

19th March 2018 @ 6:30 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.

Invocation

There was no Invocation at this meeting

On A Motion by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Pat Barr, the minutes of the February 2018 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the February 2018 Treasurer's and Secretary's report of Receipts. There being no questions:

On A Motion by Dennis Arthur, 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 March 2018. The bill list for March 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 March 2018 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave., stated that he was in fear of his life at this meeting. He asked the Secretary to place this fear dating back to 2017.

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave., Regarding Item # 11, Release to Wu for Work Completed on the Lazaretto Building, Mr. Dobi asked what work was completed. During his Engineer's Report, Mr. James stated that, among other items, Project Supervision, East Wing Stairs, Stair and Elevator Towers, Weathervane Placement, Roof, and Window work.

Regarding Item # 12, Waiver of Land Development for AKM Construction at 350 S. Gov Printz Blvd., Mr. Dobi stated that if the Board were to grant this waiver, the Board should waive the requirement for other land developments as well as this is a case of an overburdening of ordinances.

Mr. Dobi asked for a report on any Executive Sessions held by the Board.

Regarding Item # 12, Mr. Perdun of 247 S. Gov Printz Blvd. asked if a fence would be put up around AKM's property. The Board responded that a fence will be erected around the Township's Veteran Memorial at that location.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

Purchase of Tractor for Public Works Department

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to purchase a 2018 New Holland Boomer Four Wheel Drive Tractor for use by the Public Works Department. Said Tractor is state contract prices at \$36,480.

PennDOT Sidewalk Agreement

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to enter into a Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through PennDOT. Said agreement is for the proposed sidewalk / trail proposed by PennDOT as a part of the Department's project to replace the bridge on Rt. 420 over the Darby Creek.

Tinicum Township Resolution 2018-001

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt Tinicum Township Resolution 2018-001 authorizing and directing the Township Manager to sign the aforementioned Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement between PennDOT and the Township.

Release # 4 to AmazaScapes, LLC for the Veterans Memorial Park

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve Release # 4 in the amount of \$2,592.00 to AmazaScapes, LLC for the work to date on the construction of the Veterans Memorial Park at 4th Ave. and North Governor Printz Blvd. Said release has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Township Engineer.

Release # 12 to Wu and Associates for Work Completed on the Restoration of the Lazaretto Building

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted via roll call vote to approve Release # 12 in the amount of \$174,708.13 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. Mr. McCarthy, Yay, Mr. Barr, Yay, Mrs. Edmiston, Yay, Mr. Arthur, Nay, Mr. Giancristoforo, Yay.

**Waiver of Land Development Requirements at 350 S Gov Printz Blvd
for AKM Construction Services**

Prior to the Board voting on this item, Mr. James MacCombie commented that the Board granting a waiver was in keeping with previous decisions made over many years by the Board to waive Land Development requirements for what may be deemed de minimis projects of less than 200 square feet. Mr. MacCombie also stated that the applicant would still be required to apply for and obtain all required permits including grading and building permits.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to waive the requirement to file a Land Development application to erect a 16 x 12 foot (192 square feet) prefabricated shed at 350 South Governor Printz Blvd for AKM Construction Services. Said shed would be to house small equipment currently stored on the outside of the property in the rear yard

Land Development at 336 Bartram Avenue – Ed Herron, Applicant

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted 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 October 16, 2018.

Code Enforcement Report – February 2018

February: The Code Enforcement Officer Received:

23 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$3,275.00**

14 Building Permits for a total of **\$40,829.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – February 2018

Township Fines: **\$4,957.35**. Of that amount, a total of **\$236.00** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **542** incidents and made **20** criminal arrests.

20 of those criminal arrests were adults

0 of those criminal arrests were juveniles.

0 of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report – February 2018

There was no report this month

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – February 2018

Three fire protection building plan reviews:

Two fire alarms plan reviews.

One fire sprinkler plan reviews

Three fire alarm acceptance tests at the airport. All tests are done at night while the terminal is unoccupied.

One on site walk-through at the Airport Terminal A West to select the next round of alarm devices to be tested for the next fire alarm panel upgrade out on February 26th.

Three weekly Airport Terminal A West fire alarm panel upgrade meetings

Two-day Fire and Building Inspection with Tom Lowry at the Renaissance Hotel.

Met with a tenant of the Lori Apartments over her concern about the smoke detectors in her apartment. Everything was okay.

Distributed three smoke alarms.

Ordered the Key Knox Box for the Library.

Responded to the usual telephone and email inquiries.

Attended a one-day free training seminar on the requirement changes for fire pumps.

Raymond W. Lonabaugh, CFPS

Fire Marshal

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – February, 2018

1. Cleaned all ditches and drains
2. Used 6 tons of Cold Patch
3. Tide gate opened Feb 12th to the 16th due to heavy rains
4. Tide gate opened on Feb 21st & Feb 23rd
5. Tide gate opened on Feb 27th & Feb 28th
6. Trash removal for the month of February, 2018
 - Regular trash – 130.44 tons
 - Heavy trash – 9.48 tons
 - Recyclables – 18.62 tons
 - White goods – 2 pcs

Respectfully Submitted,
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent
Highway Department

SANITATION
Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for February 2018

Total: 39,099,000 gallons

Average: 1.396 GPD

Total Sludge: 212,404 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 103,680 cubic feet

Average cu ft / day 3702.9

Sludge Hauled: 27,000 gals % solids 3.2

Sewer Complaint:

03/2018 Force main break Manor field, for Manor station

Equipment Repairs:

03/2018 Installed new magnesium pump & changed motors to 10 hp instead of 5 hp

03/2018 Installed emergency light to tell when trickling filters are down

Operation Problems:

03/2018 Plant over flow due to primary filter shutting off, and no employee saw it. Estimate about 1 MG

Miscellaneous items:

03/2018 Serviced all police vehicles, treatment plant vehicles, police vehicles

03/2018 Turned in vacation time & sick days employees have for 2018

Robert J. Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - March, 2018

Mr. Barr reported that baseball and softball players are still being looked for to fill out the respective teams. Commissioners McCarthy and Edmiston can be contacted for signups. Commissioner McCarthy stated that a coach is still needed for the 8 and under baseball team.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander made the required official announcement that the Board of Commissioners is actively seeking to recodify the Code of Tincum Township. Recodifying the Code of Tincum Township requires, amount other things, a public announcement of the Board's intention, advertising of the recodified code, advertising the adoption.

As a result, the Board acted as follows:

On a Motion by Commissioner Edmiston, and seconded by Commissioner Arthur, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the Township Solicitor to draft and place an advertisement notifying the Public of the Board's intention to adopt a new Code of Tincum Township.

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

Mr. MacCombie stated that his office has met with the developer of the proposed Wawa at Rte. 420 and 291 to discuss issues related to traffic flows into and out of the proposed entrances and exits. Most of these concerns related to left hand turns into and out of the property from Rt. 420. Mr. MacCombie stated that the developer is working towards addressing PennDOT's comments regarding the flow of traffic for the site. The Developer will be applying to the Zoning Hearing Board within the next few months and to the Board of Commissioners for a hearing in the Special Use zoning district.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reminded the public that there are two more winter storms approaching the area this week and that an additional 6 to 10 inches of snow are expected. Township officials have met with the company proposing to prepare the feasibility study for Manor Park – Sports Facilities Advisory. The Township had an initial conference call with SFA to set forth the nature of the project. SFA will be making a site visit, probably during the week of April 15. The Township Manager also reported that the Airport has been contacted to initiate repairs to the tide gates on Hog Island Road.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley read an email from David Stoughton of the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge requesting the Community Room.

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via voice vote to approve David Stoughton of the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge to use the Community room for a community meeting/public forum regarding opening part of the Refuge for expanded public use. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 7th from 6pm to 8pm.

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 South Governor Printz asked if any demolition permits have been issued to the former St. Margaret Mary Church. The Board responded, No.

Mr. Perdun asked about 15 mph signs on Powhattan Ave. The Board responded that the speed limit is 25 mph and could not put up 15 mph signs. Mr. Perdun stated that the towing operation in his neighborhood is very noisy during the overnight hours. He was advised to call the police.

2. Mr. Buster Porter asked the Board to put up a 'no turn on red' sign at 291 and 420. Mr. Porter asked the Board if the SFA Feasibility Study would be available to the public and if the public would be able to weigh in on the study. The Board responded, Yes.

Mr. Porter asked if the reason there was lower turnout for baseball sign-ups was because of the \$25 Recreation Board fee. The Board responded it did not feel the fee was the reason.

3. Mr. Ed Rubillo, 120 Wyandotte St. asked the Board if the proposed Wawa developer was planning on acquiring the adjacent gas station and separate car repair facility. The Board replied that they were not. Mr. Rubillo asked the Board if PECO had been approached about the recent storm induced power outages and if battery backups can be provided for the traffic lights.

4. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave. Referencing traffic and stating that the ball fields currently at Manor Park are seldom used currently and Delaware County's spending in Chester on various projects, Mr. Dobi objected to the proposed Manor Field project. Mr. Dobi stated that the Board is an example of government overspending. Referencing Delaware County Council, Mr. Dobi stated that the Board should record public meetings. Mr. Dobi objected to the Township Manager's use of the Township vehicle. Referring to recent issues involving Federal and State legislators and representatives, Mr. Dobi called Tincum "a vortex of corruption".

5. Mr. Charles Monteith, 548 Jansen Ave. Asked if there was to be a pond in the proposed improvements to Manor Field. The Board responded, Yes. Mr. Monteith asked if the Township property behind the Tincum School can be used for the school's 4H program. The Board responded that they are always willing to work with the school.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

