

January 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
- Herbert MacCombie, 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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ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the Commissioners December 2020 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 Lisa Edmiston and second by Roger Joseph, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

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

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

No Public Comments were received for this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Adoption of Resolution 2021-001 Application for County Aid

Prior to voting on this item, the Secretary read the Resolution into the record.

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt Tinicum Township Resolution 2021-001 making application to Delaware County for an allocation of County Liquid Fuels Tax funds in the amount of \$7,223.

Attendance at Annual Seminars and Conferences

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Patrick Barr the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the attendance of appropriate Township Officials at various County and Statewide seminars and conferences during calendar year 2021 at an approximate total cost of \$5,000

Advertisement in Pennsylvania State Assertion of Township Commissioners Annual Yearbook

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Roger Joseph 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

Transfer of Funds from the General Account to the Sewer Account

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted unanimously 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 \$375,000

Civil Service Board Resignation and Appointment

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to accept the resignation of Mr. Don Dallal from the Civil Service Board effective immediately and to appoint Mr. Walter (Bud) Fife to the Civil Service Board for a period of 3 years.

Extension of Land Development at 336 Bartram Avenue – Ed Herron

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to grant an extension to applicant Ed Herron for the land development plan at 336 Bartram Avenue. Said Land Development is a proposal to construct a twin dwelling with a garage. The requested extension is until June 30, 2021.

Extension of Land Development Application of Castleway Industries at the Airport Business Complex

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to grant an extension to applicant Castleway Industries for the land development plan at the Airport Business Complex 10 Industrial Highway. Said Land Development is a proposal to construct a 98,000 square foot warehouse in the vicinity of the existing Federal Express building. The requested extension is until June 30, 2021.

Extension of Land Development Application of PHL@LLC / 1 Hotel Group

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to grant an extension to applicant PHL@LLC / 1 Hotel Group for the land development plan at 101/103 Taylor Avenue. Said Land Development is a proposal to construct two new hotels on the property. The requested extension is until June 30, 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Report – December 2020: Roger Joseph, Chairman

The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

40 Certificates of Occupancies in December for a total of \$5,525

11 Building Permits in December for a total of \$ 4,130

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

December 2020

Township Fines: **\$3,854** Of that amount, a total of **\$ 1,011** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **424** incidents and made **18** criminal arrests
18 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.
0 animals were taken into custody

Fire Company Report – December 2020

Total Calls:	39	
Building Fires	01	
Vehicle Fire	04	
MVA w/Injuries	08	
MVA w/ Entrapment	02	
Water Rescue	01	
Hazardous Condition	01	
CO Alarm	01	
Dispatch/Cancel	08	
AFA	13	
Avg No. of Responding Personnel	08	
Time in Service		38 hrs.

Fire Marshal Report December 2020

Performed the following Building Plan Reviews:

1. International Plaza II – Fire Sprinkler Relocations.
2. 10 Industrial Highway, Building G – Access Control System.
3. 50 West Powhatten, All State Career School – Fire Sprinkler. Relocations.
4. 166 – 13 Hog Island Road – PFD Engine 78 – Commercial Kitchen Hood Fire Suppression System.

An inspection by the Fire Marshal shall follow all of the above when the installations and relocations are completed.

Building Inspections:

1. Water Front Inn – Fire Code Inspection
2. LaQuinta Inn & Suites two dates following false fire alarms and call outs by the fire company

Correspondence:

- 1 Responded in a letter to the Attorneys for the Red Roof in on the outstanding fire code violations
- 2 Responded to General Fire Protection on their plan and permitting to install a dry chemical fire suppression system in the paint booth at Century Collision
- 3 Spoke to the Manager of the LaQuinta Inn over the delay in the Annual Fire Alarm Inspection Certification. She requested to postpone it until next February 2021, which was refused by the Fire Marshal.

- 4 Met twice with the General Contractor for the Airport Fuel Oil Tank Farm on the scheduled fire pump water supply tank leak repair.

Distributed 3 smoke alarms to a resident. Fire Company installed them for the elderly resident. Had the annual fire house fire sprinkler system inspection performed and backflow preventers tested by Independence Fire Sprinkler Company in Lester on December 17th.

**Respectively Submitted,
Fire Marshal Raymond W. Lonabaugh, CFPS**

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

Trash removal for the month of December 2020:

Regular Trash	242.32 Tons
Yard Waste	6.07 Tons
Bulk Trash	13.23 Tons
Leaves	60 Cu. Yards

Replaced gazebo spindles
Plowed and cleaned up after winter storm
Residential Leaf Pick up ended week of Dec 16
Maintained Tide Gates – We’re having a problem with beaver activity
Monitored Tide Gates for rising water after storms
Had sewer vents at Public Works Garage repaired

2020 Annual Totals:

Regular Trash	2,617 Tons
Yard Waste	46 Tons
Bulk Trash	155 Tons
Street Sweepings	16 Tons
Leaves	315 Cu. Yards

Respectfully submitted,
George Hinkle, Superintendent

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tincum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report December 2020

Total flow	44,131,000 gallons
Average Daily Flow	1,424,000 gallons
Total sludge	233,579 gallons
Methane Gas	89,963 cu ft.

Operational Items:

- 12/1/2020 Jet cleaned and videoed 600 block of Jansen Avenue
- 12/29/2020 Jet cleaned storm sewer 3rd Ave. from Wanamaker to Printz Ave.
- 12/2020 Contacted RotoTork regarding main flow control valve. Parts are ordered and will be in after the end of the year.

Serviced police and plant vehicles

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert J Bernauer

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr commented on the recent articles regarding creation of a Delaware County wide Department of Health. Mr. Barr noted that it appears that the County would look to take charge of health inspections currently done by local health departments and Mr. Barr was opposed to such a taking over. Mr. Barr expressed his belief that the responsibilities currently under the local health inspector should remain as such. The Township Manager and Township Solicitor both stated that they had done some research on Mr. Barr's concerns and reported that as a First Class Township currently doing their own inspections with an established Health Officer and Local Board of Health, the County could not take over the Township responsibilities without the consent and approval of the Township.

Mr. Barr spoke with the company doing the fireworks display for the Fourth of July and confirmed the Township's display would be on Saturday, June 26. Mr. McCarthy stated that the pastor of the New Life Community Church might also be doing an event for the Fourth of July holiday.

Mr. Barr asked if the upcoming baseball and softball seasons were going to move forward. Mr. McCarthy advised that these activities would be going on in the spring.

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

Mr. Auslander reported that the new Hog Island Road maintenance agreement is in place with a budget of \$103,000. Mr. Auslander is working with the Fire Marshall to ensure the Red Roof Inn will comply with the fire code before the Township is forced to take other action. Mr. Auslander has received "a mass" of tax assessment appeals by 15 or so major property owners – most notably the hotel owners. This does not include the properties at the airport that have been appealed. Mr. Auslander will enter his appearance on behalf of the Township and will work with the School District against any tax reductions.

Engineer’s Report – James W. MacCombie, P.E.,

Mr. Herbert MacCombie attended the meeting in place of Mr. James MacCombie. Mr. MacCombie reported that he has met with representatives of the Remain Over Night (RON) project to discuss storm water maintenance issues and make it clear that the applicant must follow all DEP Best Management Practices (BMP). Mr. MacCombie also has met with representatives of PennDOT regarding the storm sewer inlet problem on I-95. PennDOT will clean out the drainage pipe but is yet unsure of the extent of the problem.

A representative of the long-ago project for the Baywood Hotel (a proposed hotel across from the current Quality Inn / EconoLodge) has asked Mr. MacCombie if it is possible to have the Board re-affirm the land development project from some years ago. Mr. Auslander advised that this is possible. The Applicant should address the Board.

Mr. MacCombie is looking to make repairs to the tide gate within the John Heinz wildlife refuge. Divers may be needed.

Manager’s Report – David Schreiber

The Township Manager reported the following: The Civil Service Board will be meeting to begin the process of generating a hiring list of potential police patrol officers. The Township has provided a letter of support to the Philadelphia and the Division of Aviation for a grant application to NOAA that will study the effects of climate change and flooding potential. The Township has received notice of the potential of having land-based drones delivering packages from overnight shipping companies. These devices would be on the streets and sidewalks and be pre-programmed with GPS for destinations.

Secretary’s Correspondence

There was no correspondence reported for the month.

Other Business

There was no Other Business discussed this month.

Adjourn of the Business Portion of Meeting

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

Public Participation

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

Adjournment of Meeting

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

Respectfully Submitted,

David D. Schreiber
Manager/Secretary