

17th January 2017 @ 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, Township Engineer James MacCombie was absent from this meeting. Mr. Herbert MacCombie was present representing the Township Engineer's Office, 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

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 December 2016 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the December 2016 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 January 2017. 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 Pat McCarthy, the bill list will be paid for the month of January 2017 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

Regarding Item #15, Ordinance Governing the Township of Vehicles, Mr. John Detwiler of 211 LaGrange, asked for clarification. The Board responded that the intent of this ordinance is to ensure that any towing service or company is properly authorized to tow vehicles so that random tow services are not removing vehicles illegally.

Regarding Item # 17, Repairs to Lester Firehouse, Mr. Donald Porter of 242 Bartram asked what the Board intended to do with the building. The Board responded that they are considering renovating the building to bring it up to code for public use – small community gatherings, a voting station, and other public uses.

Mr. Zurdi Dobi of 200 Powhattan Avenue asked the Township Engineer to provide an explanation on the "8 inch gas line" that needs to be moved for the construction of the East Coast Greenway Trail. Mr. Dobi also asked for an explanation on the possible water leak at Town Hall. Mr. Dobi also asked the Township Solicitor to provide an explanation as to why the Resolution regarding Flood Plain Fees was not advertised. Regarding Item #13, Mr. Dobi asked how many police officers would be taking the civil service test. The Board responded that all who apply may take the test.

Mr. Art Perdun of S. Gov Printz Blvd stated that there are no working water fountains at the Library. Regarding Item #18, Act 44 Deferred Retirement Option Plan, Mr. Perdun asked if this was modeled on the plan adopted by the City of Philadelphia. The Board responded it was not.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

Edible Garden At Tincum Township Library

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the Tincum Township Library's application to the Tyler Arboretum for funding assistance to plant a vegetable garden.

Attendance at Annual Seminars and Conferences

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the attendance of appropriate Township Officials at various County and State wide seminars and conferences during calendar year 2017 at an approximate total cost of \$5,000.

Advertisement in Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners Annual Yearbook

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously 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 to Tincum Township Sewage Authority Board

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to reappoint Mr. James Martin to a 5 year term on the Tincum Township Sewage Authority Board through the year 2021.

Appointment to Tincum Township Board of Health

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to reappoint Ms. Antoinette Meindl to a 5 year term on the Tincum Township Board of Health through the year 2021.

Transfer of Funds from the General Account to the Sewer Account

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to make semi-annual transfers of funds from the Township General Operating Fund account to the Sewer Account to cover associated debt service and administrative expenses. Said semi-annual transfers are in the amount of \$325,000.

Approval of Civil Service Examination for Patrol Officers

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to instruct the Civil Service Commission to advertise and conduct a civil service examination for Patrol Officers and to appoint the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association – Testing Service as examiner for purposes of conducting the written examinations and to appoint the Delaware County Chiefs of Police Association as examiner for purposes of the conducting the oral examination portion of the test.

Drafting of an Ordinance to Control the Discharge of Substances into the Township Sanitary Sewers

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to instruct the Township Solicitor to draft an ordinance that may be advertised to control the organic Materials being discharged into the Township’s Sanitary Sewer lines. Said Ordinance will be intended to prevent materials such as Fat, Oil, Grease and Any other matter identified, from being discharged, untreated, into the Sanitary Sewage System of Tincum Township.

Drafting of an Ordinance Governing the Towing of Vehicles within Tincum Township

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to instruct the Township Solicitor to draft an ordinance that may be advertised to set rules and regulations regarding the towing of vehicles within Tincum Township from private property, private parking lots, driveways and other areas of the Township.

Review of Traffic Study submitted by Keystone Properties for Keystone’s Land Development Application

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Arthur, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the review of the traffic study submitted to the Township Engineer’s office for the Land Development Application of Keystone Properties by the firm of Traffic Planning and Design.

Repairs to Lester Fire House

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the appointment of PJA Architecture to provide Architectural Consulting Services for the Lester Firehouse. Said services will be for the purpose of developing a plan to bring the Lester Fire House to current Uniform Construction Code, and, if needed, to develop construction documentation, specifications, and scope of work in the event the Board determines to move forward with renovating the building.

Act 44 Deferred Retirement Plan (DROP)

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to instruct the Township Solicitor to review and advertise a revised Police Pension Ordinance to include an Act 44 Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) allowing for the implementation of a DROP benefit provision as part of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Tinicum and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 27.

Code Enforcement Report – December 2016

December: The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

17 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$2,725.00**

14 Building Permits for a total of **\$22,717.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – December 2016

Township Fines: **\$5,907.11**. Of that amount, a total of **\$6200.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **524** incidents and made **31** criminal arrests.

25 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 2016

Building Fire – 6

Natural Gas Leak – 1

Assist - 2

AFA – 5

MVA – 10

Investigation – 3

Vehicle Fire – 3

Wires - 1

Total Incident Count – 31

Total Time of Calls By Incident

Total Time of all Calls: 13:56:00 Overall avg. Time: 00:26:58

Average Turnout Per Incident

Average Turnout: 8

Fire Company Report for Year 2016

Assist – 4

Building Fire – 79

AFA - 119

Vehicle Fire – 22

Co Incidents – 7

Natural Gas Leak – 7

Fuel Spill – 5

Cover Assignment – 13

Elevator Rescue – 1

Dumpster - 1

Assist PD – 3

Ems Assist – 18

Industrial rescue – 1

MVA – 104

Other – 2

Investigation – 8

Wires – 4

Brush – 2

Hazmat – 1

Marine Unit – 11

Total Incident Count: 446

Total Time of Calls By Incident

Total time of all calls: 4480:17:00 Overall avg time: 10:44:39

Average Turnout Per Incident

Average Turnout: 8

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Jonathan Buschmeier

T.T.F.C.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – December 2016

The following report is submitted for your review:

- 2 Building plans reviews (Airport Terminal ‘A’ West.)**
- 2 Fire alarm modification acceptance inspections and tests. (200 & 300 Stevens Drive.)**
- 2 Fire sprinkler system modification inspections. (300 Steven Drive & Terminal ‘A’ West.)**
- 1 Fire sprinkler modification hydrostatic test. (Airport Terminal ‘A’ West)**
- 1 Commercial kitchen hood fire suppression system acceptance inspection and test. (American Pie on Powhattan Ave.)**
- 1 Commercial kitchen hood duct work acceptance inspection with the Township Building Code Official – FAILED (Airport Terminal ‘A’ West)**
- 1 Meeting with fireworks display company for the planned fireworks display for the Corinthian Yacht Club.**
- 1 Court appearance for an issued fire code violation.**
- 1 Requested fire call response involving a natural gas leak at a vehicle filling station.**
- 1 Incendiary fire investigation (still in progress)**
- 1 Review of the state elevator code, state building and existing building codes involving a possible elevator fire recall violation. (This is still in progress).**

Had Independence Fire Protection from Lester, PA perform the required annual fire sprinkler inspection and back flow testing of the three backflow preventers in the fire house.

Attended the December 2016 Pennsylvania Building Code Officials Region 1 Meeting and Training in Willow Grove, PA on December 6, 2016.

We still have smoke alarms available for the elderly or for anyone who can't afford one. Call the firehouse at (610) 521-3388 ext. 6 and leave a message.

Raymond Lanabaugh

Fire Marshal

Assistant Code Enforcement

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – December, 2016

No Report this month

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

SANITATION

Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for December 2016

Total: 28,352,000 gallons

Average: .905 GPD

Total Sludge: 254,451 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 123,708 cubic feet

Average cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 600 gals % solids 2.40

Sewer Complaint: NONE

Equipment Repairs:

12/2016 Installed two new air releases on pumps at 4th & Chippewa

12/2016 All stations serviced

12/2016 Replaced air release in force main at ABC1 pumping stations

12/2016 Order 2 flow meters 1 for Front & Jansen and Manor Station

Operation Problems:

12/2016 None this month

Miscellaneous items:

09/2015 Serviced all police vehicles, treatment plant vehicles & Twp. Manger's vehicle

Robert J. Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - December, 2016

Mr. Barr reported that they Board of Health is working with Glenolden Animal Hospital to conduct a rabies clinic on April 8. Hockey and basketball are underway. Baseball and softball signups start soon.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported that his office is finalizing the agreements between the Township and the City of Philadelphia regarding the maintenance of Hog Island Road. In reply to Mr. Dobi's question about not advertising the Flood Plain Fees, Mr. Auslander stated that a Resolution was not required to be advertised. An ordinance, on the other hand, is required to be advertised.

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

In reply to Mr. Dobi's question about the gas main at the Trail, Mr. Herb MacCombie reported that PECO's subcontractor was working on moving the line to accommodate a new storm water pipe to alleviate flooding in the area. Mr. MacCombie also stated that Aqua has been investigating a possible water leak at Town Hall. However despite Aqua's efforts over 3 days, they could not detect a leak. To ensure the water lines at Town Hall are not leaking, Mr. MacCombie is looking to replace the main feed line going into the building.

On a Motion by Commissioner Dennis Arthur and seconded by Commissioner Lisa Edmiston, the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to authorize Mr. MacCombie to replace the water main line leading into Town Hall.

Mr. MacCombie also reported that the De-Icing facility project has begun and that the Airport will begin a project to replace runway landing lights that extend into the Delaware River.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

Mr. Schreiber had nothing further to report.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley stated there was nothing 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. John Detwiler, 211 LaGrange, asked if the timing on the traffic light at 291 and 420 could be adjusted. Mr. MacCombie responded that his office is working on doing so. Mr. Detwiler asked if the new sanitary sewer ordinance regarding Fat Oil and Grease was for commercial operations. The Board responded it was.
2. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, stated that the January 2016 Reorganization Meeting Minutes were not approved by the Board. Mr. Dobi also stated that the three ordinances placed in the newspaper in December 2016 regarding the adoption of the 2017 budget were not advertised. The Board attempted to state that the meetings, workshops, and readings of the 2017 Budget were in the newspaper and that the ordinances appearing in the paper was a result of this process. However Mr. Dobi insisted they were done improperly. When Mr. Dobi attempted to compare Delaware County Council's process to the Township's process, Mr. Dobi was told that this was not Delaware County Council. After Mr. Dobi persisted, he was called out of order and was made to sit down.

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

