

18<sup>th</sup> May 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.

James 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.

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### **Invocation**

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

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

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

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **Agenda Item Comments**

Regarding Item #7, Motion to Hire Seasonal Summer Employees, Mr. Zurdi Dobi asked Mr. Arthur to motion that the starting salaries of the candidates be \$10 per hour rather than \$8.75 citing the raises received by Township Employees since last year. Mr. Dobi also made reference to the raise given to the incoming Township Manager over the outgoing Township Manager in 2006.

Mr. Dobi also asked the Township Solicitor to provide details on the action Mr. Cicconi filed against the Township. Mr. Auslander responded during his Solicitor Report that had Mr. Dobi asked during the Workshop Meeting, he (Mr. Auslander) would have had details, but in any case reported that Mr. Cicconi filed a quiet title action claim for property near Mohawk Street in Lester. Mr. Auslander will have additional details next month.

Mr. Ed Rubillo of Wyandotte Street, asked the Board that in light of the traffic light timing being adjusted for the traffic signal at 291 and International Plaza Drive, can the lights on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue between North and South Governor Printz Blvd be re-timed to be in sync. The Board responded that the lights on Governor Printz Blvd are timed to be in sync with other lights on Governor Printz Blvd., and are not intended to be in sync along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

No other Agenda Item Comments were provided by the public.

**ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE**

**Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman**

**Seasonal Summer Employees**

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, Commissioner Arthur abstained from voting on this item. Mr. Arthur's child is a candidate applying for one of the seasonal positions. The four remaining Board members voted unanimously via a roll call vote to appoint the following six (6) applicants as Summer Employees for the Township at a rate of \$8.75 per hour. Five of the applicants will be assigned to the Public Works Department and one will be assigned to the Wastewater treatment Plant for a time frame of approximately 12 weeks.

Joseph Bucci – 302 Chippewa St.  
Matthew Brady – 438 Iroquois St.  
Sean King – 127 Putcan Ave.  
Timothy Connor – 300 Mohican St.  
Dennis Arthur – 321 Seminole St.  
Shawn Flynn – 227 Taylor Ave.

**Resolution 2015-02 Application for Traffic Signal Approval for Traffic Light at 291 and International Plaza Drive**

Before voting on this issue, Mr. MacCombie provided a brief explanation of the issue. The timing of this traffic light will be adjusted for the traffic at the intersection of International Plaza. Although this request is being made on behalf of the Airport, and is being funded by the Airport, the Township must be the applicant to PennDOT since the signal is in Tinicum Township.

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to provide authorization to the Township Manager to sign the appropriate Pennsylvania Department of Transportation application for the re-timing of the traffic light located at the intersection of Route 291 and International Plaza Drive.

**Renovations to Town Hall**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to instruct the Township Engineer's office to solicit proposals for the renovation of the east wing of the Township Memorial Building. Said renovations will include removal of the form jail cells and ensure all electrical, plumbing, and other building systems comply with the appropriate construction code.

### **Landscaping for Township Property at 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. and North Governor Printz Blvd.**

Prior to voting on this item, Commissioner Barr commented that this is the property donated to the Township by the Eline Family and that the Township would like to landscape the property to make it more attractive. Mr. Barr thanked Mr. Paul Campbell of AmazaScapes for his donation of time and labor and stated he would like to dedicate the corner to the Eline Family.

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to accept the proposal from AMAZAScapes for landscaping work to be done at the Township Property located at 291 and North Governor Printz Blvd. (formerly known as the Eline Property), at a cost of \$7,900.00.

### **Waiver of Land Development Requirements for Monaghan's Bar**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to waive the Land Development requirements for Monaghan's Bar for the installation of a 12' x 16' x 10.5' utility shed to be placed on a poured concrete pad. All other building and zoning requirements are to be adhered to with respect to the construction and placement of the shed.

### **2015 Street Resurfacing Project**

Prior to voting, Mr. MacCombie explained that there were three bidders for the project. The low bidder did not sign properly and subsequently they were disqualified. Mr. Auslander added the decision to disqualify was within the law.

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to award the bid for the Tinicum Township 2015 street resurfacing project to Gessler Construction Company, Inc., of Media, PA in the amount of \$240,620.00. All proposals that were submitted to the Township have been reviewed by the Township Engineer's office. Said paving project is to be completed within 60 days from the date of the Township Notice to Proceed.

### **Code Enforcement Report – April 2015**

**April:** The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

**19** Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$2,650.00**

**15** Building Permits for a total of **\$6,136.00**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS**

**Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman**

**POLICE REPORT – April 2015**

Township Fines: **\$8,610.23**. Of that amount, a total of **\$120.00** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **741** incidents and made **26** criminal arrests.

**23** 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 – April 2015**

Assist – 1

Building Fire – 4

Natural Gas Leak – 1

Drill – 2

Automatic Fire Alarm – 3

CO Incidents - 2

Dumpster – 1

Medical Assist – 1

MVA – 12

Vehicle Fire – 2

Fire Police Assist – 1

Cover Assignment – 1

Fuel Spill – 1

Brush – 2

Marine Unit – 1

EMS Assist - 1

**Total Incidents – 36**

**Average Turnout Per Incident – 9**

**Total time in service – 33:08:20 Overall avg. Time: 00:55:15**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Chief Jonathan Buschmeier**

**T.T.F.C.**

**FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – April, 2015**

No Report This Month

**William J. Adams Jr.**

**Fire Marshal**

**Assistant Code Enforcement**

## PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – April, 2015

### **April 2015**

- Fire House garden areas were mulched
- Town Hall & various areas were mulched
- Street sweeper was around 3 times in April
- Boat dock was repaired & 3 new fingers were added
- Weed killing is in progress
- Ball fields have been cut & infields have been drug
- Picnic benches donated by the Riverside Yacht Club have been refinished in-house & installed in parks & recreation areas

### **Trash removal for the month of March 2015:**

Regular trash – 152.65 tons

Heavy trash – 4.84 tons

Recyclables – 25.04 tons

White goods – 2 pieces

T.V's – 21 pieces

### **Trash Removal for the month of April 2015:**

Regular trash – 182.06 tons

Heavy trash – 8.46 tons

Recyclables – 25.40 tons

White goods – 3 pieces

T.V's – 27 pieces

Respectfully Submitted,  
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent  
Highway Department

**SANITATION**  
**Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman**

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

**Monthly Report for April 2015**

Total: 33,137,000 gallons

Average: 1,401,000 gallons

Total Sludge: 223,160 gallons

Total Methane Gas: Out of Service

Average cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 50,800 gals % solids 2.53

**Sewer Complaint:**

4/12/2015 333 Jansen, rod sewer for 500 ft. south on west side

**Equipment Repairs:**

4/29/2015 Replaced both check valves, gate valves at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Corinthian pump station

4/28/2015 Buck Frank Inc. replaced driveway where water line broke & replacement of two gate valves

**Operation Problems:**

3/26/2015 Plant received some kind of toxic comical in sewage, which wiped out primary filter and effected chlorine system

**Miscellaneous items:**

04/2015 Serviced all police vehicles that had to be serviced

4/6/2015 Put water meter for Little League Building

4/13/15 Installed auto sample at TIP pump station for composite sampling

Robert J. Bernauer

## **HEATH AND RECREATION**

### **Pat Barr, Chairman**

#### **Board of Health / Recreation - April, 2015**

Mr. Barr reported that the Philadelphia Cricket Club has recently been holding Cricket matches at Manor Field. Mr. Barr encouraged the public to take in a Cricket game. Mr. Barr also reported that baseball, T-ball and softball are underway and thanked all the coaches and volunteers that make this happen, particularly Commissioners McCarthy and Edmiston.

Mr. Barr thanked all those who gave their time and effort with another Route 291 beautification project along Governor Printz Blvd.

#### **Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire**

Mr. Auslander reported that he has been working with the developer of the proposed Baywood Hotel to finalize the developer's and maintenance agreements that are required for land development projects. Mr. Auslander also reported that he has received a draft of a wastewater pre-treatment ordinance that he will have comments on during the June meeting. Mr. Auslander reported that his office has been working on collecting delinquent sewer rents and has noted some for potential municipal liens.

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

Mr. James MacCombie had no further report but thanked the Board and residents for their well wishes and support during his recent illness.

#### **Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber**

The Township Manager reported that the Mr. MacCombie's office has filed several permit applications that are required for the Township's approved land development plan as it related to the proposed parking facility on the Township's property on Second Street. The Township Manager also reported that the Township has a meeting scheduled with railroad representatives on May 27 to discuss the Township concerns with the operation of the Bakken Oil trains in town. State and Federal representative have also been invited to the meeting.

Lastly, the Township Manager reported that the Board met in Executive Session after the Workshop meeting of May 12 to discuss personnel issues related to seasonal employees.

Prior to the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Commissioner Giancristoforo stated that he is scheduled for some minor surgery during the week and would not be able to attend the Memorial Day Parade. Commissioner's McCarthy and Edmiston stated that they may be able to attend.

### **Secretary's Correspondence**

Ms. Brolley read a letter from St. John the Evangelist regarding their annual Strawberry Festival.

**ON A Motion** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of St. John's Church to block off 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Wanamaker and Warwick Avenues between the hours of 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, June 6<sup>th</sup> for their annual Strawberry Festival.

Ms. Brolley read a letter from Barbara Moore, Tincum Girl Scout Leader

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board voted unanimously to approve an end of the year overnight camping and campfire on the parklands of Westinghouse Grove on one of the following dates: June 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed the dates are open and to let them decide the date they would like.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING**

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

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **Public Comment:**

1. Mr. John Detwiler, of Lagrange Avenue, stated that there is no street sign at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Jansen Avenue. Mr. Schreiber was asked to review this. Mr. Detwiler also asked if the Board had a status on the handicap parking space applied for by Mr. Detwiler's son. The Board responded that they would take a look at the status. Mr. Detwiler also asked for a status on the "road" he said was to be put in on the property obtained by the Township across from the Public Works Department. Mr. Detwiler stated that this road was to be able to get a trash truck into that area. The Board responded that there was not an intention to put a road on the property to gain access for a trash truck. The property was acquired to extend the Manor Field Park and walking trail. Lastly Mr. Detwiler asked if the Township would cut grass at St. Johns church as it did at St. Margaret Mary's. The Board asked for a written request.
2. Mr. Art Perdun, of South Governor Printz Blvd., talked about another recent train tragedy and asked the Board about an emergency plan for the Township. The Board responded that it is working with the County and Railroad Representatives to devise an emergency plan.
3. Mr. Charles Monteith of 546 Jansen Avenue thanked the Board for their work for the Township. Mr. Monteith stated that the Board meeting Minutes of March state that he had been fined pursuant to the Township's noise ordinance. Mr. Monteith said he was not actually fined, but could be subject to a fine. Mr. Monteith asked for the location of the land development waiver the Board voted on. The Board responded it was for Monaghan's pub on Powhattan Avenue in Essington.
4. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, thanked Mr. Auslander for saying he would provide details on the Cicconi filing at next month's meeting. Mr. Dobi asked about several of the Township's vehicles used for code enforcement and about the tan car owned by the Township. Specifically, who uses the car in the evenings. The Board responded that the Township Manager uses the vehicle. The Township Manager will use the vehicle for meetings, and will have a car overnight at times since, similar to emergency personnel, the Manager is on call for emergencies at all times. Mr. Dobi objects to the Manager's use of the vehicle and stated that the manager earns enough money to use his own vehicle. Mr. Dobi also referred to the recent settlement agreement between the Township and the City of Philadelphia and implied that it was improperly signed. Mr. Auslander confirmed the document is valid.
5. Mr. Anthony Beaumont, of Seminole Street also stated he did not believe it was right for the Township Manager to use the township car overnight.
6. Mr. Ed Rubillo, of Wyandotte commented on street signs that are askew around the Township and the bent traffic light at Second Street and Jansen Avenue.

At the end of the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Mr. Pat Quinn introduced the winners of the 2015 Memorial Day Essay contest from the Tinicum Middle School. The winners present to read their essays included: 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Alaina Harrell, Alexis DiMarco and Kelly Connor. 7<sup>th</sup> Graders Matalie Pititto, Roger Hummel, and Nick Renz. 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Kimberly Heng, Hailey Osowski, and Liam McCaffrey.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

