanimously approved the application of the City of Philadelphia for improvements to realign a portion of Taxiway H and re-designate a portion of the existing apron as Taxiway EE subject to the conditions suggested by the Township Solicitor and Engineer.

Family Medical Leave Act

On a Motion by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Lisa Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to authorize the Board of Commissioners to adopt a Policy pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act providing for twelve (12) weeks of unpaid leave during a rolling twelve (12) month period for eligible employees due to serious health condition of the employee or a member of their family.

Independence Day Fire Works

On a Motion by Patrick Barr, seconded by Lisa Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to enter into contract with Fireworks Extravaganza to provide a fireworks display for the Township's Independence Day celebration on June 28, 2014 at a cost of \$10,000.

Code Enforcement Report – February 2014

The Code Enforcement Officer issued:

15 Certificates of occupancies for a total of **\$9,513.00**

8 Building Permits for a total of **\$2,250.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS: Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – February 2014

Township Fines: **\$5659.30**. Of that amount, a total of **\$255.00** were Parking Tickets

The department handled **668** incidents and made **27** criminal arrests

26 of those criminal arrests were adults

1 of those criminal arrests was a juvenile

1 juvenile was handled within the Department and Released

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report – February 2014

There is no fire company report this month

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT – March, 2014

- 6 Building Permit Reviews and Reports Submitted
- 5 Certificates of Occupancies Inspections and Reports Submitted
 - 6 Building Inspections Completed
 - 1 Fire Alarm Acceptance Test
 - 3 Sprinkler System Acceptance Test – After Hours at Airport
 - 2 Court Hearing
 - 4 Violation Notices Issued Related To: Property Maintenance Code
 - 1 Property Inspection – Cease and Desist Order Issued For Flooding
- 7 Asst Fire Department on Investigations & Alarm Systems Activations
- 1 Closed Out Violation for 312 Carre Avenue – Property in Compliance

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS: Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Trucks cleaned and serviced.
Truck repairs done in house.
Having problem with beavers clogging drainage ditch.
Used approx. Six tons of cold patch
Used approx. 527.29 tons of salt to date
Approx. 343 overtime hours for snow storms.
Trash removal for the month of February 2014:
Regular trash – 121.85 tons
Heavy trash – 3.42 tons
Recyclables – 24.18 tons
White goods – 1 piece

SANITATION: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Mr. Bernauer had been out of the office last week and is on vacation this week, therefore, there is no Sanitation report this month.

HEALTH AND RECREATION: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr reported on follow up to workshop meeting regarding softball and our policies about kids coming from out of town to play. We allow kids from out of town to sign up as fillers only. Baseball and tee ball sign ups are coming soon. Flea Market is scheduled for May 3rd with a rain date of March 10th. Farm Market is moving to Manor Field due to more vendors joining. Part of one dugout on our baseball field blew away and was turned into our insurance.

AIRPORT: ALL COMMISSIONERS

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported that in the year 2000 the Board approved Stevens Airport Realty and Matt Cali to put up a cash bond etc. If they do not come up with the improvements the Township can use the bond.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: James MacCombie, P.E Mr. MacCombie reported that FEMA will again be reviewing the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) in light of FEMA's reassessment of flood plain information. As a result, the Township will be required to re-adopt a new flood plain ordinance. This will be the third time in the past few years that municipalities will be required to adopt a new ordinance because of changes required by FEMA. The Township was compelled to adopt a new ordinance in 2009 and then again in 2010. As final regulations have not yet been released, Mr. MacCombie suggested that a new ordinance may be required in 2015.

MANAGER'S REPORT: David D. Schreiber

Township Manager Report: The Township Manager reported on the proposed crude oil trains that are proposed to be coming through town in route to the Eddystone Exelon facility. The timeframe at this point is for those trains to start to enter into the facility later this spring.

On their way to Eddystone, those trains will be travelling first through Tinicum and Ridley. Consequently, there have been several meetings with the railroad companies, state legislators, police, fire, and County emergency response personnel to discuss the railroad's emergency preparedness and response in the event of a spill or fire. To this end, before any trains carrying crude roll through the area, the Railroad, the County, and various municipalities will be conducting and participating in several emergency response training activities in March and April. Training will consist of classroom and field work using the same types of cars and equipment that will be involved in transporting the oil.

While the township is acutely aware of the issues that have been reported in the news regarding this product, the Township and other county municipalities, cannot dictate what is carried on the rail lines any more than it can influence the types of vehicles that travel on I-95. What we can do is make sure that all possible safety precautions are taken and that procedures are in place by the RR's and County for all contingencies.

Mr. Schreiber also stated that PennDOT has reported that the project on the Darby Creek Bridge over Rt. 291 has been delayed because of the severe 2014 winter weather. At this time, the bridge is anticipated to have two way traffic – one lane in each direction – at the end of April 2014. The project is anticipated to be completely done in June 2014.

PennDOT is also proposing to repair the bridge over Darby Creek on S.R. 420. There is not yet any timeframe for this project, but PennDOT has stated that no work will begin on 420 until the Rt. 291 project is complete.

SECRETARY'S Correspondence

Ms. Brolley read a letter from the Tinicum Township Patriotic Organization regarding the organization's Annual Flea Market. This year's event is scheduled for May 3rd with a rain date of May 10th.

ON A MOTION by Pat Barr, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via voice vote to permit the use of the Manor Field for their Annual Flea Market scheduled for Saturday May 3rd with a rain date of Saturday, May 10th.

Ms. Brolley read a letter from the Delaware River Striped Bass Tournament organizers to use the Township Boat Ramp for emergency access only on Saturday, April 12th.

ON A MOTION by Pat McCarthy, seconded by Pat Barr, the Board unanimously voted via voice vote to permit the Delaware River Striped Bass Tournament organizers to use the Township Boat Ramp at the Township Marina for emergency access on Saturday, April 12th.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURN OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

ON A MOTION by Patrick McCarthy, seconded by Lisa Edmiston to adjourn the business portion of this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Comment:

Mr. John Detweiler, 211 LaGrange: Mr. Detweiler asked if the Township was going to have a 'shredding event'. The Board responded that an event would be held at the Fire House on May 10, 2014. Mr. Detweiler asked if Crosswalks could be installed between Lou Turks and Wawa.

Mr. Bill Moller, 200 Seneca St: Presented a donation check from the Tinicum Historical Society to the Lazaretto Preservation Association of Tinicum Township. Mr. Ed Rubillo (120) Wyndotte St) accepted the check and thanked Mr. Moller.

Mr. Jim Simpkins asked if the trains were required to blow their whistle in the late night and early morning hours while travelling through town. The Board responded that federal law required them to blow the whistle at RR crossings.

Mr. Charles Campbell, 107 W. Second St.: Wished "Good Luck" to new Township Secretary Ms. Elaine Brolley. Mr. Campbell asked the Board to contact the Corinthian Yacht Club about the start time of the weekly club skeet shooting activity. Mr. Campbell said they start as early as 8:30 am.

Mr. Charles Monteith, 546 Jansen Ave: Thanked the Board for pursuing the extra crossing guard and School Zone lights at the school.

Mr. Walter Kalesnick: Asked the Board if the Airport is proposing damming up the creek at the end of Manhattan Ave. The Board responded that the creek is proposed to be expanded to control more runoff and help alleviate flooding.

Mr. Anthony Beaumont, Seminole Ave: Mr. Beaumont asked the Board if the Township was considering doing their own sound study in regard to the Federal Express site. The Board responded, No. Mr. Beaumont stated that he does not believe an extension to the existing sound wall or a new sound wall will eliminate the noise he is concerned about and that a new wall "will not work". Mr. Beaumont stated that he believes that the Fed Ex site should not be afforded the tax incentives implemented by the Board and provided an audio recording of the noise at the site to the Board.

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave: Mr. Dobi took issue with the Township vies a vie the "Sunshine Laws" by referring to a recent article in the Delco Daily Times. Mr. Dobi also questioned Commissioner Arthur about his employment with United States Roofing and said company's work at the Federal

Express site, implying that there was some sort connection. Mr. Dobi was told that he was out of order on this and that Mr. Arthur neither did any work at the site nor had anything to do with US Roofing gaining that contract.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

ON A MOTION by Pat Barr, seconded by Patrick McCarthy to adjourn the meeting by a unanimous voice vote.