

19th January 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, Commissioner Barr was not present for this meeting, with Thomas J. Giancristoforo, President presiding:

Dennis Arthur, Vice President

Patrick McCarthy, Commissioner

Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner

Sam Auslander, Esq.

Herbert 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

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

Prior to beginning the regular meeting agenda, the Board of Commissioner's took time to provide some special recognition to a member of the Tincum Township Fire Company and Eddystone Police Department. The Board read and presented a proclamation to Mr. Michael Golden for his act of courage and bravery in providing life saving CPR to a cardiac arrest victim on the morning of January 7, 2016. Mr. Golden was presented with the proclamation along with members of his and the victim's family in front of those gathered for the public meeting.

In addition, the Board of Commissioners recognized several students from the Tinicum School for winning a Delaware County area VFW contest. Tinicum School Students Samuel Omarion, Elizabeth Rademacher, and Michael Brennan were presented awards by two VFW post members with School Principal Tim Fanning in attendance.

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

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the December 2015 Treasurer's and Secretary's report of Receipts. There being no questions:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

Mr. Dobi Zurdi, 200 Powhattan Avenue: Asked Mr. Auslander to provide the docket numbers of various court actions involving the Township. As was already noted in the December minutes, these docket numbers are Tax Assessment Appeal for 10 Industrial Highway (Docket 2015-01651): Tax Assessment Appeal for Cargo City 2 (Docket 2015-012254: District Court Case Tinicum Township vs. Norfolk Southern Railroad (Docket MJ 32241 NT 000360 2015) and Alpini Vs. Tinicum Township (Docket 2015-09665)

Under Item # 18, Other Business, Mr. Dobi asked Commissioner Arthur to make a motion to provide the Interboro School District additional monetary payments not called for in the settlement agreement with the City of Philadelphia because, in Mr. Dobi's opinion, the School District was not provided the proper amount.

Mr. Dobi also asked the Solicitor to provide further information on the status of the discussions regarding the Non Uniform labor agreement.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE
Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

Adoption of Ground Lease Agreement between Tinicum Township and the City of Philadelphia.

Prior to voting on this item, Solicitor Auslander asked the Board to make this vote contingent upon the receipt of a signed Release of Rights and Interest in recordable form to all non-leased Tinicum Township property. Consequently, the motion was amended to so include this condition.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve and adopt the proposed ground lease between Tinicum Township and the City of Philadelphia encompassing the 21.8 acres of land referred to as the Runway Safety Area which is a safety zone at the end of runway 27L at the International Airport. The principle terms of the lease are

\$9,000 per acre per year for a term of 50 years commencing on January 1, 2016 with a tenant option to purchase at the end of the term of the lease for a total consideration of \$1.

Repeal of Ordinance 712, 1997 Life Safety Code and Adopt International Fire Code of 2015.

Prior to voting on this item, Mr. MacCombie provided a brief explanation to explain that the Life Safety Code of 1997 was made irrelevant by the Commonwealth sometime after 1997 by some subsequent legislation. Consequently, it is important for the Township to adopt the International Fire Code so that the Township may enforce various building codes regarding fire and other life safety issues.

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to advertise new ordinance 2016-879 repealing Ordinance 712, 1997 Life Safety Code and adopting the International Fire Code of 2015 and as amended from time to time.

Adoption of Ordinance 2016-877 Regulating the Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste from the Municipality.

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt Ordinance 2016-877 amending, deleting and/or supplementing section 11(c) Joint Cooperation Agreement providing for the extension thereof for a 25 year period.

Adoption of Ordinance 2016-878 Regulating Truck Parking on 4th Avenue

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to adopt Ordinance 2016-878 supplementing Chapter 55, Vehicle and Traffic, Article VII, additional traffic regulations prohibiting parking, stopping or leaving unattended trucks on 4th Avenue, Lester, between the 900 and 1000 blocks.

Attendance at Annual Seminars and Conferences

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the attendance of appropriate Township Officials at various County and State wide seminars and conferences during calendar year 2016 at an approximate total cost of \$5,000

Advertisement in Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners Annual Yearbook

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the purchase of a Township Advertisement in the annual Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners yearbook at a cost of approximately \$300.

Appointment of Crossing Guards.

Commissioner Edmiston abstained from voting on this item, citing her daughter as one of the candidates.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to appoint the following individuals as alternate crossing guards at a rate of \$12:50 per hour:

Ms. Linda Harrell, 427 Powhattan Ave., Lester
Ms. Holly Ladigoski, 327 Delaware Ave., Lester
Mr. Mark Sell, 144 N. Gov Printz Blvd., Lester
Ms. Jessica Edmiston, 222 Bartram Ave., Essington

Semi Annual Payments to the Tincum Township Sewer Account

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston , the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the semiannual payments to the Tincum Township Sewer Account in the amount of \$138,000 for the debt service payments incurred for various sewer improvements.

Appointment to Planning Board

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to appoint Mr. Donald Porter of 242 Bartram Avenue, Essington to the Tincum Township Planning Board for a three year term expiring January 2019

Code Enforcement Report – December 2015

December: The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

05 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$725.00**

23 Building Permits for a total of **\$16,999.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – December 2015

Township Fines: **\$7,626.51**. Of that amount, a total of **\$230.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **611** incidents and made **48** criminal arrests.

42 of those criminal arrests were adults

6 of those criminal arrests were juveniles.

6 of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report – December 2015

Building Fire – 8

Natural Gas Leak – 2

Assist PD - 1

Drill – 2

AFA – 10

Co Incidents – 1

MVA – 6

Other – 2

Investigation – 4

Vehicle Fire – 4

Marine Unit – 1

EMS Assist – 3

Total Incident Count – 44

Total Time of Calls By Incident

Total Time of all Calls: 36:46:00 Overall avg. Time: 00:50:08

Average Turnout Per Incident

Average Turnout: 9

Fire Company Report for Year 2015

Assist – 7

Building Fire – 64

Special Assignment – 4

Vehicle Fire – 23

Co Incidents – 6

Natural Gas Leak – 9

Drill – 24

Fire Police Assist – 9

Fuel Spill – 10

Cover Assignment – 7

Elevator Rescue – 1

AFA – 113

Stand-by – 2

Smoke Detector Activation – 1

Assist PD – 7

Ems Assist – 13

Industrial rescue – 1

Service call – 2

Water Flow – 2

Dumpster – 3

Funeral Detail – 2

MVA – 84

Other – 6

Investigation – 11

Wires – 8

Brush – 11

Hazmat – 4

Marine Unit – 12

Total Incident Count: 446

Total Time of Calls By Incident

Total time of all calls: 317:16:00 Overall avg time: 00:42:41

Average Turnout Per Incident

Average Turnout: 8

Tinicum Township Fire Company

2015 Top Ten Fire Calls

1. Cox – 221
2. Emplit – 182
3. Reed – 169
4. Ellis “Ems Capt” – 10
5. Dodge – 88
6. Chimielowski – 80
7. Keenan – 76
8. A. Powley – 55
9. J. Golden – 54
10. Morrison – 53

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Jonathan Buschmeier

T.T.F.C.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – December 2015

- Four Building Plan Reviews 12/14/15
- Discussions on the Building Plans for the Lazaretto Building with Architect and Building Inspector on the protection of open stairwells, fire alarms and protection of non-rated corridor doors.
- Witnessed fire alarm detector replacement and testing at The Lori Apartments, 423 S Governor Printz Boulevard.
- Fire Investigation 541 Saude Avenue 12/29/15
- False Fire Alarm Investigation Wyndham gardens Hotel 12/29/15
- Spoke to PA Department of labor and Industry about the use of the 1997 Life Safety Code and the possible adoption of the 2015 International Fire Code.
- Started the badging process for the Philadelphia International Airport.

Raymond Lanabaugh

Fire Marshal

Assistant Code Enforcement

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – December, 2015

December 2015

- Cleaned up Westinghouse Grove for Boy Scout Winter Survival
- Removed 3 dead trees from Westinghouse Grove
- Took down decorations from Town Hall
- Replaced hydraulic hoses on the dump truck

Trash removal for the month of December 2015:

Regular trash – 169.70 tons

Heavy trash – 7.63 tons

Recyclables – 31.02 tons

Leaves – 15.94

White goods – 6 pieces

Yearly Totals for 2015:

Regular trash – 2048.31 tons

Heavy Trash – 102.12 tons

Recyclables – 249.86 tons

Leaves – 76.47 tons

White Goods – 49 pcs.

T.V.s – 102 pcs.

Rock Salt – 289.35 tons

Cold Patch – 6 tons

**Respectfully Submitted,
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent
Highway Department**

SANITATION

Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for December 2015

Total: 27,820,000 gallons

Average: 1,794,000 GPD

Total Sludge: 228,373 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 143,104 cubic feet

Average cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 44,000 gals % solids 2.32

Sewer Complaint: NONE

Equipment Repairs:

12/2015 Removed primary reticulating pump for new bearing and seals

12/2015 Installed transducer for flow control at Manor station

12/2015 W.G. Malden Inc. calibrated all flow meters and sampler

12/2015 Clinger re-wired utility water pumps, wire shorted

Operation Problems:

12/2015 Working on chlorination problems and fecal coli regulations

Miscellaneous items:

09/2015 Serviced all police vehicles

Robert J. Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - December, 2015

Mr. Barr was absent from this meeting. No report this month.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander responded to Mr. Dobi's inquiry regarding one of the actions against Tinicum Township – Alpini vs. Tinicum Township (Docket 2015-09665). Mr. Auslander stated that this case stems from an injured on duty incident and a worker's compensation case involving the subrogation of a third party award. Defense for the Township was assigned to Holstein and Company of Media by the Township's insurance carrier.

Mr. Auslander also stated that there on some ongoing labor agreement negotiations between the Township and the non uniform employees of the Township. As the negotiations are ongoing, Mr. Auslander is not at liberty to elaborate.

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

Mr. Herbert MacCombie had no further report.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported that the Township's new website is anticipated to be up by the end of the month.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley read a thank you letter from the Tinicum School.

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, asked the Board if the Commissioners would consider making recycling 'mandatory' within the township. Mr. Detwiler provided some information regarding the DEP and the Delaware County recycling coordinator to inquire about grants and whether or not grants were contingent upon mandatory recycling. The Board responded that it would take this under consideration.
2. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, noted that the Interboro School District is contemplating an increase in the school tax during the District's next meeting and implied that the District would not need to raise taxes if the Township were to readdress the settlement agreement all parties agreed to in 2015. The docket numbers Mr. Dobi asked about are noted in the Agenda Comments portion of the minutes. Mr. Dobi also implied that the Township should be reimbursed the cost of the appraisal done by Mr. Bob Graham for the property at 402 North Governor Printz.
3. Mr. Art Perdun asked about the size of the trucks noted in the parking ordinance passed during this meeting. The Board responded 10,500 pounds. Mr. Perdun also noted that the business selling cars at 3rd Avenue were having deliveries made by large 'roll off' trucks.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

