

18th September 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. Thomas J. Giancristoforo, President was absent from this meeting. Vice President, Dennis Arthur presiding.

Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner

C. Patrick Barr, Commissioner

Patrick McCarthy, Commissioner

Sam Auslander, Esq.

James MacCombie, P.E.

David Schreiber, Manager

Elaine M. Brolley, Secretary

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

Invocation

Reverend Edward R. Oswald from St. John's Lutheran Church gave the Invocation

The first order of business was a trophy presented by Representative Nick Miccarelli and Mr. Pat Quinn to Tim Fanning and Stephanie Farmer of the Tincum School, recognizing their work with our local Veteran's organization.

The next item was the hiring of two new part time patrolmen for the Tincum Township Police Department. Mr. Arthur explained that it was a regular agenda item scheduled for this meeting, He gave the public an opportunity to comment on the item before moving forward.

There was no public comment.

On a Motion by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Mr. Mark Bascelli as a Part Time Police Officer within the Tinicum Township Police Department pending the required medical examinations.

On a Motion by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Mr. James Williams as a Part Time Police Officer within the Tinicum Township Police Department pending the required medical examinations.

Mr. Arthur called District Magisterial Justice Jack Lippart up to the podium to swear in the officers.

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

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

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

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

On A Motion by Lisa Edmiston, seconded by Pat McCarthy, the bill list will be paid for the month of September 2017 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

Regarding Item # 10, New Parking Ordinance Affecting Seminole Street, Mr. Anthony Beaumont of Seminole St. suggested that the Board look at parking regulations in the Township as a whole, so as to be more consistent throughout the town. Commissioner Arthur replied that the Township is going to consider reviewing the entire Township's parking ordinances.

Regarding Item # 12, Releases to Wu and Associates for Work Completed on the Lazaretto, Mr. Zurdi Dobi of 200 Powhattan Ave noted that Commissioner Arthur has voted no and asked for an explanation.

Regarding Item # 18, Township Agreement for Management Services with DELCORA, Mr. Dobi asked what the cost of the agreement would be. Mr. Auslander replied that the cost is \$65 per hour plus expenses.

Regarding Item # 11, Veterans Memorial at 4th Avenue and N. Governor Printz Blvd, Mr. Dobi stated that this item should be rebid in light of the changes being made to the bid package. Commissioner Barr responded that the Board has already decided to re-bid the project. Mr. Dobi stated that this proposed spot for the memorial is not appropriate and suggested other uses for the property including remaining open space and low cost housing for veterans.

Mr. Dobi asked Mr. Auslander to comment on the statute of limitations for assault and also asked Mr. Auslander if there is a conflict of interest between the Board President and the Township Secretary.

Mr. Jim Simpkins of Delaware Street asked the Board to consider upgrades and repairs to the current Veterans Memorial at Town Hall.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

Wastewater Treatment Plant New Hire

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the full time hiring of current part time Treatment Plant employee Dennis Arthur, Jr. of Lester. Starting salary of said position is \$18.09 an hour. Commissioner Arthur abstained from voting on this item, citing the employee is a family member.

Public Works Department New Hire

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the full time hiring of current part time Public Works Department employee Joseph A. Bucci of Lester. Starting salary of said position is \$18.09 per hour.

Request for Waiver from Twp. MS4 Stormwater Ordinance for UPS

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to grant United Parcel Service a waiver from the Township's MS4 Stormwater Ordinance for Phase 2 of their Ramp Expansion Project. In lieu of UPS complying with the Township's Stormwater Ordinance, UPS will make a voluntary contribution to the Township's MS4 fund in the amount of \$21,000. Said waiver is contingent upon the observations in the Township Engineers Letter dated August 18, 2017.

New Parking Ordinance affecting Seminole Street in Lester

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to instruct the Township Solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance changing the Resident Only Parking Restrictions on the 300, 400 and 500 blocks of Seminole Street in Lester. Said change may eliminate the requirement that parking is allowed for abutting residences only.

Veterans Memorial at 4th Avenue and North Gov Printz Blvd

Rather than calling for a vote to award a contract for this project, as had been originally proposed for this meeting, the Board motioned to reject the current bids and to advertise to re-bid the project with a reduced scope. On a motion by Commissioner Mr. McCarthy, and seconded by Commissioner Mr. Barr, the Board of Commissioners voted 4-0 to reject the bids received for the construction of the veterans memorial at 4th Avenue and North Governor Printz Blvd and to advertise for alternate bids for this project.

Releases 5 and 6 to Wu and Associates for Work Completed on the Restoration of the Lazaretto Building

Prior to voting on this item, the Township Engineer stated that much of the work completed to date consisted of removal of lead dust and contamination, asbestos removal, masonry work, and much demolition work.

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted to approve Releases 5 and 6 in the amounts of \$247,050.91 and \$226,416.60 respectively 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 motion passed on a vote of 3-1. Commissioner Edmiston, Commissioner Barr and Commissioner McCarthy voted yes. Commissioner Arthur voted no.

2018 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Township's Police and Non Uniform Pension Plans

Vice President Arthur asked the Secretary to please read the Financial Requirements of the Township's Minimum Municipal Obligation Budget for 2018.

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to adopt the Township's 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Township's Police and Non Uniform Pension Plans in the amounts of \$370,037 and \$00 respectively.

Land Development Application Extension for project at 336 Bartram Ave.

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to grant an extension by which the Board must vote on the Land Development Application of Mr. Ed Herron for his proposed twin dwelling at 336 Bartram Avenue. Said extension will be until March 12, 2018.

Extension of time for Land Development Application of Keystone Properties

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve an extension of time by which the Board would need to vote on the Land Development Application of Keystone Properties until December 31, 2017. This application involves the construction of Keystone Properties' 4th office building, parking deck, and associated amenities.

Eastcoast Greenway Trail Construction Releases

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to authorize Release # 12 for \$11,978.86, Release # 13 for \$70,850.68 and Release # 14 for \$81,826.52 payable to Pennoni Engineering for their Construction Inspection services overseeing the Eastcoast Greenway Trail project. Said releases have been submitted to PennDOT and reviewed by them for reimbursement to the Township.

Alternate Crossing Guards

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to appoint Rob Shannon and Debra Miller, both of Essington, as Alternate Crossing Guards as needed during the school year.

Township Agreement with DELCORA

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve an Agreement with Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority (DELCORA) for Management Services at the Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment Plant for an initial period of one (1) year.

Code Enforcement Report – July & August 2017

July & August 2017: The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

60 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$8,725.00**

59 Building Permits for a total of **\$59,606.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – July 2017

Township Fines: **\$7,466.65**. Of that amount, a total of **\$30.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **659** incidents and made **39** criminal arrests.

33 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

POLICE REPORT – August 2017

Township Fines: **\$4,398.24**. Of that amount, a total of **\$135.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **577** incidents and made **28** criminal arrests.

25 of those criminal arrests were adults

3 of those criminal arrests were juveniles.

3 of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report – August 2017

No Report

Total Incidents – 0

Average Turnout Per Incident – 0

Total time in service – 00:00:00 Overall avg. Time: 00:00:00

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Jonathan Buschmeier

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FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – July and August 2017

Fire Marshal Report July 2017

Mr. McCarthy:

The following report is submitted for your review:

Completed two fire sprinkler plan reviews

Performed two fire alarm acceptance tests

Responded and investigated one fire incident

Resolved and answered two fire sprinkler design inquiries

Attended the mid-term planning meeting for the upcoming triennial airport disaster drill

Had my computer un-encrypted, which put me out of action for a few days.

Raymond W. Lonabaugh, CFPS

Fire Marshal

Fire Marshal's Report

August 2017

Mr. McCarthy:

The following report is submitted for your review:

Completed four fire alarm plan reviews (Reject two)

Completed three fire sprinkler plan reviews

Witnessed and accepted three fire alarm system acceptance tests

Witnessed and accepted three fire sprinkler system acceptance tests

Performed two commercial kitchen hood fire system inspections

Performed one tavern occupancy calculation for the number of total occupants for pay-for view events.

Witnessed and accepted three fire system hydrostatic tests

Witnessed one fire evacuation drill

Attended three meetings

1. PHL Security Issue
2. PHL EPEX Disaster Drill Planning Meeting
3. Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute State Wide Advisory Board Legislative Meeting

Responded and investigated three fire incidents

Performed an on-site review of an existing fire suppression system installation in a hotel atrium.

Raymond W. Lonabaugh, CFPS

Fire Marshal

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – July & August, 2017

Highway Dep't. Monthly report – July 2017

1. New tractor is in service
2. Cut grass at old firehouse site
3. Cleaned storm drains
4. Opened tide gate on July 24-27 due to heavy rain
- 5. Trash removal for the month of July 2017:**
 - Regular trash – 167.53 tons
 - Heavy Trash – 12.16 tons
 - Recyclables – 19.77 tons
 - White goods – 7 pcs.

Highway Dep't. Monthly Report – August 2017

1. Opened tide gate many times due to storms
2. Repaired trash truck in house
3. Cleaned 291 from Scott Way to Stevens Drive
4. Cleaned drains & ditches
5. Painted cross walks for school
6. Cleaned up limbs & branches after storm of Aug. 23rd
7. Mulched all tot lots
- 8. Trash Removal for the month of August 2017:**
 - Regular trash – 184.43 tons
 - Heavy trash – 6.83 tons
 - Recyclables – 25.65 tons
 - White Goods – 13 pcs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent
Highway Department

SANITATION
Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for July 2017

Total: 29,390,000 Gallons

Average: 948,000 GPD

Total Sludge: 2,455,746 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 151,329 cubic feet

Sludge Hauled: 44,300 gals 2.60% solids

Sewer Complaint:

07/2017 Tv sewer on Erickson from railroad to Second Street

Equipment Repairs:

07/2017 New generator delivered for plant

Operation Problems:

07/2017 Normal operations

Miscellaneous items:

07/2017 Service all police vehicles, treatment plant vehicles

Monthly Report for August 2017

Total: 33,018,000 Gallons

Average: 1,065,000 gallons

Total Sludge: 245,240 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 1,328,704 cubic feet

Sludge Hauled: 38,500 thousand gals 2.30% solids

Sewer Complaint:

08/2017 None

Equipment Repairs:

08/2017 New generator for plant installed, up & running

Operation Problems:

08/2017 Worked on gas system problem

Miscellaneous items:

07/2017 Service all police vehicles, treatment plant vehicles

Robert J. Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - July & August, 2017

Mr. Barr reported that the soccer was under way and thanked everyone involved in helping with this program. Mr. Barr also reported that the Board of Health Community Day would be held on October 14th at Governor Printz Park from 10am to 2pm.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Regarding Mr. Dobi's questions about ethics, Mr. Auslander responded that in obtaining a written opinion from the State Ethics Board and despite Mr. Dobi's inquiries, no ethics violations have occurred. Regarding Mr. Dobi's questions about the statute of limitations on 'assault' Mr. Auslander advised Mr. Dobi to seek the advice of counsel of Mr. Dobi's choice.

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

As a result of Mr. MacCombie stating that his office has recommended the release of the \$21,000 held in escrow by the Township for ASSD's alternative storm sewer project resulting from their Land Development project, Commissioner Barr, seconded by Commissioner McCarthy, motioned to release the escrow deposit of ASSD in the amount of \$21,000. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. MacCombie also asked the Board to entertain a motion to authorize the Township Engineer's office to put together and advertise a bid package for sewer repairs needed at South Governor Printz Blvd between 1st and 3rd Avenues. Said project to be funded by the Small Sewer and Water Project grant provided by the Commonwealth. On a motion by Commissioner McCarthy, seconded by Commissioner Barr, the motion passed 4-0

Prior to voting on these two motions, the Public was provided an opportunity to question the Board. No questions were posed.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager did not have anything further to report.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley stated there was none 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. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave., stated Mr. Auslander mentioned in the Workshop Meeting that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Real Estate matters. Mr. Dobi asked for a report on the discussions. Referring to a comment made by the Board during the Workshop Meeting, Mr. Dobi asked the Board for a report on drug activity at a house in his neighborhood. Mr. Dobi made reference to graffiti at the LaQuinta Hotel and the sound wall at the Federal Express facility. Referencing the beer and wine garden at the Township Farmer's Market, Mr. Dobi asked if a liquor license was required for such activity. Mr. Dobi read from a state publication that he claims defined an 'assault' and stated that he was assaulted during the January Board meeting.

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

