

20th January 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. Township Engineer James MacCombie was absent from this meeting. Representing the Township Engineer was Herbert MacCombie, III. Present:

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

Pastor Aaron Whetstone from New Life Community Church gave the Invocation

On A Motion by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the December 2014 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the December 2014 Treasurer's and Secretary's report of Receipts. There being no questions:

On A Motion by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Pat Barr, 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 2015. 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 2015 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

Regarding Item #11, Adoption of Tincum Township Resolution 2015-01 Application for Traffic Signal Improvement, Mr. Charles Monteith of 546 Jansen Avenue asked if the Township intends to place yellow flashing lights near the Tincum School. The Board responded, Yes. Mr. Monteith thanked the Board for moving forward with this project.

No other Agenda Item Comments were provided by the public.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

Extension of time for Special Use Hearing for Runway 27L Extension

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via a roll call vote to extend the timeframe to conduct a Special Use Hearing for the extension of Runway 27L, at the Philadelphia International Airport approximately 1500 feet until February 17, 2015.

Appointment to Library Board

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Ms. Linn Anderson, 507 West 2nd Street, Essington to a 4 year term on the Tincum Township Memorial Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Anderson will replace Ms. Carole LaMarr.

Attendance at Annual Seminars and Conferences

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the attendance of appropriate Township Officials at various seminars and conferences during the calendar year 2015 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. Barr, 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.

Adoption of Resolution 2015-01 Application for Traffic Signal Improvement

Prior to voting Mr. MacCombie explained that a resolution from the Township designating an authorized signer for an Application for Traffic Signals is requirement by pennDOT.

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to adopt Tincum Township Resolution 2015-01 Authorizing the Tincum Township Manager to sign and submit an Application for Traffic Signal Improvements to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. This application pertains to the proposed traffic signals in the vicinity of the Tincum School on Seneca Street.

Cormix Study of Effluent from Tincum Township Wastewater Treatment Plant

Prior to voting, Mr. MacCombie explained that the study is required to resolve the copper violations with the treatment plant.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$10,500 to conduct a Cormix Study of the Wastewater Treatment Plant effluent. Said study will allow the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to review the Plant's permitted discharges into the tidal Darby Creek.

Release #2 for Carr and Duff for Improvements at Intersection of Route 420 and 291

Prior to voting Mr. MacCombie explained that the project is 95 – 97% complete.

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve Release #2 to Carr and Duff construction for the traffic enhancement improvements to the Intersection of Routes 420 & 291 in the amount of \$162,985.30. Said improvements resulting from the Township's Automated Red light Enhancement Grant.

Environmental Services Study for proposed Municipal Parking Lot

Prior to voting Mr. MacCombie explained the study is required by the Pennsylvania DEP to check for any kind of frogs and turtles that are considered endangered by the State of Pennsylvania.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve and Environmental Services Study by Herpetological Associates, Incorporated at the proposed Municipal Parking lot on 2nd Street. Said study will consist of a Phase 1 habitat assessment for the Eastern Red belly turtle and Southern leopard Frog at a cost of approximately \$2,200.

Payment Release #2 to Joseph Sucher, Inc.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to authorize release #2 to Joseph Sucher, Inc., in the amount of \$15,731.74 for the Township's 2014 street repaving project. Said release has been reviewed and recommended by the Township Engineer's office.

Agreement with Erdman Anthony to Conduct Quiet Zone Study

Prior to voting Mr. MacCombie stated that the proposal from Erdmann Anthony to provide a scope of services for a proposed Federal Rail Road Quiet Zone is substantially lower than the previous agreement received by Gannett Fleming and suggested the Township engage Erdman Anthony.

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to enter into an agreement with engineering consultants Erdman Anthony, of Mechanicsburg, PA to provide a scope of services pertinent to pursuing a Federal Rail Road Quiet Zone. Said services will include an evaluation of existing conditions, data analysis, and scope of improvements needed and anticipated costs to establish a quiet zone. The anticipated cost of the services to be provided is approximately \$13,000.

Code Enforcement Report – December 2014

December: The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

10 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$1,400.00**

20 Building Permits for a total of **\$8,372.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

During the Police Committee Report, Commissioner Patrick McCarthy presented a plaque to Retiring Crossing Guard Ms. Edith Hines for her many years of service to the school children of Tinicum Township.

Commissioner McCarthy also presented 25 year service award plaques to police officers Detective Sergeant James Simpkins and Chief Stephen Edmiston.

POLICE REPORT – December 2014

Township Fines: **\$4,903.54**. Of that amount, a total of **\$565.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **685** incidents and made **28** criminal arrests.

28 of those criminal arrests were adults

0 of those criminal arrests was juveniles.

0 of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report – December 2014

Assist – 1

Building Fire – 9

Special Assignment – 1

Natural Gas Leak – 1

Drill – 2

Cover Assignment – 2

Automatic Fire Alarm – 9

Standby – 1

Medical Assist – 2

MVA – 6

Investigation – 1

Wires – 1

Hazmat – 1

Total Incidents – 36

Total number of responding personnel – 291

Total time in service – 32:40:22

Fire Company Report – Yearly 2014

Assist - 14

Building Fires – 49

Special Assignments – 6

Vehicle Fires – 22

Co Incidents – 5

Natural Gas Leak – 9

Drill – 27

Fire Police Asst. – 3

Fuel Spill – 7

Cover Assignment – 4

Elevator Rescue – 1

Automatic Fire Alarm – 147

Standby – 8

Assist PD – 5

Medical Assist – 9

Service Call – 1

Water Flow Alarm – 2

MVA – 90

Other – 2

Investigation – 9

Wires – 6

Brush – 11

EMS Assist – 3

Hazmat – 8

Marine Unit – 11

Total Incidents - 459

Total number of responding personnel – 3925

Total time in service – 273:44:02

Top Ten Fire – 2014

Name:	Calls:
1. Matt Cox	240
2. Kevin Lincoln	219
3. Jeremy Emplit	197
4. Rachel Keenan	130
5. Brandon Reed	124
6. Michael Ellis	115
7. Chris Thorton	92
8. Aaron Powley	76
9. Mike Smith	75
10. Steve Gramiak	62

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Jonathan Buschmeier

T.T.F.C.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – December, 2014

- 10 Building Permit Reviews**
- 37 Certificates of Occupancy Inspections**
- 4 Violation Notices Issued**
- 04 Building and/or Property Inspections**
- 03 Written Response Letters to Building Permits**
- 01 Cease and Desist Order Issued – Mixed Occupancy Property**
- 01 Fire Alarm Acceptance Test – Cargo City**
- 01 Sprinkler Acceptance Test – Cargo City**
- 01 Report 3 Fire Hydrants Out of Service at Cargo City**
- 02 Court Hearings**

William J. Adams Jr.

Fire Marshal

Assistant Code Enforcement

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – December, 2014

December 2014

All storm sewer lids were lifted and cleaned

Set up for the Boy Scout Winter Survival

Removed all Christmas decorations

Trash removal for the month of December 2014:

Regular trash – 175.19 tons

Heavy trash – 6.76 tons

Recyclables – 29.95 tons

White goods – 4 pieces

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter E. Lee, Superintendent

Highway Department

2014 Yearly Report / Highway Department

Trash Removal for the Year 2014:

Regular trash – 2034.44 tons

Heavy trash – 91.35 tons

Recyclables – 262.32 tons

White goods – 33 pcs.

Leaves – 77.50 tons

Yard Waste – 17.06 tons

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter E. Lee, Superintendent

Highway Department

SANITATION
Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for December 2014

Total: 30,021,000 gallons

Average: 968,000 gallons

Total Sludge: 214,049 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 126,434 cu ft

Average 4,079 cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 39,000 gals % solids 3.26

Sewer Complaint:

12/1/2014 Checked sewer problem 200 Blk. Of Saude, not ours

1/11/2015 Precession Sewer clean sewer from 1st Ave. to parking lot, roots

12/23/2014 Rod sewer from middle manhole on Powhattan to 4th Ave.

Equipment Repairs:

12/3/2014 Installed new rotating unit 1 pump at dewatering pumps

12/8/2014 Dismantled no. 1 sludge pump clogged with rags

12/20/2014 Fox Croft Equip. finished installation of chlorine feed equip.

Miscellaneous items:

12/2014 Flushed and cleaned nozzles on both filters

12/2014 Clinger trace out electrical problem in chlorine building, installed new receptacles.

Robert J. Bernauer

HEATH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - January, 2014

Mr. Barr reported that the opening night of the Township's hockey league began tonight (January 20).

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported that the extension given to Federal Express to erect the second part of the sound wall at the Federal Express facility was noted in an updated memo of understanding with Scannell Properties. The deadline for completing the wall is April 30, 2015.

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

Mr. Herbert MacCombie reported that the work on the new or second part of the Federal Express sound wall began this week (week of January 19). The Aqua PA water main project in the Second Ward is approximately fifty percent complete.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported that the Township will begin to pick up televisions and computer monitors curbside each month on bulk trash day. A notice to this effect will be put on the Township website and government channel.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley read a letter from Yachtstock pertaining to their River Jam scheduled for June 27th, 2015. The letter stated they would like to use Governor Printz Park as an additional place to have family and children oriented entertainment and activities.

ON A Motion by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board voted unanimously to approve the use of Governor Printz Park for the Yachtstock Annual River Jam on Saturday, June 27, 2015.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. McCarthy to adjourn the business portion of this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Comment:

1. Mr. Anthony Beaumont of 306 Seminole Street asked if the ‘bump-out’ on the new Federal Express sound wall was still part of the plan. The Board replied, Yes. Mr. Beaumont asked if there were any ‘gaps’ in the plan. The Board replied, No. Mr. Beaumont asked if there would be grass added. The Board responded that this has not been determined at this time. Mr. Beaumont added that there will be added drainage to the area.
2. Mr. John Detweiler of 211 LaGrange stated he believes residents do not receive enough information from the Township. Mr. Detweiler would like to see more frequent updates to the Township website and more information in the newspaper about crime activity within the Township. Mr. Detweiler also stated that he noticed in the newspaper that a nearby community recently installed speed bumps.
3. Mr. Charles Monteith of 546 Jansen Avenue thanked the Board for pursuing the lights at the school. Mr. Monteith suggested a Facebook or other social media page for the Township.
4. Ms. Ed Rubillo of Wyndotte Street asked the Board to have the trees in Westinghouse Grove evaluated for health, expressing his concern that some of them may be dangerous.
5. Mr. Zurdi Dobi of 200 Powhattan Avenue stated that his recyclable plastics were not picked up on recycling day. Mr. Dobi stated that the November Minutes reflect an error in the motion to pay bills, reflecting October rather than November. Mr. Dobi also stated that the website should be updated and expressed his displeasure with the forms associated with the Township ordinance pertaining to rental properties.
6. Mr. Chris Kelly of 516 Saude Avenue expressed his opinion that the Board should post the Township Workshop and Commissioner’s meeting agenda’s on the Township website. Mr.

Kelly also expressed his opinion that the Board should conduct a study on the vacant commercial properties in town and accused the Board of having 'No Vision'.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

