

March 15, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M.

The Township Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on the above date and time both at 97 Wanamaker Avenue, Essington, PA 19029 and via a recorded ZOOM session with Patrick K. McCarthy, President, presiding. Present:

- Patrick K. McCarthy, President
- Patrick Barr, Vice President
- Dennis R. Arthur, Commissioner
- Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner
- Roger Joseph, Commissioner
- David D. Schreiber, Manager
- Sam Auslander, Esq, Solicitor
- Dennis O'Neil, Township Engineer

As a result of the COVID 19 and Corona Virus Emergency Declaration issued by Federal, State, and Local Governments, the Board of Commissioner's Workshop and Commissioner's meetings were held remotely using electronic video and audio technology. The Board of Commissioners and essential personnel were remotely present to participate in the meetings.

Agendas for both the Monthly Workshop Meeting and Monthly Commissioner Meeting were posted to the Township's website at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meetings at www.tinicumtwpdelco.com/meeting-minutes. Members of the public wishing to participate in the meetings were asked to submit their questions or comments on Township matters by written email directed to the Tincum Township Board of Commissioners at either admin@tinicumtownshipdelco.com or tinicumtwpdelco@gmail.com.

All virtual or remote meetings will be recorded and will be made available on the Township website for public viewing after the meeting. While the Township Commissioners regret this inconvenience, they believe their good faith effort permits a reasonably accessible method for the public to participate during this difficult time in our community.

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

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ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the Commissioners February 2021 Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

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 Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy reported that the bill list for March 2021 will be distributed to all members at the end of the month. There being no questions;

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Patrick Barr, the bill list will be paid for the month of March 2021 by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

No Public Comments were received for this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Applications for Summer Employment

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call to authorize accepting applications for potential part-time summer employees.

Appointment to Library Board of Trustees

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Dennis Arthur, the Board voted unanimously via roll call to appoint Ms. Kelli Bradley to a two year term as Library Trustee through December 31, 2022.

Release #1 to Blooming Glen Contractors

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Dennis Arthur, the Board voted unanimously via roll call to approve Release #1 in the amount of \$13,199.40 to Blooming Glen Contractors for their work to date on the replacement of 8 “butterfly” valves at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Said release has been reviewed and recommended for payment by the Township Engineer’s office.

AmazaScapes Annual Maintenance Proposal

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Dennis Arthur, the Board voted unanimously via roll call to approve the proposed landscaping maintenance agreement with AmazaScapes for the 2021 season at an approximate cost of \$8,645. Said agreement will consist of planting and pruning of flowers, shrubs, trees, and the maintenance of planted flowerbeds in various locations.

Mr. Barr commented that this was a slightly reduced cost from 2020 as there is slightly less work that AmazaScapes will be doing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Report – February 2021 Roger Joseph, Chairman

The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

20 Certificates of Occupancies in **February** for a total of **\$ 2,950.00**

20 Building Permits in **February** for a total of **\$ 3,056.50**

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

February 2021

Township Fines: **\$ 1,830.50** Of that amount, a total of **\$ 350** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **496** incidents and made **30** criminal arrests
30 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 – February 2021

Total Calls:	35
Building Fires	02
Trash Fire	01
Fire, Other	02
Vehicle Fire	01
EMS Assist	01
MVA w/Injuries	06
MVA w/o Injuries	02
MVA w/ Entrapment	01
Gas Leak	02
Fuel Spill	01
Wires	01
CO Alarm	03
Cover Assignment	01
AFA	11

Avg No. of Responding Personnel 08

Time in Service 35 hrs.

Fire Marshal Report January & February 2021

Performed the following Building Plan Reviews:

1. 355 N. Governor Printz Boulevard - Century Collision & Repair, Paint Spray Facility, Dry Chemical Fire Suppression System.
2. 20 Hog Island Road – PHL Fuel Oil Tank Farm a computerized fuel oil handling system in conjunction with the Colonial Pipe Line connection

An inspection by the Fire Marshal shall follow all of the above when the installations and relocations are completed.

Prepared and submitted the January 2021 false fire alarm report for fine assessment.

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

Trash removal for the month of February 2021:

Regular Trash	151.84 Tons
Yard Waste	3.80 Tons
Bulk Trash	9.81 Tons

- Repaired fence posts at Gov Printz Park Tot Lot
- Used 2 tons of Cold Patch on pothole repairs
- Cleaned and repaired various storm drains
- Made repairs to Manor Field Walking Track
- Cleaned up trash and debris along Hog Island Road

Respectfully submitted,
George Hinkle, Superintendent

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report February 2021

Total flow	35,072,00 gallons
Average Daily Flow	1,256,000 gallons
Total sludge	233,406 gallons
Methane Gas	85,913 cu ft

Operational Items:

- Installed Transformer in rear garage of plant
- Cleared all snow and ice at plant and pumping stations
- Submitted annual Bio Solids report to DEP
- Service all vehicle requiring maintenance

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert J Bernauer

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr reported that the sign-up phase for baseball, t-ball and softball has begun. Sign-up numbers are extremely down and the youth rec league may need to combine with another town/organization to field teams. Mr. McCarthy stated that he has followed up with other towns to determine how to best move forward with fielding teams, as other towns are experiencing the same issue.

Mr. Barr commended the Code Inspection folks and Health Officer for their work in inspecting and bringing up to code the various hotels/motels in town. The rabies clinic generally held in April will need to be postponed. The animal hospital that usually runs the clinic has not been able to commit to doing the event as a result of COVID. Mr. Barr is checking elsewhere and may re-schedule for later in the year.

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

Mr. Auslander reported that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss some collective bargaining issues as the Non Uniform agreement is up this year. Mr. Auslander attended a hearing in Common Pleas Court for a code violation in which the homeowner was found guilty of violating certificate of occupancy requirements. The Township is actively pursuing "quality of life" issues.

Mr. Auslander met with representatives of Philadelphia International Airport and the City Solicitor's office regarding the relocation of Tincum Island Road and development of the former "Henderson property". These discussions, at this point, have been preliminary in nature.

Engineer's Report – James W. MacCombie, P.E.,

Mr. Dennis O'Neil reported that all eight (8) valves have been replaced at the wastewater treatment plant and are now functioning. All by-pass pumping that was in place for the process has been discontinued

Manager's Report – David Schreiber

The Township Manager reported the following: Tax bill have been mailed. The Board had considered extending the 'discount' and 'face value' periods on the tax bills, as they did in 2020. However, legal counsel has advised that the legislation that allowed for that in 2020 has not been extended to 2021. The County has also not announced anything about extending the discount period. The Board continues to support two Senior Scholarships at Interboro High School. Two contributions to the school's scholarship fund have been provided for two Tincum high school seniors. Authorization to begin emergency repairs to the tide gates that control storm water discharge into the Darby Creek has been given to Atlantic Subsea, Inc. of Bridgeport NJ at a cost of approximately \$64,000. Operational tide gates are essential to preventing storm water flooding within the Township.

Applications for the position of Police Officer are being accepted through the week of March 26. A Police Officer test will be given in late April.

Secretary's Correspondence

There is no Secretary Correspondence this month.

Other Business

There was no Other Business discussed this month.

Adjourn of the Business Portion of Meeting

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

Public Participation

There were no comments from the Public offered for this meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Dennis Arthur adjourns this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

David D. Schreiber
Manager/Secretary