

19th October 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.

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

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

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

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the September 2015 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 October 2015. The bill list for October 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 October 2015 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

Mr. Dobi Zurdi, 200 Powhattan Avenue: Asked Mr. Auslander to expand upon any topics that were discussed during any Executive Session the Board may have had after the October 13, 2015 Workshop Meeting.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

Construction Release # 1 to Gessler Construction

Prior to voting, Mr. MacCombie stated that the paving is not totally complete due to sewer issues. He advised he'd like to pay a portion and the balance upon completion in the spring.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to authorize Construction Release # 1 to Gessler Construction for the Township's 2015 Street Paving Project in the amount of \$149,000.05.

Appointment of Additional Crossing Guards

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint the following persons as Crossing Guards at the rate of \$12.50 per hour:

Kari Lynn Dukes

510 Saude Avenue, Essington, PA

Thomas Kenish

411 Manhattan Street, Lester, PA

Elizabeth Monaghan

115 West 2nd Street, Essington, PA

Advertisement of Parking Restrictions on Powhattan Ave. in Essington

Prior to voting, Mr. MacCombie stated that the parking issue is a continual problem. He stated there are taxi's parking there overnight. The Board commented that it may become a bigger problem once County Savings opens.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to advertise an amendment to Tinicum Township's parking regulations adopting certain restrictions along Powhattan Avenue in Essington between Wanamaker and LaGrange Avenues. Certain restrictions may include 2 hour parking, overnight parking for residents only or the possibility of metered parking spaces.

Change in Township's Banking Relationship

Prior to voting, Mr. Schreiber stated that the township has been banking with Wells Fargo for several years and the fees have gotten higher and the interest rates lower. Mr. Schreiber stated that we went to PNC, BHCU, Sharon Savings and County Savings, all offering better rates.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to appoint County Savings Bank as the new institution for the Township's banking relationship as of January 1st, 2016 and to authorize the Township Tax Collector and Township Manager to cause all banking accounts currently serviced by Wells Fargo to be moved to County Savings of Essington.

Appointment of Joe Little as Assistant Code Enforcement Officer

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to appoint Mr. Joseph Little of 701 East Second Street, Essington as assistant Code Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, as of October 1st, 2015.

Code Enforcement Report – September 2015

September: The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

08 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$1,125.00**

26 Building Permits for a total of **\$49,241.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – September 2015

Township Fines: **\$3,220.54**. Of that amount, a total of **\$305.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **651** incidents and made **37** criminal arrests.

34 of those criminal arrests were adults

3 of those criminal arrests were juveniles.

3 of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report – September 2015

Natural Gas Leak – 1

Building Fire – 3

Drill – 2

Automatic Fire Alarm – 11

Smoke Detector Activation – 1

Dumpster - 1

MVA – 6

Assist PD – 3

Water Flow - 2

Vehicle Fire – 1

Other – 2

Cover Assignment - 1

Marine Unit – 1

Fuel Spill– 2

Brush - 2

Wires - 1

Total Incidents – 41

Average Turnout Per Incident – 7

Total time in service – 33:45:00 Overall avg. Time: 00:49:20

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Jonathan Buschmeier

T.T.F.C.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – September 2015

There is no report this month, due to the passing of our Fire Marshal, Mr. Bill Adams. Look forward to receiving future Fire Marshal reports from our new Fire Marshal, Mr. Ray Lonabaugh.

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – September, 2015

September 2015

- Cleaned all drains & ditches before the storm
- Tide gates were open 3 days before, & during the storm
- Serviced the Emergency Generator
- Serviced the Big Pump

Trash removal for the month of September 2015:

Regular trash – 127.77 tons

Heavy trash – 8.20 tons

Recyclables – 5.46 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 September 2015

Total: 23,940,000 gallons

Average: .798 GPD

Total Sludge: 204,127 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 136,200 cubic feet

Average cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 25,600 gals % solids 2.65

Sewer Complaint: NONE

Equipment Repairs:

09/2015 Started fall check of all settling tanks, removing algae and checking for repairs needed

09/2015 New blinds installed in office & heater room

09/2015 Bernauer hit garage door with truck, will have Ollis Brothers repair it

09/2015 Truck 5 to Murphy Ford for brake problems

09/2015 No. 1 piston sludge pump completely rebuilt

09/2015 Clinger finished lights in recirculation station and repaired exhaust blower

Operation Problems:

09/2015 Working on chlorination problems

Miscellaneous items:

09/2015 Serviced all police vehicles that had to be serviced

09/2015 ProShred on location shredding 7 drums of files that were damaged caused by roof leaking

Robert J. Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - September, 2015

Mr. Barr reported that soccer season is well under way and hockey sign ups are not far behind.

Mr. Barr thanked the many volunteers and coordinators that helped make the Township's Health Fair on Saturday, October 10 at Governor Printz Park a success. Mr. Barr noted that the event raised approximately \$5,000 to help local families fight cancer as well as having some donated to Coaches for Cancer.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported during the Board of Commissioner's Executive Session after the October Workshop Meeting, the Board discusses various collective bargaining issues pertaining to both the Police and Non Uniform Employees. Mr. Auslander also reported that as a result of citations that were issued to the railroad company Norfolk Southern, a hearing was held at Folcroft District Court on October 8. At the hearing, the District Justice continued the case until November 30 in order for the parties to come to a resolution regarding the noise issues emanating from the trains.

Mr. Auslander also reported that there is a meeting scheduled for October 23 with representatives of the Philadelphia International Airport to finalize issues regarding the Runway Safety Area and Hog Island Road.

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

Mr. Herbert MacCombie reported that the final phase of renovations to Town Hall have begun.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported that Budget Workshop meetings to be advertised include November 11, November 18, December 15 and December 21. Mr. Schreiber also mentioned that the Public Hearing that was to take place prior to this evening's Board Meeting regarding the transfer of a local liquor license to Tinicum Township has been postponed until further notice at the request of the applicant.

The Township Manager stated that the APPRISE meeting held at the Township building on October 15 to provide Medicare information to residents was attended by more than 50 Township residents. Lastly, the last remaining bus stop that had been located on Powhattan Avenue in Essington has been relocated to State Highway 291.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley stated there was none to report.

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. John Detwiler, 211 LaGrange, stated that the Township of Upper Darby has a facility whereby residents can play pickle ball, use a pool table and card tables, and have other social events. Mr. Detwiler asked if the Township would consider a similar facility. The Board replied it would look into it. Mr. Detwiler commented on updating minutes and other content on the Township's website. Lastly, Mr. Detwiler asked if there was to be a fence around the propane facility at the Clarion Hotel. The Board responded that this was a temporary facility and that the permanent facility would be fenced.
2. Mr. Art Perdun, 247 South Gov Printz, asked the Board to ensure users of the bus stop cease littering. Mr. Perdun also asked about the proposed General Obligation notes the Board had been considering. The Board responded it is still being considered.
3. Ms. Marion Matuliwicz, 200 Powhattan Ave., thanked the Board for having her neighbors' broken drain pipe fixed.

4. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, asked several questions about certain expenses that were included on the September 2015 bill list. Mr. Dobi again objected to the manner in which the \$1.8 million settlement payment from the airport was to be divided between the School District, County, and Township. He restated his opinion that the payment should be divided according to the ratio of property taxes imposed by the three entities.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary