

18th April 2016 @ 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. Commissioner Dennis Arthur and Township Engineer James MacCombie were absent from the meeting.

C. Patrick Barr, Commissioner

Patrick McCarthy, Commissioner

Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner

Sam Auslander, Esq.

David Schreiber, Manager

Elaine M. Brolley, Secretary

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

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### **Invocation**

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

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President Giancristoforo announced the Board would be considering several motions affecting the Tincum Township Police Department. First, was the resignation of Patrolman Mark Tancredi. Second the Board would consider the promotion of Part Time Officer Stephen Lis to full time status and the hiring of new part time officers Jonathan Downs and Salvatore Quairoli.

President Giancristoforo explained that Police Officer Mark Tancredi has accepted a position of Patrolman with another Police department. He thanked Mr. Tancredi for his service with the Tincum Township Police and wished him good luck in his new position. He then asked the township secretary to read Mr. Tancredi's letter.

**On A Motion** by Pat McCarthy, seconded by Pat Barr, Officer Mark Tancredi's letter of resignation was accepted unanimously via roll call vote.

President Giancristoforo stated the Board was considering the appointment of new Patrolmen to the Tinicum Township Police Department. He stated the officers were present. He introduced Magisterial District Justice Jack Lippart, and asked Judge Lippart to the podium to swear the officers in.

**On A Motion** by Pat McCarthy, seconded by Pat Barr the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Officer Stephen Lis to full time Patrolman with the Tinicum Township Police Department.

**On A Motion** by Pat McCarthy, seconded by Pat Barr the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Jonathan Downs as Part Time Police Officer with the Tinicum Township Police Department.

**On A Motion** by Pat McCarthy, seconded by Pat Barr the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Salvatore Quairoli as Part Time Police Officer with the Tinicum Township police Department.

Judge Lippart swore the officers in. There was a brief pause for photos and congratulations.

**On A Motion** by Pat Barr, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the March 2016 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the March 2016 Treasurer's and Secretary's report of Receipts. There being no questions:

**On A Motion** by Lisa Edmiston, 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 April 2016. The bill list for April will be submitted to the Board members at the end of the month. There being no questions:

**On A Motion** by Pat McCarthy, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the bill list will be paid for the month of April 2016 by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **Agenda Item Comments**

The Board provided the public to asked questions about the Police appointments before voting on them.

Regarding the swearing in of Full Time Officer Stephen Lis, Mr. Zurdi Dobi of 200 Powhattan Avenue asked what the salary is for a full time police officer. The Board responded approximately \$75,000 to \$77,000 which is graduated during the officers first three years. Mr. Dobi asked if that includes benefits. The Board responded it does not.

Mr. Dobi also asked the starting salary of the part time officers. The Board responded approximately \$17.50

There were no other comments from the public offered this month.

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

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

### **Traffic Signal Service Provider**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the appointment of Signal Services, Inc. as maintenance provider for traffic signals within Tinicum Township at an annual rate of \$3,999.

### **Maintenance of Street Lights**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to instruct the Township Engineer's office to prepare a Request for Proposals for the maintenance of all street lights within Tinicum Township.

**Appointment of Crossing Guard Charlene Daly**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Ms Charlene Daly of Jansen Avenue as an alternate Crossing Guard at an hourly rate of \$12.50

**Installation of new PECO Electric Transformer**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the proposal of Messina Electric to install a new electrical transformer at the site of the Historic Lazaretto Building. Said transformer will be supplied by PECO and will provide power to the Lazaretto building, the Township Marina, and the Seaplane Base. Messina's proposal for installation is \$17,034. Addition proposals were obtained from Cascio Electric of Wilmington for \$22,100 and Robinson Electric West Chester in the amount of \$26,400

**Resolution of Department of Environmental Protection**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the Department of Environmental Protection's Consent Assessment of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$30,000 to be paid in quarterly installments of \$7500. Said Consent Assessment will resolve the Clean Stream violations resulting from effluent exceedances for the period from January 2011 through September 2015.

**Code Enforcement Report – March 2016**

**March:** The Code Enforcement Officer Received:

**18** Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$2,375.00**

**15** Building Permits for a total of **\$3,300.00**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS**

**Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman**

**POLICE REPORT – March 2016**

Township Fines: **\$9,826.05**. Of that amount, a total of **\$570.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **570** incidents and made **36** criminal arrests.

**34** of those criminal arrests were adults

**2** of those criminal arrests were juveniles.

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

**0** animals were taken into custody

Commissioner McCarthy stated that he often takes calls from residents who wish to report issues but do not want to call the police either because they do not think the matter is serious enough or feel they do not want to bother the police. Mr. McCarthy stated that residents should be calling 911 to report all matters whether large or small as that is what the police are here for.

**FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:**

**Fire Company Report – March 2016**

No Report This Month

## **FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – March 2016**

- **03/14/16 Responded to a fire alarm problem at 305 Front Street in Essington. Found water leaking into alarm panel from rain swollen roof. The building is being used for storage of files, books and magazines. Exit doors are blocked and there are inadequate aisles to reach an exit. Trying to contact owner to correct deficiencies.**
- **Talked to Mike Upright of Oliver Fire Protection and Security in reference to the need to provide individual sprinkler control valves for each mercantile establishment in A-Wing of the Airport Terminal. This practice was started by Fire Marshal Adams and I will continue it because the valves can be found easily, will limit water damage.**
- **Received a telephone call from Gayle Hudson in reference to fire alarms at 301 and 318 North Governor Printz Boulevard. 301 was once a Grocery Store and as such had a hard wired alarm system in the basement, which was used to store goods. The building has been converted to apartments; therefore, the basement alarm system is no longer applicable provided there are only apartments on the first and second floors. Three stories or more requires a fire alarm system throughout the building. The same is true for 318 North Governor Printz Boulevard.**
- **Received an inquiry from Kevin Perzzano insurance investigator in reference to the March 30<sup>th</sup> roof fire on the Wyndham Hotel. Provided Kevin with pictures taken by Chief Buschmeier.**

**Raymond Lanabaugh**

**Fire Marshal**

**Assistant Code Enforcement**

## **PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS**

**Lisa Edmiston, Chairman**

Public Works – March, 2016

**March 2016**

No Report This Month

## SANITATION

Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

### Monthly Report for March 2016

Total: 34,760,000 gallons

Average: 1,121,000 GPD

Total Sludge: 241,561 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 136,299 cubic feet

Average cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 38,000 gals % solids 2.35

### **Sewer Complaint:**

03/2016 Jet clean and TV sewer at firehouse, portion of sewer from backyard of station to LaGrange collapsed, private property

### **Equipment Repairs:**

03/2016 Fiberglass grate around primary tank & chlorine tank breaking will get Menolds to make new ones before someone gets hurt

### **Operation Problems:**

03/2016 General work around plant

03/2016 Replaced controls at Ramada Inn station with transducer, top of wet well has to be replaced concrete unsafe

03/2016 Replaced control modular pre-heater, burnt out

03/2016 Clinger connected new primary recirculation pump motor, replaced float controls primary settling tank

03/2016 Cut out template for fans in cabinet & VFD at Lester

### **Miscellaneous items:**

03/2016 Serviced all police vehicles that had to be serviced

03/2016 Smythe, Clarke, Buschmeier attended training at Delcora on electric

Robert J. Bernauer

## HEALTH AND RECREATION

### Pat Barr, Chairman

#### **Board of Health / Recreation - March, 2016**

Mr. Barr reported that the Board of Health had a successful Rabies Clinic during April. The Clinic has been treating approximately 50 animals on an annual basis. This year 73 dogs and 13 cats were treated. Mr. Barr thanked the Glenolden Animal Hospital for their support. Mr. Barr also reported that most of the establishments in the Airport and throughout town have had their health inspection and licenses updated.

Regarding Recreation, Mr. Barr reported that baseball and softball have begun. Lastly Mr. Barr stated that the next installment of the 291 beautification project will take place on May 7. Volunteers are welcome to gather around 9:00 on Powhattan Ave near Mel's Diner. The Farmers Market will begin on June 15.

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

Mr. Auslander reported on the recent newspaper articles that have appeared regarding the Philadelphia Airport's proposed Capacity Enhancement Plan. Mr. Auslander stated that despite the changing priorities of the CEP, the parties remain committed to fulfilling their agreements and work continues to complete the remaining agreement (for Hog Island Road) as discussed.

Mr. Auslander also stated that two pending tax assessment appeals have been assigned to judges and will be assigned court dates in the near future.

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

Mr. James MacCombie was ill and no report was available.

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

The Township Manager reported that District Justice Cullen presided over the hearing for the citations written against Norfolk Southern and that the Judge Cullen found the rail road not guilty of violating Township ordinances. Mr. Schreiber also disclosed that the Board met in Executive Session after the April Workshop meeting to discuss police department related collective bargaining issues. Lastly, Mr. Schreiber reported that the new date for submitting proposals for the Lazaretto restoration has been changed to May 3. The bids will be open by the bid committee on that day.



### **Secretary's Correspondence**

Ms. Brolley read a letter from Mr. Ed Rubillo, Chair of the History & Mystery Committee requesting the use of the Lazaretto Property or Governor Printz Park for their annual History & Mystery event.

**On A Motion** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board voted unanimously via voice vote to approve the use of the Lazaretto Property or Governor Printz Park for their 7<sup>th</sup> annual History & Mystery event set up beginning Friday, Sept. 23, 2016 and break down on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016.

Ms. Brolley read a letter from Chris Templin, of the Tincum Township Historical Society requesting the use of Governor Printz Park.

**On A Motion** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board voted unanimously via voice vote to approve the use of Governor Printz Park, on Saturday, June 11, 2016, with rain date of Saturday, June 18, 2016 for the Tincum Township Historical Society's annual Flea Market.

Ms. Brolley read a letter from Robert Bubb of All-State Career School

**On A Motion** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board voted unanimously via voice vote to approve the request to post directional signs around the township on Saturday, May 21, 2016 for their annual Career Fair / Open House.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING**

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

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **Public Comment:**

1. Mr. John Detwiler, 211 LaGrange, spoke about his concern that there was no lock on the fence and gate surrounding the propane tank on the property of the Clarion Hotel. Mr. Detwiler voiced his displeasure about how long it's taking to secure Clarion's gate. The Board responded that the gate had been locked and that if was again unlocked, the fire marshal will pay a call on them.
2. Mr. Ed Rubillo of Wyandotte St. asked about the progress of the Federal Rail Road Quiet Zone and what party was financially responsible for its implementation. The Board responded that the Township is responsible for its implementation. The Township has filed a grant request with PennDOT; however the State did not have a 2015-2016 budget until recently. The Township has also reached out to the Rail Road stakeholders, but they are not obligated to contribute financially to a Quiet Zone. Mr. Rubillo also asked if there could be a "911 Hot phone" installed at the police station. The Board stated it would pass that suggestion along to the police chief.
3. Mr. Art Perdun, 247 South Governor Printz, congratulated the new police officers. Mr. Perdun stated that the limousine drivers are now illegally parking along Governor Printz from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to beyond the adult book store. He stated he has noted litter from drugs and loiterers in the area.
4. Mr. Buster Porter, 242 Bartram, asked the Board to take a look at his neighbor's sidewalk repairs to ensure the repairs were done correctly.
5. Mr. Paul Lynne, 535 Jansen Ave., asked the Board about the legality of carrying a firearm in town and around children. The Board stated that if a person is legally licensed by the state to carry a firearm, they can carry them in public and other areas not expressly prohibited. The Township cannot pass any ordinances restricting a person's right to carry a weapon.
6. Mr. Charles Monteith, 536 Jansen Ave., asked the date and time of the 291 project. Mr. Barr responded May 7 at 9 am.
7. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave., asked if the Township has gotten any response to its request for funding stemming from the Pope's September 2015 visit. The Board responded no. Mr. Dobi stated that the minutes of the January 2016 Reorganization Meeting were not voted upon in a public meeting. Mr. Dobi again stated that his Right to Know request from October has yet to be responded to. The Board responded that his request has been responded to. Mr. Dobi also opined that the Township wasted money by citing the rail road and stated that the whole issue was a waste of time.

8. Ms. Marian Matuliwich, 200 Powhattan Ave., stated that her neighbor has a broken drainage pipe on and that water is running onto Ms. Matuliwich's property. The Board responded that the owner of the property has stated that are in the process of fixing the homes downspout.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary