

15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 @ 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 Jr., President presiding. Present:

Dennis R. 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**

No Invocation at this meeting.

---

**On A Motion** by Pat McCarthy, seconded by Pat Barr, the minutes of the July 2014 Commissioners Monthly Meeting was accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the July 2014 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 September 2014. 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 Lisa Edmiston, the bill list will be paid for the month of July 2014 by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **Agenda Item Comments**

1. Regarding Item #9, Mingus Gotowski as Auditors, Mr. Dobi asked what is the rate for the audit, The Board responded, the cost is up to \$16,500.

Regarding Item #12, Waiver from the Township's MS4 Stormwater Ordinance, Mr. Dobi asked who the waiver is for and the reason for the waiver. Mr. MacCombie stated that the waiver is for the Township's construction of the East Coast Greenway Trail and that the Board would be voting on whether or not to waive certain parts of the ordinance for the construction. Mr. MacCombie explained that the reasons for the waiver were set forth in a letter from his office dated September 15, 2014.

Regarding Item #15, East Coast Greenway Construction Inspection Consultant, Mr. Dobi asked if this issue was related to Item 12. The Board responded it is the same project and The PennDot regulations require the project to be overseen by a Construction Inspection Consultant.

Regarding Item #17, under the Engineer's Report, Mr. Dobi asked Mr. MacCombie to review the issues discussed at the September Workshop Meeting regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Regarding Item #14, Renovations to Town Hall, Mr. Dobi asked how much this was going to cost. The Board responded that the cost was not yet known, as Item #14 was a vote to request proposals for the project.

**ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE**

**Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman**

**Investment Services for the Tincum Township Non Uniform Pension Plan**

Prior to voting on this issue, Mr. Auslander stated he looked through the proposals and recommended the Board authorize a motion to accept InR.

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to appoint InR of Media, PA as Investment Consultant for the Tincum Township Non Uniform Pension Plan beginning January 1, 2015.4

**Hiring of Part Time Police Officers**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to advertise a police civil service examination for the purpose of hiring for the position of part time patrol officer within the Tincum Township Police Department.

**Mingus Gotowski as Auditors**

**On A Motion** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint the firm of Mingus, Gutowski and Company as auditor for Tincum Township for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$16,500 for the general fund.

**Sale of 2000 Johnson SS Street Sweeper**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to turn over the Township's interest in the 2000 Johnson SS SC7000 Street Sweeper, VIN#49H67FAAWYHF18681 to the Borough of Prospect Park for the price of \$1.00. Said Street Sweeper was obtained jointly between Tincum Township and Prospect Park via a state appropriation grant in the year 2000.

**Construction Release #4 for the building of the Police Station Sallie Port**

Prior to the vote, Mr. MacCombie stated that his office has reviewed the project and his recommendation to the Board is to authorize the release.

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve payment release #4 in the amount of \$56,220.03 to the Fayette Group for the construction of the Police Sallie Port.

### **Waiver from the Township's MS4 Stormwater Ordinance**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to waive the requirements of the Township's MS4 Storm Water ordinance for the design and construction of the East Coast Greenway Trail to be constructed on the south side of Governor Printz Boulevard from Wanamaker Avenue to the Darby Creek Bridge for the reasons set forth in the Township Engineer's letter dated September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

### **Tinicum Township Resolution 2014-07 Amending Civil Service Regulation Rule 202 "Offices Compatible with Civil Service Commissioner"**

Prior to voting Mr. Schreiber stated that the Resolution passed by the Civil Service Commission had to be ratified by the Board of Commissioners.

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to Adopt Tinicum Township Resolution 201-07 re-affirming Civil Service Commission resolution 2014-01. Whereby the Civil Service Commission of Tinicum Township met on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in a duly advertised meeting and therefore resolved to amend section 2.2 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations as follows:

#### Offices Incompatible with Civil Service Commissioner

No Commissioner (of the Civil Service Commission) shall at the same time hold an elective or appointed office under the United States government, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Township of Tinicum, or any political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, except that one member of the Civil Service Commission may be a member of the Board of Commissioners of Tinicum Township.

### **Renovations to Town Hall**

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to request proposals for further renovations to the Central/Entry portion of Town Hall, including the Entry vestibule, restroom area, hallway, and the space currently occupied by The Township Tax Collector/Treasurer.

### **East Coast Greenway Trail Construction Inspection Consultant**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to advertise for a request for qualifications proposal as required by PennDOT regulations for a Construction Inspection Consultant. PennDOT will require a Construction Inspection Consultant responsible for monitoring the General Contractor of the East Coast Greenway Trail to ensure the project is constructed and completed in compliance with all PennDOT regulations.

## Code Enforcement Report – July & August 2014

**July:** The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

**16** Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$82,991.10**

**14** Building Permits for a total of **\$1,925.00**

**August:** The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

**25** Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$17,539.00**

**27** Building Permits for a total of **\$7,875.00**

Total Certificates of Occupancies for July and August: **\$100,530.10**

Total Building Permits for July and August: **\$9,800.00**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

**Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman**

#### **POLICE REPORT – July 2014**

During the Police Report, Mr. McCarthy stated that the dedication of the new Police station will Be October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Township Fines: **\$7096.58**. Of that amount, a total of **\$75.00** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **833** incidents and made **39** criminal arrests.

**38** of those criminal arrests were adults

**1** of those criminal arrests was juveniles.

**1** of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

**0** animals were taken into custody

**POLICE REPORT – August 2014**

Township Fines: \$6387.52. Of that amount, a total of \$90.00 were Parking Tickets.

The department handled 708 incidents and made 34 criminal arrests.

28 of those criminal arrests were adults

6 of those criminal arrests was 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 2014**

Total Calls – **36**

Total number of responding personnel – **321**

Total time in service – **23:51:10**

**Fire Company Report – July 2014**

Total Calls – **42**

Total number of responding personnel – **382**

Total time in service – **20:17:02**

**Fire Company Report– August 2014**

Total Calls – **38**

Total number of responding personnel – **381**

Total time in service – **21:28:00**

**Total calls YTD – 312**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chief Jonathan Buschmeier  
T.T.F.C.

**FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – July & August, 2014**

- 12 Building Permit Reviews**
- 16 Certificates of Occupancy Inspections**
- 38 Violation Notices Issued**
- 11 Building Inspections**
- 1 Court Hearing Media**
- 2 Court Hearing Folcroft**
- 6 Meetings related to Building Permits**
- 1 After Hour Fire Alarm Test and Inspection Airport 10 PM to 12 AM**
- 3 Hotel Smoke Detector Inspections (Motel 6, Red Roof Inn, Waterfront Inn)**

**William J. Adams Jr.**

**Fire Marshal**

**Assistant Code Enforcement**

**PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS**

**Lisa Edmiston, Chairman**

Public Works – June, 2014

**July 2014**

Line painting has begun  
Weed killing curb lines is ongoing  
Mosquito spraying is ongoing  
Speed machine has been at different locations throughout the Township everyday.

Trash removal for the month of July 2014:

Regular trash – 207.55 tons  
Heavy trash – 8.14 tons  
Recyclables – 20.64 tons  
White goods – 4 pieces

### **August 2014**

Repaired backhoe in house  
Removed 3 damaged trees due to the storm  
Captured & released: 5 ground hogs, 8 raccoons, 5 possums  
Speed machine has been at different locations throughout the Township everyday.  
Trash Removal for the month of August 2014  
Regular trash - 165.21 tons  
Heavy trash - 10.75  
Recyclables – 20.26  
White goods – 2 pieces  
Reminder to residents – recyclables cannot be put in plastic bags

Respectfully Submitted,  
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent  
Highway Department

**SANITATION**  
**Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman**

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

### **Monthly Report for July 2014**

Total: 25,995,000 gallons  
Average: 839,000 gallons  
Total Sludge: 232,048 gallons  
Total Methane Gas: 130,262 cu ft  
Average 4202 cu ft  
Sludge Hauled: 54,500 gals      % solids 2.36  
Sewer Complaint: None



**Equipment Repairs:**

7/1/2014 Installed new gates on both chlorine tanks

7/13/2014 Both chlorine tanks back in operation, painted and new diffusers

7/16/2014 New John Deer Mower delivered

7/21/2014 Installed new rotating unit at Ramada Inn station

7/22/2014 Installed new suction line and flapper valve no. 1 dewatering pump

**Operation:**

7/2014 Improvement in fecal problem in effluent, do to all the work done in tanks and diffuser.

**Miscellaneous items:**

7/2014 Service all police vehicles

Robert J. Bernauer

**HEATH AND RECREATION**

**Pat Barr, Chairman**

**Board of Health / Recreation - July, 2014**

Mr. Barr congratulated the students at the Tincum School for winning the Memorial Day Parade Contest for the most participating in the parade. Mr. Barr also noted that the Tincum School students won a School District wide reading contest for reading the most books, and a Dodgeball competition.

Mr. Barr also noted that the Township's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Health Fair will be held on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the new Police Station on Putcan Avenue. There will be multiple events, vendors, a race and many other activities. Mr. Barr noted that the Farmers Market has two weeks to go. Soccer has also started.

**Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire**

Mr. Auslander provided a brief report on the airport, stating that the Township is working with the principles involved in the airport agreement to finalize the parameters surrounding the settlement of the postal service litigation, a new Runway Safety Area Lease, and the comprehensive agreement between the Township, County, School District and the City of Philadelphia.

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

Mr. MacCombie provided a brief report on the fluctuations in the flow rates at the treatment plants and the levels of copper in the effluent that the Department of Environmental Protection is commented upon. Mr. MacCombie stated that there are higher levels of copper in the plant's effluent than permitted, mainly because the incoming municipal water source is permitted to be higher in copper than the outgoing effluent. The Sewer Authority continues to work on a means to address the issue.

### **Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber**

Mr. Schreiber reported that the Flu Vaccines will not be sponsored by the County this year at the Tincum Township Fire Stations as had been done in previous years. The Township will provide complimentary flu shots at the October 11<sup>th</sup> Health Fair to residents and Township employees. The Township Manager also reported that street paving will begin by the end of the month and that all three railroad crossings in town have finally been all repaired.

### **Secretary's Correspondence**

Ms. Brolley read a letter from Carole A. LaMarr requesting her termination from the Library Board.

**On A Motion** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously to allow Carole A. LaMarr to terminate her position on the Library Board. Ms. LaMarr will complete her term and leave the Library Board effective December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

Ms. Brolley read a letter from the Tincum Township Historical Society to hold their annual History and Mystery event on the Lazaretto property on Saturday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The event times are from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm on Saturday. Set up will begin about noon on Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and they will clear out by noon on Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**On A Motion** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board voted unanimously to allow the Tincum Township Historical Society to hold their annual History and Mystery event on the Lazaretto property on Saturday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The event times are from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm on Saturday. Set up will begin about noon on Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and they will clear out by noon on Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **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:**

1. Mr. John Detweiler commented about the number of produce vendors at the Farmers Market, saying there were not enough. Mr. Detweiler also asked the Board to consider 'no-parking' on street sweeping days, an issue he has brought up before. Mr. Detweiler also noted the local newspaper did not include a notice of the Township's Commissioner's meeting. Lastly, Mr. Detweiler asked to have crosswalk painted between the Wawa and Lou Turks.
2. Mr. Charles Monteith asked Mr. McCarthy about the 'research' done by Mr. McCarthy regarding speeding issues. Mr. McCarthy responded that these were conversations he had and not specific written reports. Mr. Monteith voiced his concerns about speeding drivers within his neighborhood.
3. Mr. Steve Wertheim, 137 Putcan Ave., also commented about speeding vehicles. Mr. Wertheim asked the Board to consider a dog park at some location within the Township.
4. Ms. Kelli Bradley suggested the Board consider the property owned by the Township near the swim club as a possible location for a dog park.
5. Mr. Ed Rubillo, 120 Wyandotte St., asked about gates at the railroad crossings. The Board responded the Township is looking into gates as part of it's attempt to establish a federal railroads quiet zone. Mr. Rubillo also asked the board to look int an ordinance restricting bamboo grass.
6. Ms. Tina Buchanan, 128 Carre Ave., stated that she is having flooding and stormwater issues at her residence. Mr. MacCombie stated that he had reviewed Ms. Buchanan's request to re-grade her property and agreed to meet at her location to review the issues.
7. Mr. Anthony Beaumont asked why the Township's noise ordinance was not enforced with respect to Federal Express. Mr. Auslander stated there was no evidence that the ordinance was being broken and added that the sound suppression wall will soon be constructed. Mr. Beaumont stated that the sound suppression wall should be built as soon as possible.
8. Mr. Zurdi Dobi expressed his opinion that the library is underfunded and referred to the April and June Commissioner's meeting minutes. The Board responded that the Township will be assisting the library with their grant request and other items.

**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