

April 19, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M.

The Township Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on the above date and time both at 97 Wanamaker Avenue, Essington, PA 19029 and via a recorded ZOOM session with Patrick K. McCarthy, President, presiding. Present:

- Patrick K. McCarthy, President
- Patrick Barr, Vice President
- Dennis R. Arthur, Commissioner
- Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner
- Roger Joseph, Commissioner
- David D. Schreiber, Manager
- Sam Auslander, Esq, Solicitor
- Dennis O’Neil, Township Engineer

As a result of the COVID 19 and Corona Virus Emergency Declaration issued by Federal, State, and Local Governments, the Board of Commissioner’s Workshop and Commissioner’s meetings were held remotely using electronic video and audio technology. The Board of Commissioners and essential personnel were remotely present to participate in the meetings.

Agendas for both the Monthly Workshop Meeting and Monthly Commissioner Meeting were posted to the Township’s website at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meetings at www.tinicumtwpdelco.com/meeting-minutes. Members of the public wishing to participate in the meetings were asked to submit their questions or comments on Township matters by written email directed to the Tincum Township Board of Commissioners at either admin@tinicumtownshipdelco.com or tinicumtwpdelco@gmail.com.

All virtual or remote meetings will be recorded and will be made available on the Township website for public viewing after the meeting. While the Township Commissioners regret this inconvenience, they believe their good faith effort permits a reasonably accessible method for the public to participate during this difficult time in our community.

President McCarthy called the meeting to order, all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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Special Use Hearing - Philadelphia Division of Aviation, Applicant

The Board’s first order of business of the evening is a Special Use Hearing to hear the application of the Philadelphia Division of Aviation. The applicant seeks use approval under the Tincum Township Zoning Ordinance to make improvements to the existing Airport Taxi System to meet current FAA standards. A transcript of this hearing is available separate from the Monthly Board of Commissioner meeting.

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Roger Joseph the minutes of the Commissioners March 2021 Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy reported that all members had received copies of the Treasurer's and Secretary's Report of Receipts. There being no questions;

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy reported that the bill list for April 2021 will be distributed to all members at the end of the month. There being no questions;

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the bill list will be paid for the month of April 2021 by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, Lester submitted the following comments prior to the meeting:

Agenda 6. Public Forum. Explain why the public did not have access to the Workshop meeting on Tuesday 13 April. The Township Manager noted that there was a buffering issue with the video and was taken down on Friday. The video is up and running on Monday (April 19)

Agenda 7 Front St. and Carre Ave. Were any other bids for this project received? Make them public at this meeting. The Township Manager responded that there were 6 total bids for this project that are available for review at Town Hall. Including the "Alternate A" described in the bids, the three lowest bidders were AP Construction (\$94,156), AJ Jurich (\$102,803) and Gessler Construction (\$81,800). The remaining bids were in excess of \$150,000

Agenda 13. Proposed Zoning Ord. 2021-911. Have any changes been made after the 24 March public hearing. The Township Manager stated that no substantial changes have been made. There were corrections done to several "references" whereby we insured that all references were properly aligned.

Agenda 14. Committee Reports. What is the Township doing to address the increase of graffiti? Has anyone been caught? Is this an indication of gang turf activity starting in town? Mr. Dobi submitted several photos as a reference. Mr. McCarthy showed the photos and responded that he will address these questions during the police report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND FINANCE – Patrick K. McCarthy Chairman

Front St. and Carre Avenue Storm Water Mitigation

Prior to voting on this item, Mr. Dennis O’Neil commented that the Engineer’s office has reviewed the 6 bids and noted that Gessler Construction was the lowest qualified bidder. Mr. O’Neil’s office recommend awarded the project to Gessler for both the ‘base’ bid plus the bid for Alternate A.

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Dennis Arthur, the Board voted unanimously via roll call to authorize the Board of Commissioners to award to Gessler Construction of Media, PA the project to complete storm water mitigation efforts at Front Street and Carre Avenue in the amount of \$67,800 as well as the bid for Alternate 1 in the amount of \$14,000. Said mitigation efforts will include installation of Storm Culverts and Storm Culvert Pipe, Inlets, Manhole and Silt Protection Cofferdam. Alternate 1 includes the removal and replacement of the damaged 24” pipe.

Adoption of Civil Service Commission Resolution 2021-01

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call to adopt Township Resolution 2021-002 approving Civil Service Commission Resolution 2021-01 amending its rules and regulations. Said amendments will allow for the re-hiring of former Police Department Officers provided he/she was in good standing at time of separation and will be subject to passing a physical examination.

Release #2 to Blooming Glen Contractors

Prior to voting on this item, Mr. O’Neil commented that this project is essentially complete and there is \$11,212 in “retainage” being withheld while the contractor addresses various punch-list items.

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call to approve Release #2 in the amount of \$ 87,709.50 to Blooming Glen Contractors for their work to date on the replacement of 8 ‘butterfly’ valves at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Said release has been reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer’s office.

Alternate Crossing Guard

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call to appoint Ms. Geanine Rees of Essington to the position of Alternate Crossing Guard on an as needed basis at a rate of \$13 per hour.

Street Repaving 2021

Prior to voting on this item, Mr. O'Neil commented that his office has prepared a list of streets and that the total estimate is approximately \$314,985 dollars including concrete ramps and design/inspection. Proposed streets include: Seminole St. between Fourth Avenue and the dead end; Taylor Avenue between Third St. and the dead end; Second Avenue (1/2) between Pontiac St. and Chippewa St.; Saude Ave Alley (east side) between Seneca St. and Delaware St.; 4th St. between Printz Ave and LaGrange Ave.; 4th Street between Bartram Ave. and Saude Ave.

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call to instruct the Township Engineer to recommend specific streets or roads to include in the Township's 2021 street repaving project and to prepare specifications and bid packages for said project.

Placement of Stop Signs

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call to instruct the Township Solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance to erect Stop Signs at the following locations: Southbound Wanamaker Avenue at 2nd Street, Eastbound 2nd Street at Taylor Avenue and Eastbound 2nd Street at Corinthian Avenue. This motion will also instruct the Township Engineer to complete the required applications with PennDOT for placement of said signs.

Advertisement of Proposed Zoning Ordinance

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call to instruct the Township Solicitor to draft and advertise the Township's Intent to Adopt proposed Township Ordinance 2021-911, the Township's proposed new Zoning Ordinance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Report – March 2021 Roger Joseph, Chairman

The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

39 Certificates of Occupancies in **March** for a total of **\$ 5,600**
23 Building Permits in **March** for a total of **\$ 3,056.50**

Police, Fire, and Buildings: Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

March 2021

Township Fines: **\$ 2,767** Of that amount, a total of **\$ 900** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **516** incidents and made **32** criminal arrests **32** of those criminal arrests were adults

00 of those criminal arrests were juveniles. Out of those juveniles

00 of the juveniles were handled within the Department and Released.

00 animals were taken into custody into custody

Mr. McCarthy addressed Mr. Dobi's comments by stating that there has been an increase in graffiti in the Township and that one arrest has been made. Another incident is under investigation. Mr. McCarthy speculates that this issue is a result of some of the clientele at the local hotels as the local hotels are creating a large increase in the number of calls to the Police Department in general. The Police continue to work on the various issues at the local hotels, and with the Solicitor to address the situation.

Fire Company Report – March 2021

Total Calls:	38
Building Fires	05
Wildland Fire	02
Brush Other	02
Vehicle Fire	01
EMS Assist	05
Police Assist	02
MVA w/Injuries	09
MVA w/o Injuries	02
MVA w/ Entrapment	01
Gas Leak	01
AFA	08
Avg No. of Responding Personnel	07
Time in Service	52 hrs.

Fire Marshal Report March 2021
Performed the following Building Plan Reviews:

1. International Plaza II, Suite 600 Fire Alarm System Changes.
2. Esstech, 40 Industrial Highway New Fire Sprinkler System involved the storage of Class IIIB combustible liquids and the proposed installation of a very extensive automatic fire sprinkler system

3. Conducted a site visit at United Parcel Service with the Township Building Construction Inspector to review UPS' construction of an exterior building canopy. The canopy was erected for the purposes of employing a 'cart' to transport packages that cannot be allowed in the building. This operation required several series of correspondence between UPD, the Fire Marshal and the Building Inspector emphasizing the requirement to install a fire dry pendent fire sprinkler and the Fire Marshal's Order for a rated exterior wall shutter door and closing device.

Final Acceptance Inspections and Tests:

1. International Plaza II, Suite 600 Fire Alarm Acceptance.
2. PHL Terminal 'A' East, Baggage Inspection Area Fire Alarm Acceptance and Fire Sprinkler Acceptance including hydrostatic testing of the sprinkler piping.
3. PHL Fire Station Engine, 78 Kitchen Hood Fire Suppression System.

Inspections and Follow Ups:

1. Econo Lodge: Reviewed Police Department complaints about late night parking and issued violation notices required the replacement of all illegible "No Parking" signs and instructed that "No Parking" be painted on the asphalt in areas where the 20-foot fire lane requirement is not being maintained as required by the fire code.
2. La Quinta Inn: Inspected and violation cited for not maintaining the fire alarm and fire sprinkler system as required by the fire code.
3. Visited Century Collision & Repair 355 N. Governor Printz Boulevard to check on the process of installing blower shut down for the paint booth in connection with the fire suppression system and found contractor in the process of installing the shutdown electrical equipment.

Ray Lonabaugh, Fire Marshal

Public Works, Highways, and Railroads: Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Trash removal for the month of March 2021:

Regular Trash	201.72 Tons
Yard Waste	7.67 Tons
Bulk Trash	8.39 Tons

- Serviced all summer equipment and rebuilt motors
- Removed all remaining damaged docks from marina
- Conducted review and noted repairs required on Hog Island Road street lights
- Mulched Township buildings and properties
- Replaced 4 tons of dirt on Manor Field ball fields
- Repainted Historical Society building and scale house
- Cleaned up damage at Library from car accident

Respectfully submitted,
George Hinkle, Superintendent

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment
Monthly Report March 2021

Total flow	40,616,000 gallons
Average Daily Flow	1,707,000 gallons
Total sludge	266,732 gallons
Methane Gas	100,642 cu ft
Sludge Hauled	52,000 gallons

Operational Items:

- Ongoing work to replace recirculation valves by Blooming Glenn contractors completed on March 18
- Performed DEP required lab on daily basis while by-pass pumping
- All plant generators services by Penn Power
- Operational
- Serviced all police and plant vehicles that required maintenance

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert J Bernauer

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr reported that he has been contacted by the “School of Rock” requesting band shell space at Governor Printz Park to perform their acoustic show. The show would consist of 25 to 30 acts performing one song each. There is the possibility of approximately 100 parents that would attend the program. The School would need the use of the park’s public address system. The show is scheduled for June 13, which is the Rain Date for the Historical Society Flea Market. If the Board is in agreement to allow the show, Mr. Barr will have the School complete a park permit application.

Mr. Barr reported that the log cabins at Gov Printz Park are competed and the fencing will soon be removed. The Swedish Colonial Society may want to have a ‘public opening’ of the cabins during the Flea Market and have asked if signs describing the cabins may be placed at the site.

The cabins will be locked with the Township retaining the keys.

Mr. Barr stated that he spoke to a representative of the Italian Festival held annually at the County’s Rose Tree Park about having the 2021 festival within the Township. The Festival organizers had asked about Governor Printz Park. However, the Board of Commissioners did

not think that Printz Park was a good idea and would consider Manor Field if the organizers would like to consider that venue.

Mr. Barr would like to initiate a Township sponsored scholarship (with matching funds from the Fire Company) of \$1,000 for an Interboro High School student that wishes to join the Volunteer Fire Company, provided the student would agree to a two-year service commitment to the Tincum Township Volunteer Fire Company. This scholarship will assist the student through their fire training/certification process. Mr. Barr asked for a MOTION to support this initiative.

On a motion by Patrick Barr and Second by Dennis Arthur, the Board voted unanimously via voice vote to authorize the Board of Commissioners to sponsor a \$1,000 scholarship for an Interboro High School student interested in completing the necessary training hours required to join the Tincum Township Volunteer Fire Company. The acceptance of said scholarship by the student will commit the student to 2 years of voluntary service to the Fire Company

Solicitor's Report: Sam S. Auslander, Esq.

Mr. Auslander reported that in regard to the Township's acquisition of a portion of 101 Taylor Avenue, the Township had applied to the DCED for a funding grant. As part of the grant process, an appraisal of the property was required. Further, a Technical Review of the appraisal was required. The Technical Review has now been provided and will be forwarded to the DCED. In addition Mr. Auslander confirmed with Mr. O'Neil that any conservation easement required on the property by the DCED would not impede the Township's intended use of the property.

Mr. Auslander stated that there has been an abundance of issues involving the local hotels and the guests using them. There has been a number of police calls of various severity and Mr. Auslander is working on addressing this using the latest Hotel Motel ordinance passed in July 2020 Mr. Auslander will be addressing the owners and, if necessary, invoke the licensing and cease and desist provisions of the ordinance.

Engineer's Report – Dennis O'Neil P.E.,

Mr. Dennis O'Neil confirmed Mr. Auslander's statement that any conservation easement placed on the Township's portion of 101 Taylor Avenue will not impede the Township's intended use of the property as the easement would be placed on the 'submerged lands' portion of the parcel. Mr. O'Neil is working on the deed for recording.

Mr. O'Neil's office is working on an estimate to repair/replace the Jansen Avenue sanitary sewer line between Seneca and Delaware streets. The line will be videoed to determine the extent of any damage. It involves approximately 700' of line, 3 manholes and 30 sewer laterals and could be in the range of \$200,000.

Manager's Report – David Schreiber

The Township Manager reported the following: The Township's casualty insurance provider will be visiting all township properties for a loss prevention meeting. A total of 25 candidates will be taking the Police Officer Patrolman test on Saturday, April 24. Mr. Arthur will be heading up suggested Home Town Hero Banner effort. Repairs to the Library basement walls have been completed. Repairs to the exterior resulting from the car accident last month are scheduled to begin the week of April 19.

Secretary's Correspondence

The Secretary read the request of the Tincum Township Historical Society to hold their annual Flea Market at Governor Printz Park on Saturday, June 12 (rain date June 13).

On a motion by Dennis Arthur and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted via voice vote to approve the Tincum Township Historical Society's request to use Governor Printz Park for their annual Flea Market on Saturday, June 12 with a rain date of June 13.

Other Business

There was no Other Business discussed this month.

Adjourn of the Business Portion of Meeting

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Dennis Arthur to adjourn the business portion of this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Participation

There were no additional comments from the Public offered for this meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Dennis Arthur adjourns this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

David D. Schreiber
Manager/Secretary