

16th October 2017 @ 6:30 P.M.

The Tincum 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 J. Giancristoforo, President presiding:

Dennis Arthur, Vice President

C. Patrick Barr, Commissioner

Patrick McCarthy, Commissioner

Lisa Edmiston, 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

There was no invocation at this meeting.

On A Motion by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Pat Barr, the minutes of the September 2017 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the September 2017 Treasurer's and Secretary's report of Receipts. There being no questions:

On A Motion by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Pat Barr, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo asked for a motion to pay bills for the month of October 2017. The bill list for October will be submitted to the Board members at the end of the month. There being no questions:

On A Motion by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Pat McCarthy, the bill list will be paid for the month of October 2017 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

Regarding Item #7, the Veterans Memorial at 4th Avenue and North Gov. Printz Blvd., Mr. Zurdi Dobi of 200 Powhatten Ave., stated that the proposed location was not appropriate for this project. Mr. Dobi cited the surrounding businesses and streets. Mr. Dobi stated that the Board needs to know what the estimated cost of maintenance will be. Mr. Dobi stated the Memorial out front of Town Hall should be sufficient.

Regarding the Engineer's report, Mr. Dobi asked for a description of the release for the Lazaretto and what has been done so far from Mr. MacCombie.

Regarding the Solicitor's report, Mr. Dobi asked for an update on recent Executive Sessions held by the Board including litigation and real estate matters, if any.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

Veterans Memorial at 4th Avenue and North Gov. Printz Blvd.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to award a contract to AmazaScapes Landscaping to construct the proposed Veterans Memorial at 4th Avenue and North Governor Printz Boulevard. Said contract is in the amount of \$163,626.11 and has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Township Engineer's office.

Sanitary Sewer Replacement on South Gov. Printz Blvd.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to award a contract to Joao & Bradley Construction of Bethlehem, PA to complete sewer repairs on South Governor Printz Blvd, between 1st and 3rd Avenues in Lester. Said contract will be in the amount of \$482,600 and has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Township Engineer's office.

ASIG Tank Farm Land Development Plan

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to grant the Philadelphia Fuel Consortium and the Aircraft Service International Group (ASIG) the following waivers from the Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for their proposed project to construct 4 new above ground fuel storage tanks and associated facilities:

Sections 48 A 7A 6 through 12 and Sections 48A 12C 6, 18, and 19. Additionally, the Township will provide relief from the Township's Storm Water Management Ordinance Sections 405, 406, and 408. These waivers have been reviewed by the Township Engineer and the Engineer has no objections. Further, these waivers are contingent upon the comments in the Township Engineer's letter dated September 22, 2017, and includes the requirement that the applicant file a formal Land Development Plan.

Request for Waiver from Township MS4 Stormwater Ordinance for Division of Aviation

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to grant the Philadelphia Division of Aviation relief from the Township's Stormwater Management Ordinance for their project to make improvements at Philadelphia International Airport Gate V01, including the placement of a new security building and its associated infrastructure.

The requested relief from Section 405 of the Ordinance has been reviewed by the Township Engineer and the Engineer has offered no objections. Said relief shall be subject to the recommendations noted in the Township Engineer's letter of October 5, 2017. A voluntary contribution of \$35,000 will be made by the applicant to the Township's Storm Water Management Fund.

Township Resolution 2017-05

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to enter into a Master Agreement for Casting Adjustments with PennDOT, meaning that for any work in a state highway that needs adjustments to utilities, the said agreement will allow PennDOT to proceed on the Township's behalf. The resolution provides authority to the Township Manager and Township Engineer to sign the agreement.

Old Generator at Tinicum Township Waste Water Treatment Plant

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to have the Township Manager and Township Engineer place an ad for Requests for Bids for the recently replaced generator at the Township's Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Release #7 to Wu and Associates for Work Completed on the Restoration of the Lazaretto Building

Prior to voting on this item, Mr. MacCombie stated that work completed to date on the Lazaretto Building includes work on the footers and slab installation in the building basement, continued masonry work, internal framing and blocking, offsite repairs to wooden windows and sashes, interior floor work, and additional paint stabilization.

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted via roll call vote to approve Release #7 in the amount of \$195,544.21 to Wu & Associates for the work to date on the Restoration of the Lazaretto Building. Said release has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Project Architect and Township Engineer.

This item was approved by a 3-2 vote. Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Barr, and Ms. Edmiston voted Aye. Mr. Arthur and Mr. Giancristoforo voted Nay.

Eastcoast Greenway Trail Construction Release # 15

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to authorize Release # 15 in the amount of \$142,285.18 payable to JMC Contractors for construction done to date on the Eastcoast Greenway Trail project. Said release has been reviewed by Construction Inspection firm Pennoni Engineering and has been submitted to PennDOT for reimbursement to the Township.

Alternate Crossing Guard

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to appoint Patricia Carbonaro of Essington as an Alternate Crossing Guard at a rate of \$12.50 an hour on an as needed basis.

Code Enforcement Report – September 2017

September: The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

33 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$4,550.00**

13 Building Permits for a total of **\$50,008.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – September 2017

Township Fines: **\$5,204.10**. Of that amount, a total of **\$300.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **612** incidents and made **44** criminal arrests.

38 of those criminal arrests were adults

6 of those criminal arrests were juveniles.

6 of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report – September 2017

No Report This Month

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – September 2017

The following report is submitted for your review:

Performed two fire inspections:

- 1- For fire and building code compliance with regard to occupancy and fire alarms.
- 2- Placarding and clearance for a hazardous materials locker at PHL Cargo City Building C-2.

Performed two plan reviews:

- 1- PHL Terminal A East fire sprinkler plan
- 2- PHL Terminal A West fire alarm plan

Witnessed and accepted six fire alarm system acceptance tests

Witnessed and accepted three fire sprinkler system acceptance tests

Witnessed and accepted one commercial kitchen hood fire system.

Rest two Entry Knox Key Boxes for the Comcast Airplane Hangers at the airport.

Attended Four Meetings:

1. Met with airport personnel on the fire system testing for the new Deicing Building.
2. Met with Oliver Sprinkler Company on a fire sprinkler feed and piping concern for a new tenant space in PHL Terminal A East
3. Met with construction personnel at the airport to make a determination on the need what to do with concealed fire sprinkler in a new tenant space in Terminal A West.
4. Monthly Delaware Board of Fire and Life Safety Meeting

Attended Two “FREE” Training Classes:

1. NFPA 13 (Fire Sprinkler) and NFPA 20 (Fire Pump) update class in Horsham Township, Montgomery County, PA
2. Underwriters Laboratories Fire Alarm Certification Class, Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, PA

Raymond W. Lonabaugh, CFPS

Fire Marshal

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – September, 2017

No Report this month

SANITATION

Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for September 2017

Total: 28,509,000 gallons

Average: 950,000 GPD

Total Sludge: 243,094 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 141,264 cubic feet

Sludge Hauled: 32,600 gals % solids 2.50

Sewer Complaint:

09/2017 Force main break 4th & Jansen on 9/2/17 and another on 9/30/17. Installed 22 feet of ductile iron pipe with sleeves. All sewage hauled from Front & Jansen to treatment plant. DEP notification and report filed.

Equipment Repairs:

09/2017 Brakes on truck 5 problem, Murphy Ford replaced both front calipers, brakes, brake lines and sway bar bushing.

Operation Problems:

09/2017 Suction line to #1 pump Holiday Inn Station clogged. Found plastic plumbers cap stuck in elbow of line.

Miscellaneous items:

09/2017 Serviced all police vehicles, and treatment plant vehicles

Robert J. Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - September, 2017

Mr. Giancristoforo commended Mr. Barr on the success of the October Community Day held on the 14th. Mr. Barr reported that soccer season was winding down and thanked all of the volunteers that help to run the program and coach the teams. Mr. Barr also reported that basketball and hockey signups will begin soon and the season will begin after Christmas.

Mr. McCarthy added that sign-ups for basketball and hockey will be over after this week (week of October 16).

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported that the Board has met to discuss litigation that is ongoing between the City of Philadelphia and the Henderson Group regarding the property owned by the Henderson Group off of Tinicum Island Road. The litigation involves Philadelphia's attempt to acquire the property and the suit Henderson has filed against the City's 'de-facto' taking.

Mr. Auslander also reported on the Township's initial action for equitable relief against a township property owner that appeared before the local District Justice. Since the action was not resolved in District Court, the Township filed an action in Common Pleas Court. The action stated that the property in question was being operated without proper Use and Occupancy permits, was being occupied for unapproved uses, and was in violation of Township land use ordinances. The Township obtained a Cease and Desist order from the Court and the owner was given 45 days to rectify the outstanding issues.

Mr. Auslander also reported on a number of municipal liens levied on various addresses for code violations that the Township was forced to rectify at the cost of the property owner.

Engineer's Report: Herbert MacCombie, P.E.

Mr. MacCombie reported that the Township's resurfacing project for 2017 was nearly complete. There are a few minor repairs that need to be addressed.

Mr. MacCombie also reported that the applicant for Keystone Properties land development project has submitted revised plans that Mr. MacCombie's office will review by the end of October. Traffic and Land Scaping issues remain open for this application.

Mr. MacCombie did meet with the developer of the Keystone land development plan to discuss issues PennDOT has with emergency exists from the property along the I-95 sound barrier. PennDOT's concerns with using this path along the sound barrier need to be addressed in the land development plan.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported that the Township met with PennDOT about the proposed bridge replacement project over the Darby Creek Bridge over Rt. 420. PennDOT is no longer considering a 'road-diet' that would have changed the 2-lane southbound roadway into a 1-lane roadway. PennDOT will keep the roadway at 2-lanes and also be able to build their proposed trail along the road.

The Manager also reported that the Township will also be meeting with PennDOT to discuss PennDOT's proposal to replace the Rt. 291 Bridge over the Chester Secondary Railroad Line between Stevens Drive and Scott Way. More will be known about this plan after the Manager and Township Engineer meet with PennDOT.

Advertisements for the 2018 Budget Workshop Meeting will be placed in the newspaper on October 31. Budget workshop dates will be Wednesday, Nov 8th and Wednesday, November 15.

A ribbon cutting will be held for the East Coast Greenway Trail on Thursday, October 19 at 9am.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley read a letter from Russell R. Frymiare regarding John Morton Winter Survival Scouting event.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via voice vote to approve the use of Westinghouse Grove scheduled for January 6th & 7th, 2018 alternate dates are January 13th & 14th, 2018 for the John Morton Winter Survival Scouting Event.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr to adjourn the business portion of this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Comment:

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave., stated he noticed an open window at the vacant McDonalds restaurant building and asked for it to be secured. Mr. Dobi referenced some letters received from the state ethics commission and suggested that his recent Right to Know request did not include all of the letters referenced in the commissioner's correspondence. Mr. Dobi asked if Mr. Auslander was paid by the Township to write the letters in question. Mr. Auslander responded that the letters were written some years ago and did not have his billing information readily available.

Mr. Dobi asked when Mr. Giancristoforo and Ms. Brolley were married. The Board responded that this was a personal question.

Mr. Art Perdun, 247 South Governor Printz Blvd., commented about books in the library that he believes advocates the killing of police officers and stated these are not acceptable books for the Township's library. Mr. Perdun also stated that the PHL airport terminals located in Tinicum Township are charging the higher Philadelphia City sales tax instead of the lower state tax.

Ms. Marian Matuliewicz of Lester asked about how meeting minutes are done, stating that sometimes the minutes contain more or less of the comments made by the public. The Board responded that minutes are by definition a summary, and not a transcript, of the business conducted at a public meeting and that the minutes should include who from the public spoke, their address, and what the nature of their comments were but not necessarily a full quote. Ms. Matuliewicz was upset that her previous comments from a prior meeting contained her address. Ms. Matuliewicz also stated that vehicles are parking on the sidewalk in some areas of Lester.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston to adjourn the meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

