

21st January 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.

The Tinicum Township Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on the above date and time at 629 N. Governor Printz Blvd., Essington, PA 19029. Patrick K. McCarthy, President presiding:

Pat Barr, Vice President

Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner

Dennis Arthur, Commissioner

Roger Joseph, Commissioner

Sam Auslander, Esq.

James MacCombie, P.E.

David Schreiber, Manager

Elaine M. Brolley, Secretary

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

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**After the Pledge of Allegiance but prior to the start of the regular agenda items the Board of Commissioners held a Special Use Hearing for the Application of United Parcel Service, 1 Hog Island Road, located within Tinicum Township's Special Use zoning district.**

**On A Motion** by Pat Barr, seconded by Roger Joseph, the minutes of the December 2019 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy reported that all members had received copies of the December 2019 Treasurer's and Secretary's report of Receipts. There being no questions:

**On A Motion** by Roger Joseph, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy asked for a motion to pay bills for the month of January 2020. 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 Pat Barr, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the bill list will be paid for the month of January 2020 by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **Agenda Item Comments**

Charles Monteith, 546 Jansen Avenue, regarding Item #7, Resolution Establishing New Sewer Rates, asked if the \$5 was an additional charge. The Board responded that this is a change in rate from \$4.50 to \$5.00 per 1000 gallons used and not an additional rate. Mr. Monteith asked, regarding Item # 11, Transfer of Funds from the General Account to the Sewer Account, what this meant. The Board responded that this is a transfer of funds from the Township's general fund account to the Sewer Account supplementing the operating costs of the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Monteith asked for Township Manager to discuss the playground at Manor Field during the Township Manager's report.

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave, objected to Item #7, Resolution Establishing New Sewer Rates, stating there was no reason given for this increase. Item #15, Committee Reports, Mr. Dobi asked about the approximately cost of the ongoing Wu litigation. Mr. Dobi referenced several Code Enforcement and other items for which, he stated, other settlements or liens were filed. Mr. Dobi asked if the Parking Lot Audit has begun. The Board responded it had not.

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

**Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman**

**Adoption of Resolution 2020-001 Establishing New Sewer Rates**

**The Secretary read the Resolution**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt Tinicum Township Resolution 2020-001 establishing Sewer Rental Fee at \$5 for each 1,000 gallons used commencing in January 2020 and thereafter.

**Adoption of Resolution 2020-002 Application for County Aid**

**The Secretary read the Resolution**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt Tinicum Township Resolution 2020-002 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 Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. 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 2020 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 Mrs. Edmiston, 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.

**Transfer of Funds from the General Account to the Sewer Account**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board unanimously voted 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 \$325,000.

**Advertisement for Bids to Sell Vehicles**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to advertise for bids for the sale of two retired Township vehicles including a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria with the VIN ending in 02381 and a 1993 Ford Crown Victoria with the VIN ending in 18707.

**Appointment of James Gatti Jr. as Turn Key at a rate of \$15.00 per hour**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to appoint James Gatti Jr. of Essington as a Turn Key for the Police Department holding cells on as needed basis at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

**Code Enforcement Report – Roger Joseph Chairman - December 2019**

**December:** The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

**39** Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$12,725.00**

**15** Building Permits for a total of **\$100,343.00**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS**

**Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman**

**POLICE REPORT – December 2019**

Township Fines: **\$4,723.11**. Of that amount, a total of **\$105.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **497** incidents and made **18** criminal arrests.

**18** of those criminal arrests were adults

**0** of those criminal arrests were 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 2019**

**Total Calls: 36**

Building Fire – 6

Vehicle Fire – 2

Boat Fire - 1

Assist EMS – 1

Assist PD – 1

MVA – 9

MVA w/Entrap – 1

Elevator Rescue – 1

Water Rescue – 1

Gas Leak – 1

CO Alarm – 4

AFA - 7

**Average # of responding personnel: (8)**

**Time in service for December: (36.92) hours**

**Time in service January - December: (544.44) hours**

**Total calls January - December: (482)**

**Response Locations:**

**Essington – 17**

**Lester – 10**

**Eddystone – 1**

**Prospect Park – 3**

**Ridley Park – 2**

**Norwood – 0**

**Ridley Township – 2**

**Chester – 1**

**Fire Company Report for Year 2019**

**Total Calls: (482)**

Fire, Other – 5

Building Fire – 77

Vehicle Fire – 23

Brush Fire – 8

Dumpster Fire – 2

Assist EMS – 38

Assist PD – 8

MVA – 106

Extrication of victims (vehicle) – 17

Extrication of victim (building) – 1

Extrication of victims (elevator) – 2

Water Rescue – 10

Gas Leak – 15

Fuel Spill – 10

Chemical Spill – 1

CO Alarm – 19

Wires – 6

Dispatched/Cancel Enroute – 2

AFA - 132

**Average # of responding personnel: (8)**

**Time in service for 2019: (544.44) hours**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Chief Michael Golden**

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

**FIRE MARSHAL REPORT**

**Fire Marshal Report**

**December 2019**

**Mr. McCarthy:**

**The following report is submitted for your review:**

**Performed 3 Fire Alarm Plan Reviews**

**Witnessed 4 Fire Alarm and 1 Fire Sprinkler Acceptance Tests:**

- 1. Renaissance Hotel 8<sup>th</sup> Floor**
- 2. PHL Terminal 'A' Gadget Express (Fire Alarm & Sprinkler)**
- 3. PHL Terminal 'A' Sterile Corridor**
- 4. Renaissance Hotel 7<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**One Court Appearance for a Fire Code Violation.**

**There was the usual fire code telephone conversations.**

**Spent another 5 days In Riddle Memorial Hospital for a respiratory problem.**

**Raymond Lonabaugh**

**Fire Marshal**

**Assistant Code Enforcement**

**PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS**

**Lisa Edmiston, Chairman**

➤ **December 2019:**

Tide gate opened December 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
Tide gate opened again Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>  
New docks have been delivered  
Rebuilt snow plow on truck #1 in house

**Trash removal for the month of December 2019:**

Regular trash – 234.80 tons  
Heavy trash – 7.22 tons  
Leaves – 110 yards

➤ **2019 YEARLY REPORT**

**Trash Removal TOTALS for the YEAR 2019**

Regular trash – 2078.56 tons  
Heavy Trash – 139.26 tons  
Recyclables – 179.08 tons  
Yard waste – 26.30 tons  
Street sweepings – 13.88 tons  
Leaves – 253 cu. Yds.  
Christmas trees – 10 cu. Yds.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent  
Highway Department**

## SANITATION

Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

### Monthly Report for December 2019

Total flow 36,916,000 gals                      Average 1,191,000 gallons

Total Gallons Sludge 289,133

Total sludge hauled 38,800 gals                      Percent Solids 2.60%

Methane Gas 84,732 cu ft

### **Sewer Complaints**

12/12/2019      Force main break 100 block of Jansen

### **Equipment repairs**

12/2/2019      Correct problem with transfer switch at 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. station

12/13/2019      Removed check valve secondary recirculation pump, set out to L.J. Stephen for repairs

12/19/2019      New Dimminutor being installed at Manor station

### **Miscellaneous Items**

12/2019      Serviced all police equipment that needed service

12/4/2019      Secured portable toilet to guard rail at Tot lot Manor field

12/10/2019      Aqua main break son 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. & railroad in Lester

12/2019      Marked out numerous Pa One Calls for Miller, who is replacing gas service throughout township for Peco.

### **Robert J Bernauer**

After reading the monthly Sanitation Report, Mr. Arthur stated that the Sewer Rate is increasing as a result of the much needed maintenance work required to keep the plant running.

## **HEALTH AND RECREATION**

### **Pat Barr, Chairman**

#### **Board of Health / Recreation - December, 2019**

Mr. Barr reported that Hockey and Basketball seasons are under way. Mr. McCarthy noted that the director of the basketball program has stepped down and noted a volunteer is needed.

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

Mr. Auslander reported that the Township has closed on the property at 101 Taylor Avenue. The variances that the proposed new Wawa at 500 Wanamaker Ave was granted by the Zoning Hearing Board were overturned on appeal at Commonwealth Court. Mr. Auslander attended two recent District Justice Court hearings regarding code enforcement issues. Wu and Associates has been notified of their termination due to breach of their contract at the Lazaretto Building and that approximately \$1900 in legal fees have been charged over the past 18 months. Mr. Auslander stated most of the issues that led to property litigation or liens were done so for code issues or delinquent payments to the Township.

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

Mr. James MacCombie reported that he has met with Mr. McCracken as promised and examined the pipes and inlets in Mr. McCracken's area. Mr. MacCombie will record some elevations and determine what next steps might be available.

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

Mr. Schreiber reported that the Township has ensured that the new property at 101 Taylor is insured. The new comminutor at Manor Field is installed. New playground equipment has been delivered for Manor Field. However, the manufacturer provided an incorrect schematic, causing the misalignment of the footer placement with the sets' posts. The Township is working with the manufacturer to correct this issue. The Delaware County Treasurer has advised municipalities that they will no longer print municipal tax bills. Communities will need to make alternative arrangements.

#### **Secretary's Correspondence**

Ms. Brolley stated there was nothing this month.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

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

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **Public Comment:**

Mr. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave., referenced graffiti on the walls of the former McDonald's restaurant, stating it has been there for too long and asking if it was gang related. Mr. Dobi referred to a newspaper article referencing gang members and stated that these are the types of issues the Township should be concerned with.

Mr. Charles Monteith, 546 Jansen Avenue, stated that he is still looking for a response from the Township regarding his long discussed sewer bill, claiming lack of transparency, inability to access the building hosting the Sewage Authority meeting, fraud, and other wrongdoings of the Township.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

