The Tinicum Township Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on the above date and time at 629 N. Governor Printz Blvd., Essington, PA 19029, Patrick McCarthy, President presiding, Vice President, C. Patrick Barr was absent from this meeting.

Dennis R. Arthur, Commissioner

Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner

Roger Joseph, Commissioner

Sam Auslander, Esq.

James MacCombie, P.E.

David Schreiber, Manager

Elaine M. Brolley, Secretary

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

**On A Motion** by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the Minutes of the October 2019 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy reported that all members had received copies of the October 2019 Treasurer's and Secretary's report of Receipts. There being no questions:

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

President McCarthy asked for a motion to pay bills for the month of November 2019. The bill list for November will be submitted to the Board members at the end of the month. There being no questions:

**On A Motion** by Roger Joseph, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the bill list will be paid for the month of November 2019 by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

# **Agenda Item Comments**

Mr. Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave.,

Regarding Item # 15, Release to Wu, asked if this is the final release? The Board responded, No. Regarding item # 12, Adoption of Parking Ordinance 2019-907, he stated this item should be rejected. Mr. Dobi asked the Township Engineer to discuss any improvements affecting the waste water treatment plant. He asked Commissioner McCarthy to discuss what happened to a guest at the Red Roof Inn. Mr. Dobi asked Mr. Auslander to comment on the Wu vs. Tinicum Township suit and asked how much Mr. Auslander has been paid for the work on this case.

Mr. Porter asked the Board to elaborate on the Parking Ordinance.

# ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

#### **Full Time Hiring of Public Works Employees**

Prior to voting on this item, Commissioner Arthur stated that these gentleman have been working for the Township for quite a few years,

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to hire current Part Time Public Works employees Matthew Brady and Josh Little as full time Public Works employees at a rate of \$18.09 beginning Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

# Request from "Mommy & Me" for use of Governor Printz Park

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the use of Governor Printz Park for "Mommy & Me" classes from 9:30 am to 10:30 am starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

#### Alternate Crossing Guards, Alice Shutt and Richard Goldsborough

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Arthur, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Ms. Alice Shutt of Essington, and Richard Goldsborough of Norwood as Alternate School Crossing Guards at a rate of \$13.00 an hour on an as needed basis.

# Appointment of Mingis Gutowski as Township Auditor

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Mingis, Gutowski & Co. of Media as Township Auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 at a rate not to exceed \$22,000.

#### Appointment of Turn-Key Personnel, Ashley Wood-Major

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to appoint Ashley Wood Major of Essington as a Turn-Key for the Police Department holding cells on as needed basis at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

# Adoption of Township Ordinance 2019-907 Supplementing Chapter 360 and Parking Of Vehicles on Township Streets

Prior to voting on this item, Mr. Auslander provided a brief update on the ordinance, stating that it was created to provide some uniformity to township parking regulations and to ensure adequate parking for residents by regulating when and where non-residents can park on public streets.

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to adopt Tinicum Township Ordinance 2019-907 Amending and Supplementing Chapter 360 of the Tinicum Township Code. Said Ordinance will provide rules and regulations for residential permit parking, including permit requirement and limits, fees, restrictions, exceptions, and other and will be effective January 1, 2020.

#### **Construction of New Roof on Police Station Department Building**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to instruct the Township Engineer to prepare specifications and form of advertisement and solicit contractor bids for the construction of a new roof over the Tinicum Township Police Department Building.

#### Sale of 1996 International Trash Truck

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Arthur, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to advertise for sale and solicit bids for a Public Works 1996 International Trash truck whose last 5 digits of the Vehicle Identification Number are: 80409

# Release # 30 to Wu & Associates for Work Completed on the Restoration of the Lazaretto Building

Prior to voting, Mr. MacCombie mentioned that this was retainage money for the project.

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted three to one to approve Release # 30 in the amount of \$6,697.53 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's Office. Mr. Joseph, Aye. Mrs. Edmiston, Aye. Mr. Arthur, Nay. Mr. McCarthy, Aye.

# <u>Code Enforcement Report – October 2019 Roger Joseph, Chairman</u>

**October**: The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

- **27** Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$10,675.00**
- 23 Building Permits for a total of \$6,214.50

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# **POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS**

# Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

# **POLICE REPORT – October 2019**

Township Fines: \$3,228.32. Of that amount, a total of \$90.45 were Parking Tickets.

The department handled 511 incidents and made 16 criminal arrests.

- 13 of those criminal arrests were adults
- <u>3</u> of those criminal arrests were juveniles.
- $\underline{3}$  of the juveniles were handled within the Department and Released
- **0** animals were taken into custody

#### FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

# Fire Company Report – October 2019

# Total Call: (37) Building Fire – 4 Vehicle Fire – 1 Brush Fire – 1

Assist EMS – 5

Trash Fire - 1

MVA - 9

MVA w/Entrap - 1

Water Rescue - 1

Gas Leak - 2

Fuel Spill – 2

CO Alarm – 1

Wires - 2

AFA - 7

Average # of responding personnel: (6)

Total time in service for October: (29.15) hours

Total time in service for January-October: (472.50) hours

**Total calls January-October: (405)** 

Michael Golden, Chief

#### **FIRE MARSHAL REPORT**

#### October 2019

#### FIRE MARSHALL REPORT - October 2019

Mr. McCarthy:

#### The following report is submitted for your review:

Performed 3 Fire Sprinkler Plan Reviews

Performed 2 Fire Alarm Plan Reviews

Performed a walk-down inspection with Tom Lowry of the smoke sensors in PHL Terminal 'A' as to the non-code requirement for the sensors in relation to the height of the ceilings. There is a question where the ceilings are above 30 feet and above low fire loading areas, will the smoke stratify before reaching the sensors.

As a Board Member, attended the Delaware County Fire & Life Safety Board Meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Attended a meeting with Tom Lowry and the Airport on a request to remove some smoke sensors in Terminal 'A' West on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

As an advisory Board Member, attended the Delaware County Emergency Communications Meeting at the 911 Center on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Witnessed and approved a fire suppression foam concentration acceptance test for the oil tanks at the PHL Fuel Oil Tank Farm on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Attended a conference on hoarding with the Health Officer and Township Manager in Berks County on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Code Inspection at Flashbacks, 401 Powhattan on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Renaissance Hotel: 9<sup>th</sup> Floor fire alarm inspection and acceptance test and also the fire sprinkler installation inspection on October 24<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

Witnessed and approved a fire acceptance test in International Plaza II, Suite 335 and also did a fire sprinkler inspection on the relocated fire sprinklers on October 28<sup>th</sup>

Witnessed and approved a fire alarm acceptance test in PHL Terminal 'A' West Illy's Café on October 30<sup>th</sup>

Met with the General Contractor at the PHL American Airlines Club, Terminal 'A' West, and inspected the site for fire protection during demolition and construction activities on October 30.

Note: Testing, construction and demolition work in the airport terminals is done at night beginning after 10:00 p.m. and after the public has left the terminals.

Respectively Submitted,

Raymond W. Lonabaugh, CFPS

# PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

# Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

#### September 2019

- 1. Street line painting was completed.
- 2. Salt spreaders were repaired & serviced in house.
- 3. Trucks have been serviced for the winter
- 4. Weed killed all ball fields.
- 5. Trash removal for the month of September 2019:

Regular trash -154.70 tons

Heavy trash -15.78 tons

Recyclables – 16.07 tons

#### October 2019

- 1. Tide gates opened on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16th
- 2. Tree down in Gov. Printz Park and damaged the fence.
- 3. Dock at Seaplane Base broke loose and was retrieved.
- 4. Tide gates opened again on Oct. 31st.
- 5. Spread new top soil at Gov. Printz Park & then grass seeded.
- 6. Trash removal for the month of October 2019:

Regular trash -185.29 tons

Heavy trash -13.56 tons

Respectfully Submitted, Walter E. Lee, Superintendent Highway Department

# SANITATION Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

**Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment** 

#### **Monthly Report for October 2019**

No Report This Month

Robert J Bernauer

# **HEALTH AND RECREATION**

# Pat Barr, Chairman

#### Board of Health / Recreation - October, 2019

President McCarthy reported on Commissioner Barr's behalf that November 30<sup>th</sup> is Community Day and Health Fair at Governor Printz Park. Events include a tree lighting, entertainment, refreshments, tethered balloon ride, flu shots and others.

He reported that basketball signups have been reopened. Hockey sign ups are open until Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

# Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported that the Wu v. Tinicum Township lawsuit is in Judge Whelan's court, discovery is complete and no hearing date has yet been set.

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

Mr. James MacCombie reported that his office is working on the design of the ADA ramp for the Library and spoke at length about the Inflow and Infiltration study being done in the Township to mitigate storm water from infiltrating the water treatment plant. Areas of infiltration will be identified, prioritized and a plan for remediation developed along with an estimated cost. The study may take a year.

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

The Township Manager reported that the Manager, Fire Marshall, and Health Officer attended a learning session on 'hording' in October. Many facets of the disease were discussed including some of the causes and how to deal with hording residents. Rep. Dave Deloso is looking to hold a Town Hall meeting in the Community Room in January or February 2020. An announcement will be made when a date is finalized. The November Township Newsletter was delivered the first week of November. Commissioner Reorganization meeting will be held first Monday of January 2020. Two recent Zoning Hearing Board decisions have been appealed to Common Pleas Court CV 2019-009177 and CV 2019-009343.

#### **Secretary's Correspondence**

Ms. Brolley reported there was none this month.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

# ADJOURMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston to adjourn the business portion of this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

#### **Public Comment:**

- 1. Ms. Karen Kramer of Printz Ave., Essington asked what activity was being done near Lehman's Restaurant. The Board responded that Sunoco was doing repair on their pipeline, but no fuel products have leaked into the ground.
- 2. Mr. Raymond Clark, 427 Scott Ave., Glenolden, addressed the Board about a delinquency letter he received from Keystone Collections regarding delinquent EIT. The Board asked Mr. Clark to provide his information to the Manager for follow up with Keystone.
- 3. Mr. Ed Rubillo of Lester, asked the Board to look into Philadelphia Police trying to cite people recreating along Hog Island Road in Tinicum Township. Mr. Rubillo stated that Tinicum is not the Philadelphia police's jurisdiction.
- 4. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, asked how many areas were being considered in the Inflow and Infiltration test. The Engineer stated "4 or 5". Mr. Dobi asked how many hours was Mr. Bartol held in Tinicum Township. The Board responded "less than 12". Mr. Dobi stated that this was an illegal arrest and illegal holding. Mr. Dobi asked how many liens were put on properties for nonpayment of sewer bills. The Board responded "several". Mr. Dobi asked how many delinquent sewer users had their water turned off. The Board responded it may be up to 10.

# **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

**Township Secretary** 

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