

21<sup>st</sup> November 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, 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.

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### **Invocation**

Father Anthony Orth from St. Gabriel's Catholic Church gave the Invocation

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After the monthly invocation, but before the regular business agenda of the meeting, the Board celebrated two events at the November meeting. First, the Board presented Commissioner Pat Barr and Mrs. Mary Jane Barr each with a plaque thanking Mr. and Mrs. Barr for all their efforts in making Tincum Township a better community. Some of the initiatives lead by Mr. and Mrs. Barr include the Township Farmers Market, Rt. 291 Beautification Project, July 4<sup>th</sup> Events, and the annual Community Day and Health Fair.

The Board then held a small celebration for Mrs. Ethel Sivak's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The Board presented Mrs. Sivak with a cake and highlighted some of the activities Ethel had been involved with over the years. State Representative Nick Miccarelli was also present and presented a resolution to Mrs. Sivak from the State House.

**On A Motion** by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Pat Barr, the minutes of the October 2016 Commissioners Monthly Meeting Minutes were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the October 2016 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.

President Giancristoforo asked for a motion to pay bills for the month of November 2016. 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 Dennis Arthur, seconded by Pat Barr, the bill list will be paid for the month of November 2016 by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **Agenda Item Comments**

Regarding Item # 14, Committee Reports, Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave., asked the Board for an update on a topic brought up at the Workshop meeting. At the November 15 workshop, the owner of the property at 233 S. Gov Printz Blvd proposed the opening of medical marijuana dispensary. Mr. Auslander responded that at this time, the regulations regarding such a facility are still in draft form and therefore the topic is not yet ripe for discussion. Mr. Dobi also asked for an update on the status or plans the Board may have for Manor Field. Mr. Auslander replied that there have been some preliminary discussions to possible improvements to Manor Field but are yet too early discuss.

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

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

**Land Development at 336 Bartram Avenue – Ed Herron, Applicant**

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to grant an extension to applicant Ed Herron for the land development plan at 336 Bartram Avenue. Said land development is a proposal to construct a twin dwelling with a garage. The requested extension is until March 10, 2017.

**Extension of Land Development Application for Express Park**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to grant an extension for the land development application of Express Park, Inc. until January 31, 2017. Said Land Development is requested in order to allow the applicant an opportunity to receive a reply from the Federal Highway Administration for a right of way lease approval.

**East Coast Greenway Trail – Construction Release #5**

Mr. Schreiber explained the project is 85% done.

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve Construction Release #5 to JMC Contracting for the work to date on the East Coast Greenway Trail in the amount of \$272,949.99 Release #5 has been reviewed and approved by the PennDOT approved Construction Inspection firm of Pennoni & Associates.

**Governor Printz Park Seawall Restoration – Construction Release #1**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve Construction Release #1 to Watts Restoration for the work to date on the Governor Printz Park Seawall in the amount of \$44,050.50 Release #1 has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Township Engineer's office.

**Public Works Department Roof Replacement – Construction Release #1**

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve Construction Release #1 to Premier Roofing for the work to date on replacing the roof of the Public Works Department in the amount of \$62,900.91. Release #1 has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Township Engineer’s office.

**Memorial Bench at Wanamaker Avenue Tot Lot**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve placing a park bench at the Tot Lot on Wanamaker Avenue in memory of Bailey O’Neil. Young Bailey lost his life while he was in elementary school in a tragic incident. The bench will be set in the park subject to the review and approval of the Code Enforcement Officer and Township Engineer’s office.

**During the business portion of the meeting, the Board introduced a motion that was not included on the Public Agenda. The Motion is:**

*... to authorize the Board of Commissioners to approve Construction Release #1 to Wu & Associates for the work to date on the renovations of the Historic Lazaretto Building in the amount of \$143,508.60. Release #1 has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Project Architect and will be subject to the review of the Township Engineer’s office and contingent upon verification of project subcontractors. Said authorization is not to be considered an official notice to proceed.*

Prior to voting on this item, the Board asked for public comment. Mr. Art Perdun asked what work had been completed to date. The Board responded that several items have been done, the most important of which is mobilization of the contractor and purchasing of the projects insurance and performance bond.

**Historic Lazaretto Renovations – Construction Release #1**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve Construction Release #1 to Wu & Associates for the work to date on the renovations of the Historic Lazaretto Building in the amount of \$143,508.60. Release #1 has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Project Architect and will be subject to the review of the Township Engineer’s office and contingent upon verification of project subcontractors. Said authorization is not to be considered an official notice to proceed.

**Code Enforcement Report – October 2016**

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

**16** Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$2,100.00**

**25** Building Permits for a total of **\$184,435.00**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS**

**Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman**

**POLICE REPORT – October 2016**

Township Fines: **\$3,902.21**. Of that amount, a total of **\$35.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **662** incidents and made **58** criminal arrests.

**44** of those criminal arrests were adults

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

**14** of the juveniles were handled within the Department and Released

**0** animals were taken into custody

**FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:**

**Fire Company Report – October 2016**

**No Report This Month**

**FIRE MARSHAL REPORT**

**October 2016**

Tinicum Township Fire Marshal  
October 2016 Activity Report

**FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – October 2016**

**Mr. McCarthy:**

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

**3 Plan Reviews**

**2 Final Plan Review Inspections and Testing**

**1 Inspection**

**2 False Fire Alarm Investigations**

**1 Conducted Facility Employee Fire Safety and Evacuation Training**

**1 Conference call on the state building codes, which we are attempting to have updated in Pennsylvania.**

**We still have smoke alarms available for the elderly or for anyone who can't afford one.**

Respectively Submitted,

Raymond W. Lonabaugh, CFPS

**PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS**

**Lisa Edmiston, Chairman**

Public Works – October, 2016

**No Report This Month**

**SANITATION**  
**Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman**

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

**Monthly Report for October 2016**

Total : 20,406,000 million gallons

Average: 0658 GPD

Total Sludge: 2,054,634 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 116,966 thousand cubic feet

Sludge Hauled: 14,000 thousand gals 2.60 % solids

**Sewer Complaint:**

10/2016 Tv sewer from Powhattan to Massasoit Street Lester, before Aqua starts to replace water line 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

10/2016 Jet clean sewers both sides Jansen from railroad to Front

10/2016 Rod sewer 526 Saude, full of roots

**Equipment Repairs:**

10/2016 Replaced battery truck 5, inverter, and replaced both tires on sewer machine

**Operation Problems:**

10/2016 Cominuter back in service completely rebuilt out of stainless steel

**Miscellaneous Items:**

10/2016 Service all police vehicles that had to be serviced

10/2016 Complete service to sewer machine & installed two new LED lights for working at night.

Robert J. Bernauer

## HEALTH AND RECREATION

### Pat Barr, Chairman

#### **Board of Health / Recreation - October, 2015**

Mr. Barr reported that Hockey and Basketball programs have begun with practices to start at the Tinicum Elementary School. Mr. Barr thanked Commissioner McCarthy and Commissioner Edmiston for their assistance with the programs.

Regarding the Board of Health, Mr. Barr reported that \$7,000 was raised on Community Day that was distributed as follows: Nolan Family \$2500; Humel Family \$2500; Steir Family \$1000; Coaches for Cancer \$1000.

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

Mr. Auslander also reported that the Township's lawsuit that had been pending with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals (originally filed in 2010) had essentially been resolved with the conclusion of all of the signing of all of the settlement agreements decided between the Township and the City of Philadelphia. Mr. Auslander asked the Board to allow him to file the necessary stipulations needed to close the case and remove them from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court's docket. Mr. Auslander also reported that he is working with the City to draft a Memo of Understanding for the maintenance of Hog Island Road. With the City of Philadelphia's lease/purchase agreement for Hog Island Road, regular maintenance of the Road is now the City's responsibility. However, if the City wishes the Township to maintain the road on a contractual basis, both parties must enter into a mutual agreement. Mr. Auslander is working on said agreement.

Mr. Auslander also reported that he is reviewing a Letter of Intent for a private party to lease and operate a parking facility on the Township's property at Second St and the Delaware River. Lastly, Mr. Auslander reported that he is working on the Developer's Agreement for the Deicing Facility at the airport as well as the project to replace the pipeline under Hog Island Road.

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

Mr. James MacCombie thanked the Board for their support during his recent illnesses and had nothing further to report.



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

The Township Manager reported that the Board held two public workshop meetings to prepare the 2017 Township Budget. At this time, the Board does not anticipate a real estate tax increase. In regard to the Township proposed 2016 \$10 million bond issue, the anticipated settlement date of the transaction is December 8, 2016. Interest rates for the issue have been set at 1.87% for the taxable portion and 3.3% for the non taxable portion. Lastly, the Township Manager reported that the Girl Scouts will lead the Townships Christmas Tree lighting at 6:00 on December 2.

**Secretary's Correspondence**

Ms. Brolley read a letter from Cathie Durgan, Secretary of the Tinicum Township Swim Club regarding a kid's paint night.

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via voice vote to approve the use of the Town Hall Community Room for a kids paint night fundraiser. It will be a three hour event with 30 kids. Upon approval they will schedule a date for the Board's approval.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, 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 Ave., asked if the side entrance of the Firehouse can be made handicap accessible (Note: the Firehouse is handicap accessible through the parking lot entrance). Mr. Detwiler complained about the content and timeliness of the Township's website.
2. Mr. Art Perdun, 247 South Governor Printz Blvd., asked the Board to expand on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court case. The Board responded that all of the issues raised in that case have now been resolved and Mr. Auslander must file the proper stipulations to close the docket. Mr. Perdun asked the Airport can still move forward with their Capacity Enhancement Plan. The Board responded that they can. Mr. Perdun asked the Board to increase the Library's budget allocation.
3. Mr. Ed Rubillo, 120 Wyndotte Ave., asked if, with the lease/sale of Hog Island Road, who is responsible for issuing citations for traffic and other violations? The Board responded that the Road is still within Tinicum Township; therefore, Township Police are responsible for issuing citations.
4. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave., stated that the time on the Township's Government Channel is incorrect. Mr. Dobi stated that he could not follow the discussion during the Board of Health meeting advertised for Wednesday, November 9. Mr. Barr responded that the Board of Health discussed several issues related to several restaurants in town and discussed issues and plans related to the annual Community Day. Mr. Dobi asked how the families that received donations resulting from the Community Day were chosen. Mr. Barr stated that families are chosen via suggestions from various sources including the Board of Health members. Mr. Dobi suggested that if the Township really wanted to help those families, that the Township should waive their taxes. Mr. Barr stated that the Township does not determine who to assist. The assistance comes from donations made by donors and not via public taxpayer money. Mr. Dobi asked if the proposed parking lot on Township property would be run by a private company. The Board responded, Yes. Mr. Dobi commented that pay raises included in the 2017 budget are not justified.
5. Ms. Jean Goerlach, 633 Saude Ave., stated she has a fundraiser scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> in the Community room. She would like to keep the date, but switch the fundraiser to a Ladies Auxiliary fund raiser. The Board responded, Yes.

**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

