

15th June 2015 @ 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:

Dennis 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

Pastor Aaron Whetstone from New Life Community Church gave the Invocation

On A Motion by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the May 2015 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the May 2015 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 June 2015. The bill list for June 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 Pat McCarthy, the bill list will be paid for the month of June 2015 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

There were no comments from the public on the agenda items.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

Renovations to Town Hall

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to enter into an agreement with Apostle Construction for the renovation of the east wing of the Township Memorial Building in the amount of \$148,750.00. Said renovations will include removal of the former jail cells and ensure all electrical, plumbing, and other building systems comply with the appropriate construction code.

Appointment to Library Board

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Mr. John Anderson of 507 W. Second Street to the Board of the Tincum Library Board of Trustees replacing the retired John Smith.

Waiver of Land Development Requirements for Fox Grove Marina

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to waive the Land Development requirements for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marr of Fox Grove Marina for the installation of a utility shed to be no larger than 12' x 28' x 15' placed on the Marina property. All other building and zoning requirements are to be adhered to with respect to the construction and placement of the shed.

Conversion of Interest Rate for Tincum Township 2001 General Obligation Note

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to adopt Tincum Township Resolution 2015-3 authorizing the conversion of the interest rate of the Township's General Obligation Note, 2001 series from an interest rate of 3.28% to an interest rate of 2.16%

Advertisement of Amended and Updated Flood Plain Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-871

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to an ordinance of the Township of Tincum, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, vacating and repealing inconsistent provisions of ordinance no. 2012-855 and adopting an ordinance requiring all persons, partnerships, businesses and corporations to obtain a permit for any construction or development; providing for the issuance of such permits; setting forth certain minimum requirements for new construction and development within areas of the Township of Tincum which are subject to flooding; and establishing penalties for any persons who fail or refuse to comply with the requirements or provisions of this ordinance.

New Public Works Vehicle

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to purchase a new vehicle for use by the Public Works Department. Said Vehicle will be Ford F-250 Pick Up Truck with a weather proof bed liner and 8' steel plow. State Co-Star pricing of the vehicle is \$38,075.

New Police Department Vehicle

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to purchase a new vehicle for use by the Township Police Department. Said Vehicle will be a Chevrolet Tahoe Police Package Vehicle totaling approximately \$36,000 via the state Co-Stars program.

Code Enforcement Report – May 2015

May: The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

20 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$8,825.00**

12 Building Permits for a total of **\$38,471.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – May 2015

Township Fines: **\$5,010.04**. Of that amount, a total of **\$765.00** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **682** incidents and made **27** criminal arrests.

25 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

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report – May 2015

Assist – 1

Building Fire – 4

Natural Gas Leak – 1

Drill – 2

Automatic Fire Alarm – 11

MVA – 6

Vehicle Fire – 1

Fire Police Assist – 1

Investigation – 1

Wires – 1

Marine Unit - 3

Total Incidents – 32

Average Turnout Per Incident – 7

Total time in service – 20:21:00 Overall avg. Time: 00:38:09

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Jonathan Buschmeier

T.T.F.C.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – May, 2015

06 Building Permit Reviews

19 Certificates of Occupancies Inspections

- 31 Violation Notice Issued
- 06 Building and/or Property Inspections
- 03 Assistance to Fire Department
- 03 Fire Alarm Acceptance Test at Airport after hours 10pm to 12am
- 02 Sprinkler Acceptance Test at Airport after hours 10pm to 12am
- 12 Court Hearings

William J. Adams Jr.

Fire Marshal

Assistant Code Enforcement

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – May, 2015

May 2015

- Street sweeper was around two times in May
- Cleaned storm drains and ditches
- Installed additional docks and fingers
- New brakes and ball joints on #1 truck were installed in-house
- Weed killing is in progress
- Bug spraying has begun
- Cleaned parade route & Town Hall for Memorial Day Parade

Trash removal for the month of May 2015:

Regular trash – 195.64 tons

Heavy trash – 19.41 tons

Recyclables – 20.37 tons

White goods – 5 pieces

Respectfully Submitted,
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent
Highway Department

SANITATION
Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for May 2015

Total: 26,279,000 gallons

Average: 848,000 gallons

Total Sludge: 161,000 gallons

Total Methane Gas: Out of Service

Average cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 161,000 gals % solids 1.59

Sewer Complaint:

None

Equipment Repairs:

05/2015 Blooming Glen Contractors started to repair primary digester

05/2015 Worked most of the month on digester, removing sludge, and rebuilding primary gas system

Operation Problems:

Miscellaneous items:

05/2015 Serviced all police vehicles that had to be serviced

Robert J. Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - May, 2015

Mr. Barr reported that baseball and softball seasons are winding down and that the Youth Organization's minor league team is playing for the league championship this season. Mr. Barr thanked all of the volunteers and coaches for their time and effort.

Mr. Barr stated that the Township's Farmers Market will begin this coming Wednesday (June 17) at Governor Printz Park. There will be new vendors and various activities. The market was moved to Governor Printz Park to take advantage of the nice setting on the river. This year's Yacht Stock will take place on June 27 with the annual fireworks display and Independence Day activities will take place on July 4.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported that notices of liens for outstanding sewer bills were recently sent and that as a result, several payments from delinquent bills have been paid.

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

Mr. James MacCombie reported that he is meeting with the Project Management Office of the Philadelphia Airport to be introduced to the Office's new engineering firm. Mr. MacCombie will be discussing the permit process and other aspects of doing construction at the airport within the Township.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported that Township officials have met with representatives of the railroad companies involved with the transport of Bakken crude oil through the Township. The main focus of the meeting was to ensure that the railroad does not leave trains fully loaded with oil on any sidings within the Township. The issue of the idling locomotives was also addressed and the railroads stated they would make every effort to eliminate this issue. The Township Manager and Mr. Giancristoforo also reported that the Township has nearly completed an Emergency Operations Plan that provides instruction, responsibilities, and contingencies for various types of hazardous emergencies that may occur. This plan will be provided to all emergency personnel. Mr. Giancristoforo added that for security reasons, this plan may not be available to the public.

For public awareness of emergencies and emergency information an Emergency Preparedness placard and instructions is being drafted for distribution to all residents. This Emergency Preparedness placard will provide guidance on how to prepare for and how to react to emergencies.

The Township Manager reported that the contractor installing the traffic signals at the Tincum School has been awaiting parts that are needed for the signal's electrical cabinet. Messina Electric expects to have the cabinet by the first week of July and will have the project completed in July. In the meantime, line stripping and other elements of the project have begun.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley stated there was no correspondence this month.

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. Art Perdun, 247 S. Gov Printz Blvd., expressed is disagreement with the Board's statement that the emergency operations plan may not be available to the public. The Board responded that the public will be provided emergency information and that all emergency staff will be fully prepared via ongoing training.
2. Mr. Charles Monteith, 546 Jansen Ave., stated that his property and personal items were disturbed when the utility shed was delivered to his neighbor. Mr. Monteith claimed that some bicycles and other items were damaged. Mr. Monteith asked the Board why Monaghan's pub on Powhattan Avenue was granted a waiver of land development and then installed a shed at Monaghan's property on Jansen Avenue. The Board responded that they are two separate items and that the shed at the business location has not yet been installed.

Mr. Monteith also stated some traffic signs were missing around the neighborhood. The police were asked to look into his claim.

3. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, reminded the Solicitor that the Solicitor was going to provide some information on a recent court case. Mr. Auslander responded he would have it available at the next meeting. Mr. Dobi asked if the Board held an Executive Session after the June workshop meeting and reminded the Board that Executive Sessions were to be disclosed at the public meeting. Mr. Dobi complained about trash at the bus stops along Governor Printz Blvd. near the main business section of town, and showed photos suggesting trash had been there for some time. Mr. Dobi also stated that in his opinion the annual payment by the City of Philadelphia to be divided among the Township, School District, and County was not being shared proportionally. In his opinion, the payment should be divided proportionate to the tax rates.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. McCarthy to adjourn the meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

