

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

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

Patrick K. McCarthy, President
Patrick Barr, Vice President
Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner
Roger Joseph, Commissioner
David D. Schreiber, Manager
Sam Auslander, Esq, Solicitor
Dennis O'Neill, Township Engineer

Commissioner Dennis Arthur was absent from this meeting.

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

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, Lester, asked Mr. Auslander to provide an estimate on the cost of the Wu litigation and asked why Mr. Auslander is defending this case. Mr. Dobi asked if the Commissioners we be required to give depositions on this case. Mr. Dobi asked Commissioner Joseph for an update on the Parking Lot Audit and asked the Engineer for an estimate of the cost of refurbishing the Township's marina.

Regarding Item #7, Roof Repairs at Lester Firehouse, Mr. Dobi asked what the cost is. The Board replied, \$126,500. Regarding Item #9, Installation of Traffic Cameras, Mr. Dobi asked how long the data would be stored.

Art Perdun, 247 S. Governor Printz, asked the Township Solicitor to provide an explanation on “reckless endangerment”, referring to the Library floor and paint fumes. Mr. Perdun stated people are in danger from the fumes. The Board replied that the Library Director was advised that there would be fumes and that the Township would be meeting with a Sherman Williams representative to discuss the paint quality.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Repairs to Roof at Lester Firehouse

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call to accept the proposal from Ganter Contractors, Inc. for emergency repairs to the roof of the Lester Firehouse. Repairs are needed on an emergency basis resulting from the observations of the Township’s insurance carrier during their annual loss prevention review. Cost of the repairs are \$126,500.

Speed Warning Signs

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to instruct the Township Manager and Police Chief to obtain pricing, installation, and permitting information on “Speed Signs” for various roads, including Wanamaker Ave., 4th Ave. and 2nd St.

Installation of Traffic Cameras

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to accept the proposal of “PLATELOGIQ” to install Police Traffic Cameras at the intersections of Bartram Ave/Scott Way and 291 and Wanamaker Ave and 291. Cost of the system will be a total of approximately \$12,500 annually for a five year agreement.

”Bag Toss” Benefit for Interboro Ice Hockey at Governor Printz Park

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the request of the Interboro Ice Hockey program to hold a “Bag Toss” tournament at Governor Printz Park on Saturday, Sept 18. Proceeds from funds raised during the tournament will go to assist with the cost of maintaining and running the Interboro Ice Hockey program.

Driveway Fence and Gate at Driveway at the Lazaretto

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to install a fence and gate at the Lazaretto Building Driveway to maintain safety at the riverfront. Approximate cost of said gate/fence is \$5,600

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Report – Roger Joseph, Chairman

The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

53 Certificates of Occupancies in **June** for a total of \$ 7,125
12 Building Permits in **June** for a total of \$ 5,730

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

Police Department Report - June 2021

Township Fines: \$ 5,096 Of that amount, a total of \$ 325 were Parking Tickets.

The department handled 541 incidents and made 18 criminal arrests
16 of those criminal arrests were adults

02 of those criminal arrests were juveniles. Out of those juveniles
02 of the juveniles were handled within the Department and Released.

00 animals were taken into custody

Mr. McCarthy noted the collaborative effort of the State Police and the Township Police in enforcing Township speed limits throughout town. Mr. McCarthy stated that many citations were written and that this effort would be done again in the future to warn drivers against speeding on township streets.

Fire Company Report – June 2021

Total Calls:	60
Building Fires	07 (3 working fires)
Vehicle Fire	02
Brush Fire	02
Assist EMS	06
MVA W/ Injuries	14
Watercraft Rescue	04
Fuel Spill	01
Gas Leak	01
Assist PD	03
Auto Fire Alarms	20

Avg No. of Responding Personnel 07
Time in Service 49 hrs.

Fire Marshal Report June 202

Performed the following Building Plan Reviews:

1. Second half of the UPS building sprinkler plan for under conveyors and mezzanines

Final Acceptance Inspections and Tests:

1. Final acceptance inspection and hydrostatic test of the first half of the UPS building fire sprinklers under conveyors and mezzanines

Inspections:

1. Inspected an additional 8 establishments within Tinicum Industrial Park with Tom Lowry, Building Inspector
2. Wyndham Gardens Hotel

Other Activities:

1. Two follow up inspections at UPS over the requirement for fire sprinklers under mezzanines over 48 inches in width
2. UPS Inspection and meeting on the outdoor canopy for the bomb receptacle trailer and conveyor. Also the storage of flammables inside the building.
3. Attended the June meeting of the DELCO Board of Fire and Life Safety on May 13th as a Board Member.
4. Fire Alarm Seminar including changes in the new revision of the standard.
5. International Fire Code 2018 Edition Certification Examination prep course.
6. Distributed 4 smoke alarms, which the firefighter/EMT's installed for the resident
7. Attended the May meeting of the DELCO Board of Fire and Life Safety on May 13th as a Board Member.

Ray Lonabaugh, Fire Marshal

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

Trash removal for the month of June 2021:

Regular Trash	216.78 Tons
Yard Waste	16.25 Tons
Bulk Trash	11.33 Tons
Street Sweepings	1.4 Tons

- Removed two trees from Westinghouse Grove
- Built frame for new shed behind Jet Stream Parking
- Trimmed trees at Manor Field and around town
- Made repairs to walking track at Manor Field
- Began cleaning out railroad ditch
- Replaced basketball backboards at Westinghouse Grove
- Refurbished band stand at Manor field
- Continued mosquito spraying

- Continued weed spraying
- Watered plants along 291
- Worked 6 after hour events in June

George Hinkle, Superintendent
Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment
Monthly Report June 2021

Total flow	35,593,000 gallons
Average Daily Flow	1,186,000 gallons
Total sludge	330,590 gallons
Methane Gas	107,832 cu ft
Sludge Hauled	97,500 gallons
Of which 3.02% were solids	

Operational Items

- Pressure washed all exterior concrete walls to remove algae

Equipment Repairs

- Automated garage door opener was replaced
- All flow meters and samplers were calibrated
- Installed samplers in various manholes to check for industrial chemicals
- Ordered new chlorine control equipment
- Pressure washed chlorine tank #1 in preparation for painting

Robert J Bernauer

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr thanked the members of the Recreation Board and Board of Commissioners for running the 4th of July festivities this past Independence Day. Mr. Barr also commended the Patriotic Organization, Fire Department, and Police Department for their participation.

Soccer sign up are ongoing and can be done on-line.

Mr. McCarthy stated that there will be an outdoor basketball league this fall as a pre-cursor to the indoor winter season.

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

Mr. Auslander stated that, as he has told Mr. Dobi in the past, the Wu litigation involves a breach of contract dispute. The Township believes that there are deficiencies in the renovation of the Lazaretto building. Wu & Associates disputes that contention. Wu has also joined the Architect in the dispute and claims that the Architect is at fault for deficiencies. The Judge in the case held a phone conference in July and “discovery”, which is an exchange of information, is due by March 2022. No notices of deposition have yet been issued for Township personnel.

Engineer’s Report – Dennis O’Neill P.E.,

Mr. Dennis O’Neill reported that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Administration) has issued a “conditional letter of revision” for the project to relocate Tinicum Island Road. Essentially, this means that the project can be done without significant impact to the surrounding flood-plain. After construction a Letter of Map Amendment will be considered by FEMA.

The Engineer’s office is still working on the final scope for refurbishment of the marina, which may include dredging for 10 feet of draft, 60 boat slips, and a rebuilt boat launch ramp. The plan may also include replacing the seaplane pier and a ramp to remove seaplanes from the water. A preliminary budget may be between \$5 and \$6 million.

Manager’s Report – David Schreiber

The Township Manager reported the following: The tide gate repairs at both the John Heinz and Second Street are progressing and nearly complete. The Civil Service list of new police candidates has been finalized by the Civil Service Commission.

Secretary’s Correspondence

No Correspondence this month.

Other Business

There was no Other Business discussed this month.

Adjourn of the Business Portion of Meeting

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

Public Participation

Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, stated that the May 2021 Commissioner Meeting Minutes are incorrect in that “attachment A” is not identified and “attachment B” is not included on the Township’s website. Mr. Dobi asked who from the Airport attended and spoke at the Town Hall (presented in June). The Board responded, Mr. Joe Messina and Mr. Dave Nisula.

Mr. Dobi stated that Mr. Auslander’s comment about the Wu litigation (“breach of contract” and “deficiencies in construction”) is indicative of the “corruption with this contract”.

Mr. Ron Dant, Seaplane Splashdown Organizer, provided an update on the August 7 splashdown in that they are expecting 10 to 12 seaplanes in town. The public are welcome. Mr. Dant stated that there may be some flight restrictions in the area in the event President Biden is in Delaware.

Art Perdun, 247 South Governor Printz Blvd., asked if the traffic signs proposed are digital. The Board responded, Yes. Mr. Perdun asked about the cameras from PlateLogiq and Mr. McCarthy stated that these devices will be placed on the traffic light pole and be directed to the police station for monitoring. Mr. Perdun asked about juveniles being arrested and commented about some of the youths causing issues in Town.

Pat Sweeney, Wanamaker Ave., asked about why Wanamaker Avenue was not paved by the state. Mr. McCarthy stated that PennDOT would be contacted.

Ms. Marion Matulevich, 200 Powhattan Ave, stated that a nice job was done in cleaning the railroad ditch near her home. Ms. Matulevich asked what the contractor would be doing in the Lester Fire House in exchange for a lease. The Board responded that any contractor would be doing major renovations to the building.

Adjournment of Meeting

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

Respectfully Submitted,

David D. Schreiber
Manager/Secretary