

20th July 2015 @ 7:00 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

Father Anthony Orth from Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church gave the Invocation

On A Motion by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Pat Barr, the minutes of the June 2015 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the June 2015 Treasurer's and Secretary's report of Receipts. There being no questions:

On A Motion by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, 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 July 2015. The bill list for July 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 July 2015 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

1. Mr. Anthony Beaumont, 306 Seminole Street. Regarding Item # 12, Release of Surety Bond to McShane Corporation, Mr. Beaumont asked the Board to table a vote on this issue. Mr. Beaumont cited his concerns with the pile of soil left remaining on the Castleway property site and the lack of a certain time frame and cost to remove the pile. Mr. Beaumont also stated there was outstanding litigation associated with the Federal Express project and noted a report from the Conservation District citing some erosion concerns with the pile.

Mr. Auslander and Mr. MacCombie both stated that the bond release was to McShane Construction and that the soil is the responsibility of the property owner, Castleway Properties and not McShane Construction.

2. Mr. Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, regarding Item # 12, Release of Surety Bond to McShane Corporation, Mr. Dobi stated he agrees with Mr. Beaumont that the Board should table a vote on this item. Mr. Dobi asked if the Township was named in the litigation noted by Mr. Beaumont. The Board responded, yes.
3. Mr. Rob O'Neil of 310 East Second Street, regarding Item # 14, Purchase of Vacant Property, Mr. O'Neil asked if the funds that may be used for this possible purchase can be used for improvements to the township's parks. The Board responded that the Township maintains and upgrades the Township Parks as needed.
4. Mr. John Detweiler, 211 La Grange Ave., regarding Item # 14, Purchase of Vacant Property, Mr. Detweiler asked the Board why the Township would want to purchase this property. The Board responded it would be purchased to maintain open green space.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

Adoption of New Flood Plain Ordinance Number 2015-871

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-871 Flood Plain Ordinance of the Township of Tincum, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, vacating and repealing inconsistent provisions of Ordinance No. 2012-855 and adopting an ordinance requiring all persons, partnerships, businesses and corporations to obtain a permit for any construction or development; providing for the issuance of such permits; settling forth certain minimum requirements for new construction and development within areas of the Township of Tincum which are subject to flooding; and establishing penalties for any persons who fail or refuse to comply with the requirements or provisions of this Ordinance.

Adoption of Tincum Township Resolution 2015-04

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt Tincum Township Resolution 2015-04 entitled “Application for County Aid” and pertaining to 2015 Liquid Fuels allocation request of \$7,223 from Delaware County.

Advertise Amendment to Police Pension Plan Ordinance 2015-872

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to advertise Tincum Township Ordinance 2015-872 proposing an amendment to the Police Pension Plan to provide for the purchase of non-intervening Military Service Time. Said proposed ordinance will align the Township’s current FOB Collective Bargaining Agreement with the existing Police Pension Plan Ordinance allowing an officer to buy back up to 5 years of military service time.

Delaware County Animal Protection Board Agreement

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to renew the Township’s agreement with the Delaware County Animal Protection Board that would continue to allow the Township to work with the Chester County SPCA in accepting stray animals. Said Agreement will run through December 2017 at a cost of \$275 per stray animal.

Chester County SPCA Agreement for Animal Control Services

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to enter into an agreement with the Chester County SPCA (CCSPCA) allowing for the CCSPCA to provide animal control services to Tincum Township. This agreement is for dogs and cats collected by the SPCA and for providing coverage 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The Cost of the animal control services provided by the Chester County SPCA will include a \$100 month service fee and a \$35 fee for each animal collected.

Release of Surety Bond to McShane Construction for Federal Express Ground Facility

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board unanimously voted to table a vote on this item.

Automated External Defibrillators

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to purchase 10 new Automatic External Defibrillators from Tri-State Training and Safety Consulting at a cost of \$1,165 per unit for a total of \$11,650. Said AED's will be kept for emergency purposes at various Township locations for use in emergency CPR incidents.

Purchase of Vacant Property

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to obtain a real estate appraisal for the property known as 402 North Governor Printz Blvd. (folio number 45-0002193-00) for the purpose of obtaining the parcel from the current owner. Said property is currently vacant and, if purchased, will be used for township purposes to be determined.

Code Enforcement Report – June 2015

June: The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

15 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$1,875.00**

21 Building Permits for a total of **\$22,724.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – June 2015

Township Fines: **\$4,547.65**. Of that amount, a total of **\$580.00** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **707** incidents and made **26** criminal arrests.

20 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 – June 2015

No Report this month

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Jonathan Buschmeier

T.T.F.C.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – June, 2015

No Report this month

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – June, 2015

June 2015

- Cleaned Governor Printz Park and Westinghouse Grove for 4th of July Events and Fireworks
- Prepared ball fields for All-Star games
- Cleaned all ditches and sewer inlets

Trash removal for the month of June 2015:

Regular trash – 199.90 tons

Heavy trash – 8.26 tons

Recyclables – 21.23 tons

White goods – 4 pieces

Storm Report for June 23, 2015

- Cleaned all storm drains before and after the storm
- Had numerous trees and limbs down in the streets. Had all streets opened within 2 ½ hours after the storm.
- Man Hours - 463 hours
- Storm Debris - 35.31 tons
- Equipment Used - Loaders, dump trucks, pickup trucks, saws and rope

Respectfully Submitted,
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent
Highway Department

SANITATION
Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for June 2015

Total: 29,396,000 gallons

Average: 948,000 gallons

Total Sludge: 235,432 gallons

Total Methane Gas: Out of Service

Average cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 47,000 gals % solids 2.45

Sewer Complaint:

None

Equipment Repairs:

06/2015 E Menolds replaced railing, latter, and enclosure for grit tank blower. Replaced latter on roof to lower roof.

Operation Problems:

06/2015 Problem with secondary digester pressure relief on digester cover. With the help of E. Menold & L.J. Stephen I was able to re-build pressure relief.

Miscellaneous items:

05/2015 Serviced all police vehicles that had to be serviced

Robert J. Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - June, 2015

Mr. Barr reported that soccer sign ups are currently going on and thanked all of the coaches and volunteers that assisted with the recently ended baseball and softball season. Mr. Barr also thanked all of the volunteers that helped with the Township fireworks and Independence Day celebration.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported on a piece of legislation the Township is involved with involving a 'quiet title action' brought by Cicconi Land Corp, Delaware County CCP No. 2014-006958 involving a claim on a paper street. Mr. Auslander stated that the Township has responded and is awaiting the court to take its next step.

Mr. Auslander also stated that sewer bill lien notices were sent to delinquent sewer accounts and the Township is in the process of collecting fees and following up.

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

Mr. James MacCombie reported that the Township's street resurfacing project is slated to begin during the second week of August.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported that the Township has completed the Emergency Information placard that it has been working on that will provide information to residents pertaining to emergency situations. The placard has been delivered to a printer for production. A cover letter will be drafted as an explanation to residents.

The traffic lights at the Tinicum School will begin this week. Lastly, the Township Manager said that he attended a meeting with PEMA regarding the June rain and wind storm. PEMA is working on a possible grant for municipalities and each community has been asked to gather their costs for storm clean up.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley stated there was no correspondence this month.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Comment:

1. Mr. John Detweiler, 211 LaGrange, asked if the bronze plaque that had been installed at the tennis courts was going to be repaired. The Board responded it would be re-installed later in the summer.
2. Mr. Don Porter, 242 Bartram Ave., asked the Board to follow up on the condition of various sidewalks in town that were, in Mr. Porter's opinion, not up to code. Mr. Porter asked if each police car was equipped with the narcotic antidote Narcan and an Automated External Defibrillator. The Board responded yes on the Narcan and no on the AED's.
3. Mr. Ed Rubillo, 120 Wyandotte St., requested that the Board consider having an arborist examine trees in public township parks. Mr. Rubillo asked if the Township has received any payments from the airport agreement signed in April. The Board responded that payments are expected by September 1. Mr. Rubillo asked if there was any progress on upgrading the railroad crossings in town. The Board responded that it is researching solicitors to represent the township for railroad matters.
4. Mr. Greg Johnston, 320 S. Gov Printz, state was looking for a location to operate a fresh produce market on Sundays and asked the Board if they were aware of a location. The Board provided a couple of leads and asked Mr. Johnston to contact the code department regarding a vendor's license.

5. Mrs. Marion Matulwicz, 200 Powhattan Ave., stated that the water drainage problems she believes is being caused by her neighbor has not been resolved. Mr. MacCombie and Mr. Auslander replied that Mrs. Matulwicz has been advised that her neighbor has fixed what the township requested to be fixed and that Mrs. Matulwicz needs to address any further water issues she believes her neighbor is responsible for on a civil action.
6. Mr. Charles Monteith, 546 Jansen Ave., asked if a permit was necessary for the pouring of a concrete pad and the placement of a utility shed. The Board responded that the Code Department could answer that question best.
7. Mr. Chris Connor, 533 Jansen Ave., addressed the Board about what he stated was an abandoned swimming pool at 545 Jansen Ave. The Board responded that the Township has notified the owner of 545 Jansen to clean up and maintain his property. Mr. Connor also complained about his neighbor putting up a shed too close to Mr. Connor's property. The Board responded that the code official will review his claim.
8. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave., asked if the archeology dig that was to have taken place at the Lazaretto was ever reported in the newspaper. The Board responded that the Township did not report anything to the newspaper. Mr. Dobi made reference to the rain and wind storm of June 23, stating that the Township did nothing to assist residents who were without power for 1 day. Mr. Dobi stated that the Township Farmers Market was no more than an attempt at publicity.
9. Mr. Tom Brown, 534 Jansen Ave. thanked the Board for their efforts with several things including the storm clean up, the steps to put AEDs around town, preserving open space, and the Boards and Police efforts to combat drug crime.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary