

February 22, 2022 @ 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
- Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner
- Roger Joseph, Commissioner
- David D. Schreiber, Manager
- Sam Auslander, Esq., Solicitor
- Dennis O’Neill, Township Engineer

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

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ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Patrick Barr, the minutes of the January 2022 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

Board 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 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 February 2022 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 Lisa Edmiston, the bill list will be paid for the month of February 2022 by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, Lester, made the following comments:
Asked the Board what extension date would be for Item #10, Extension of Land Development for Proposed Wawa. The Board responded June 30, 2022. Mr. Dobi referred to Mr. Barr’s previous vote of Nay to the Conditional Use hearing for the proposed Wawa and suggested Mr. Barr should vote “No” to the extension request. For Item 12, Tax Assessment Appeal, Mr. Dobi stated that “Docket” number on the Agenda cannot be correct, referring to the reference as “sloppy”. Mr. Dobi asked for an update on the parking lot audit and asked for a correction on the January 2022 Reorganization Meeting minutes, stating that the Public Comment section is inaccurate.

Mr. Dobi also asked if the Commissioner Meeting is being recorded. The Board responded “No” as (outside of the meetings held via Zoom during the COVID pandemic) the meetings have never been recorded. Mr. Dobi then stated that while the Board is not recording the meetings “He is” (referring to the Township Manager/Secretary). Mr. Dobi was told again that no one is recording the meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

BUCK Cancer Wellness

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Pat Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the request of the BUCK Cancer Foundation to hold their first annual event at Governor Printz Park on Saturday, September 17, 2022. This fund raising event’s goal is to bring awareness of the benefits of holistic healing methods and will feature music, food trucks, vendors, raffles and other activities at a fee/cost not to exceed \$1,000.

Philadelphia Chapter of the American Truck Historical Society

ON A MOTION by Pat Barr and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the request of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Truck Historical Society’s annual truck show on Saturday, April 23. This event will feature approximately 25 historical/antique trucks and will be held within the parking area adjacent to Governor Printz Park. The fee/cost for this event will not exceed \$200.

Waiver of Land Development for Corporate Hangar at Philadelphia Airport

ON A MOTION by Pat Barr and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to waive the requirement to submit a formal/complete Land Development application by Urban Engineers to install new doors on the private corporate hangar at 11 Hog Island Road. This project will entail the installation of a new 25’ by 125’ hangar door, increasing the interior footprint by roughly 3125 sq. feet. Said waiver is subject to the conditions set forth in the Boards written decision dated February 22, 2022.

Extension of Land Development Application for Proposed Wawa

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to accept applicant 500 Wanamaker Ave. Partners LLC request to grant the Board an extension of time by which the Board must consider Wanamaker Avenue Partner’s land development application at 500 Wanamaker Avenue. Said land development application is to construct a Wawa food market and associated gasoline station on the corner of Wanamaker Avenue and Rt. 291. The extension shall be until June 30 2022.

Adoption of Resolution 2022-003 Annual County Aid Liquid Fuels

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Pat Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt Tinicum Township Resolution 2022-003 making application to Delaware County for an allocation of County Liquid Fuels Tax funds in the amount of \$7,223.

Tax Assessment Appeal of the property at 1019 Fourth Avenue, Lester (listed on Docket as 0 4th Avenue)

Prior to voting on this item, the Township Manager stated that the parenthetical phrase of “listed on Docket as 0 4th Avenue” was not meant to denote the court docket number as Mr. Dobi contends. It was meant to clarify the location/address of the property under appeal. Further, Mr. Auslander provided the docket number as 2021-001223

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the settlement of the tax assessment appeal for 1019 Fourth Avenue, Lester, Pennsylvania (listed on Docket as 0 4th Avenue) fixing Delaware County’s assessment from \$652,380 to \$1,400,000 for year 2021. Said settlement has been recommended and accepted by the Interboro School District and attorney for Property Owner.

Resolution 2022-004 Making Application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for Grant Funds

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt Resolution 2022-004 authorizing application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for an allocation of \$1,000,000 in Statewide Local Share Assessment grant funds to be use for the Replacement of Jansen Avenue Sewer Force Main and Sewer Plant Sludge Heater.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Report – Roger Joseph, Chairman

January 2022 - The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

41 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of \$ 5,825

10 Building Permits for a total of \$116,331

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

Police Report January 2022

Township Fines: \$ 4,806 Of that amount, a total of \$ 350 were Parking Tickets.

The department handled 540 incidents and made 23 criminal arrests
23 of those criminal arrests were adults
00 of those criminal arrests were juveniles. Out of those juveniles
00 of the juveniles were handled within the Department and Released.
00 animals were taken into custody

Fire Company Report – January 2022

Total 2021 Calls

Number of Calls:	577	
Building Fires	87	(17 Working Fires)
Trash Fire	01	
Vehicle Fire	20	
Boat Fire	01	
Brush Fire	11	
Dumpster Fire	01	
MVA w/No Injury	17	
MVA w/Injury	129	
MVA w/Entrapment	14	
Assist EMS	37	
Elevator Rescue	02	
Water Rescue	23	
Fuel Spill	12	
Gas Leak	17	
CO Alarm	10	
Wires	09	
Auto Fire Alarms	162	
Assist PD	09	
Misc.	15	
Avg No. of Responding Personnel	07	

Fire Marshal Report January 2022

Fire Inspections and Acceptance Tests:

1. Met with representative of the owners of the Delta Hotel regarding issues with vehicles parking in fire lanes on the premises.
2. Wrote fire inspection violation letters to two different apartment building owners stemming from our December inspections.
3. Corresponded with applicant looking to install two temporary trailers at airport control tower

Fire Investigations:

1. Kitchen GFI Electrical Receptacle 200 block of LaGrange
2. Delta Hotel smoke condition due to inoperable commercial kitchen hood system fans

Training:

1. Attended a free seminar on fire alarm and building fire communications systems survivability.
2. Attended a free webinar on thermal runaway of Li-ion Batteries
3. FEMA 'GO' Webinar on Grants

Distributed 22 10 Year Battery Smoke Detectors

Ray Lonabaugh, Fire Marshal

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

Trash removal for the month of January 2022:

Regular Trash	176 Tons
Bulk Trash	7 Tons
Yards	9 Cubic yards

- Winter storm preparations
- Removed and stored Township Christmas lights
- Cleaning and servicing of storm water drains
- Removed various trees from Township property
- Repaired electric panel on Gov Printz Park splash pad

George Hinkle, Superintendent

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

No Report Available

Robert J Bernauer

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr noted that baseball, softball, and t-ball sign-ups are currently underway. Volunteers are always needed and welcome.

The annual pet Rabies Clinic will be held this year on April 9 at 629 N. Governor Printz.

Mr. Barr thanked Health Officer Cindy Joseph for her diligence and hard work in inspecting all of the bars, restaurants, and hotels in town.

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

Mr. Auslander reported on the injunction that Tinicum Township and 6 other communities have filed against Delaware County against the proposed inspections that the new Delaware County Health Department is looking to take over. A hearing was held on February 10 in Judge Angelos courtroom with arguments for and against the injunction being sought. Judge Angelos took the arguments under advisement and has asked for briefs to be submitted by each side.

Mr. Auslander reported that the recent decision reached by District Justice Lippart in the Township’s matter against Airport Discount Tire has been appealed to Common Pleas Court and is scheduled for a hearing in August 2022.

Mr. Auslander stated that the Board would be meeting in Executive Session to discuss some real estate matters.

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

Mr. Dennis O’Neill reported that the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has opened their annual grant program and has suggested to the Board that he will prepare grant applications for projects at Manor Field to include improvements to the walking trail and baseball fields. The grant applications are due in April. Mr. O’Neill has submitted the final documents needed for payment of the grant the Township obtained in the acquisition of a portion of 101 Taylor Avenue. Ivy Realty has submitted their Land Development application for their development at Tinicum Industrial Park. Ivy is requesting a meeting before the Planning Board in March. Mr. O’Neill’s office has completed the inflow and infiltration study for the Front St. and Jansen Avenue pumping station. Next on the schedule is the 4th and Chippewa station.

Mr. O’Neill advised the Board that his office is working on the Township Treatment Plant’s DEP and NPDES permits and is focusing on two chemicals present in the inflow. The Engineer will discuss removing the requirements for Chrysene from the Township permit and also work on the “biz” present in the inflow.

Manager’s Report – David Schreiber

The Township Manager reported the following: Two Zoning hearings were held in February. One for Mr. Cicconi and a request to use property at N.Gov Printz as parking for his auto repair business and another for Imperial Marble and their proposal to use the property of the former Lester School for their showroom/manufacturing facility. A date of March 9 has been set for police officers wishing to take the Sergeant exam within the Township Police Department. Advertisements for the two bids at the water treatment plant have been sent to the newspaper. Bids for maintenance items and procurement of chemicals will be opened at the March Workshop meeting. The solar panels on the Library roof have been removed so that leaks can be repaired.

Secretary's Correspondence

Request from Historical Society to use Gov Printz Park for their annual Flea Market June 18, 2022.

ON A MOTION by Pat Barr and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via voice vote to approve the use of Gov Printz Park for the Tinicum Township Historical Society's annual Flea Market on Saturday, June 18th, with a rain date of Sunday, June 19th.

Other Business

There was no Other Business this month.

Adjourn of the Business Portion of Meeting

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

Public Participation

Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue had the following comments: Has anyone been arrested for the graffiti on the Rt. 420 bridge? Mr. Dobi is concerned it is gang related. Chief Simpkins responded there is no indication of gang activity and invited Mr. Dobi to speak to him afterwards. Suggested that the motion for the Tax Assessment motion was "sloppy" and requested that the minutes for the January 2022 Reorganization Meeting needed to be corrected. Asked Mr. Auslander if discovery for the Wu litigation is still ongoing and if anyone from the Township has been deposed. Mr. Auslander replied that discovery is scheduled through July and no Township depositions have been done.

Mr. Art Perdun, S. Gov Printz Blvd., asked what the cameras are that have been installed at intersections in town. The Board responded they are license plate readers.

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