

21st July. 2014 @ 7:00 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 with Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., President presiding. Present:

Dennis R. 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.

Invocation

Reverend White from St. John's Episcopal Church gave the Invocation.

President Giancristoforo announced that the Board would be holding a Special Public Hearing regarding the application of RAMA Construction, on behalf of the property at 76 Industrial Highway (The Clarion Hotel). President Giancristoforo explained that the applicant proposes to apply for the use of a portion of the property as a propane/alternative energy fueling operation in the Special Use District.

President Giancristoforo then turned the meeting over to Special Counsel, Francis Piliggi, Esquire.

President Giancristoforo resumed the regular public meeting at the conclusion of the Special Public Hearing.

On A Motion by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Pat Barr, the minutes of the June 2014 Commissioners Monthly Meeting was accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the June 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 July 2014. The bill list for July 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 Lisa Edmiston, the bill list will be paid for the month of July 2014 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FOROM

Agenda Item Comments

1. Regarding Item #18, Revised Memorandum of Understanding with Scannell Properties, Mr. Anthony Beaumont, asked what was being revised from the previously proposed Memo of Understanding. Mr. Auslander replied that there was a slight revision to the lay-out of the proposed extension of the sound wall. The revision changed the 'bunp-out' near Mr. Beaumont's property from right-angles to a more curved angle.

Mr. Beaumont asked if the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding would include providing Scannell Industries/federal Express with an unconditional Use and Occupancy Certificate and stated that if it did, signing the document should not be considered.

Mr. Auslander stated that the discussion regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been discussed since January of this year, and during several meetings since then the Board had informed the public of the purpose of the MOU and what it proposed.

Mr. Beaumont replied that (in his opinion) it is not right for the Board to consider an unconditional Use and Occupancy Certificate for the Federal Express Facility.

2. Regarding item #16, Addendum to March 2014 Commissioner's Meeting Minutes, Mr. Zurdi Dobi asked what the addendum would say. In reply, the proposed revision was read. Mr. Dobi stated he did not agree that the proposed change accurately reflected what he stated at the March meeting.
3. Regarding Item # 18, Mr. Dobi disputed Mr. Auslander's statement that the public was informed of the provisions of the proposed MOU and also took issue with providing the Federal Express facility with an unconditional Use and Occupancy Certificate. Mr. Dobi stated that no Use and Occupancy Certificate should be issued without the Developer completing all that is required of them.
4. Mr. Chris Kelly commented that although he thought that the public agenda 'looks better', he opined that it should contain more information for the public. Regarding #8, Promotion of Mr. Jonathan Buschmeier to Assistant Superintendent of the Public Works Department, Mr. Kelly asked what Mr. Buschmeier's current rate is. The Board responded that they did not have that information at hand. Regarding items #14 and #15, Renovations to the Library and Renovations to Town Hall, Mr. Kelly asked about the cost. The Board replied, \$18,300 and \$18,375 respectively. Mr. Kelly continued to state that the Public Agenda does not contain enough information.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

RAMA Construction And Alternative Fuel Facility at Clarion Hotel

Prior to voting on this issue, the following conditions were provided by Mr. MacCombie, the Township Engineer: 1.) The applicant must adhere to the recommendations of the Zoning Hearing Board in their letter of June 20, 2014. 2.) The site must contain adequate lighting. 3.)

The applicant must comply with all aspects of the Township's Land Development Ordinance. 4.) The proposed initial 'temporary' facility may be used for the vehicles servicing Park and Jet only. 5.) A site access and project site plan must be provided. 6.) A site lighting plan with adequate lighting as determined by the Township must be provided. 7.) All driving surfaces must be paved. 8.) Applicant must meet all Stormwater Management and MS4 requirements. 9.) Applicant must adhere to all Building Permit and Building Code regulations. 10.) Land Development Application must be completed and filed with 60 days of the opening of the temporary facility. 11.) All NFPA regulations must be adhered to. 12.) Applicant must adhere to all State and Federal regulations.

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Arthur the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the application of RAMA Construction to construct a propane fueling facility at the location of the Clarion Hotel located within the Special Use District of Tincum Township. Said approval to be contingent upon the satisfaction of the conditions provided by the Solicitor and the Engineer.

Assistant Superintendent of Tincum Township Department of Public Works

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Arthur the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to appoint Jonathan Buschmeier as Assistant Superintendant of the Township's Public Works Department with a salary increase of \$1.00 per hour.

2014 Street Resurfacing Project

On A Motion by Lisa Edmiston, seconded by Pat McCarthy, the Board voted via roll call vote to award the bid for the Tincum Township 2014 street resurfacing project to Joseph A. Sucher, of Eddystone, Pa in the amount of \$148,805.25. Said paving project is to be completed within 60 days from the date of the Township's notice to proceed. **The motion passed by a majority vote. Mrs. Edmiston, Yes. Mr. McCarthy, Yes. Mr. Barr, Yes. Mr. Arthur, No. Mr. Giancristoforo, Yes.**

Land Subdivision Application of Applicants Lucas and Estate of Dallal-Yocum

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the Land Subdivision Application of applicants Marlene Lucas and Estate of Joann Dallal-Yocum for the property located at 218-222 Governor Printz Boulevard effectively changing the number of established lots from 5 to 2, subject to the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board in their decision dated April 17.

Purchase of New Police Vehicle

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Arthur the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to purchase a Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle under the Pennsylvania CoStars Program at a total cost of \$32,866 including all emergency equipment.

Request for Proposal for Investment Services

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to authorize the Board of Commissioners to advertise for Request for Proposals for the Tincum Township Non Uniform Pension Plan to provide pension fund investment consulting services to the Board of Commissioners and the Non Uniformed Pension Advisory Committee.

Construction Release #3 for the building of the Police Station Sallie Port

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve release of payment application number 3 in the amount of \$63,517.65 to the Fayette Group for the construction of the Police Sallie Port.

Landscaping Renovations at the Tincum Township Library

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to enter into an agreement with AmazaScapes for landscaping renovations at the Tincum Township Library, Said renovations will include removal of existing shrubs and bushes, installation of window wells, placement of soil, planting of trees, shrubs, and flowers and creation of rain gardens. Cost of these renovations will be \$18,300 to be paid not from the general township funds, but through MS4 proceeds.

Renovations to Town Hall

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to authorize the Board of Commissioners to enter into an agreement with Apostle Construction for renovations at Tincum Township Town Hall. Said renovations will include installation of new interior walls, ceiling, electrical wiring, paint, and carpeting. Cost of these renovations will be \$18,375.

Addendum to March 2014 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to add the following language to the March 2014 Monthly Commissioner's minutes: "In addition to the comments originally stated by Mr. Dobi, during the Public Participation portion of the meeting, Mr. Dobi made reference to some concrete work done at Commissioner Arthur's home, implying there was some connection to the work done at Mr. Arthur's home and the concrete contractor at the Federal Express facility".

Appointment of Bid Committee

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to appoint a Bid Committee to open bids received for the Automated Red Light Enhancement project improvements at 291 & 420 on Tuesday July 29, 2014 at 2:15 PM and to allow a contract to be awarded for said improvements contingent upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer not to exceed funding available by the grant. This motion is being requested in order to award and start-up of the project in order to complete within the parameters of the grant contract.

Revised Memorandum of Understanding with Scannell Properties

Prior to voting, Mr. Auslander reviewed the parameters of the Memo, including reference to the `bump out` to be located to the nearest residential property. He explained that it is a 90 degree punch out. They are trying to be as transparent as possible. All fees and permits will be adhered to.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to consider "Revised" Memorandum of Understanding with Scannell Properties for an extension to the existing Federal Express sound wall.

Code Enforcement Report – June 2014

The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

27 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$4,425.00**

19 Building Permits for a total of **\$8,288.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – June 2014

During the Police Report, Mr. McCarthy stated that to address the concerns of residents on

Jansen Avenue regarding speeding vehicles, various signage has been erected, and police are on patrol more often in the area.

Township Fines: \$6194.14. Of that amount, a total of \$375.00 were Parking Tickets.

The department handled 689 incidents and made 27 criminal arrests.

27 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 – June 2014

Due to computer issues there was no fire company report this month.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – June, 2014

- 4 Building Permit Reviews**
- 4 Certificates of Occupancy Inspections**
- 12 Violation Notices Issued**
- 2 Assist Fire Department**
- 3 Meetings related to Building Permits**
- 2 After Hour Fire Alarm Test and Inspection Airport 10 PM to 12 AM**
- 3 Properties Photographed for Court Hearings**

William J. Adams Jr.

Fire Marshal

Assistant Code Enforcement

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – June, 2014

Trimmed hedges at the Police Department.

Painted the dugouts & Little League Buildings.

In the process of painting the highway garage.

Weed wacked the railroad ditches at 4th Ave. and Wanamaker Ave.

Removed downed trees from the storm at:

501 Delaware Ave.

400 Front St.

331 Chippewa St.

Removed broken tree limbs at the Library & the Old Lazaretto.

Replaced rotten wood on the boat dock.

Dug trench to install electric at Manor Field, then graded & seeded.

Mosquito spraying is still in progress.

Weed spraying is still in progress.

Trash removal for the month of June 2014:

Regular trash – 190.40 tons

Heavy trash – 7.6 tons

Recyclables – 19.97 tons

White goods – 3 pieces

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter E. Lee, Superintendent

Highway Department

SANITATION

Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for June 2014

Total: 41,173,000 gallons

Average: 1,439,000 gallons

Total Sludge: 1,898,846 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 140,131 cu ft

Average: 44671 cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 54,500 gals % solids 2.57

Sewer Complaint:

6/9/2014 Rodded sewer 300 block of Saude, not ours

Equipment Repairs:

6/3/2014 Installed rebuilt screw impeller pump

6/19/2014 Replaced both sensors for flow meter in inlet

6/2014 Replaced both gate sliders for chlorine tank. Cleaned and
painted both chlorine tanks. Installed new aeration unit in
the inlet of chlorine tank

6/18/2014 Chalmers & Kupect rebuilt both electronic yards valves

Operation:

6/2014 Problem with fecal coliform in effluent

Miscellaneous items:

- 6/2014 Service all police vehicles
- 6/2/2014 Inspected new Aqua water maqin installation in Lester
- 6/9/2014 Witness pressure test on sewer at Crecoo property
- 6/27/2014 Replaced lights in office with LED

Robert J. Bernauer

HEATH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - June, 2014

Mr. Barr thanked all of the coaches and volunteers for a very successful baseball and softball season. Mr. Barr stated that soccer sign-ups will take place at Town Hall from Tuesday, July 22 to Friday, July 25 during the hours of 6pm to 8pm. Mr. Barr also thanked everyone involved in the activities that took place on Independence Day.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported on a court hearing in Common Pleas Court involving a resident on the 200 block of Bartram Avenue. The resident was found guilty of violations against the property maintenance code and was given 30 days to remedy the issue or face substantial fines.

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

Mr. MacCombie had no further report.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

Mr. Schreiber reminded residents that there is no scheduled Commissioner's meeting for the month of August.

Secretary's Correspondence

No correspondence this month.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Comment:

1. Mr. Chris Kelly of 568 Saude Ave., acknowledged that he has seen improvement in the traffic driving down Jansen Avenue. Mr. Kelly asked the Board to address the Police sign at Town Hall. The Board stated it would.
2. Ms. Marilyn Matuliwisch asked what could be done about the runoff water from her neighbor's property. Mr. Arthur stated that a letter asking for the downspouts to be re-directed has been sent and the Township is awaiting a response. Ms. Matuliwisch asked if the railroad property behind her street can be addressed. The Board responded it would look into it and also treat for mosquitoes.
3. Mr. Scott Medendorp asked how often the website is updated. Mr. Schreiber responded that the minutes approved during this meeting would be updated by the next day. The Township is also working with the website host to redesign and update items more frequently.
4. Mr. Anthony Beaumont of 206 Seminole Street asked the Board if the proposed Federal Express sound wall was designed by an acoustic engineer. Mr. Auslander provided the name of the engineering firm that provided the schematic drawing. Mr. Beaumont then asked what the next step would be if the sound wall did not resolve the issues he is concerned about. The Board responded that the wall should be given a chance and then the Township can determine any next steps.
5. Mr. Dobi Zurdi of 200 Powhatten Avenue stated that in his opinion the Board should not allow the proposed sound wall extension to be built without the Township having it reviewed by an acoustical engineer. Mr. Dobi commented that the Board spent \$6800 to install electricity to accommodate the weekly Farmer's Market, but did not fund an acoustic

study for the sound wall. Mr. Dobi asked if the Board received his letter dated June 30. The Board responded, Yes. Mr. Dobi then took issue with how his comments regarding cement work done at Commissioner Arthur's home were recorded for the minutes.

6. Mr. Dobi asked Mr. Arthur if the concrete work done at Mr. Arthur's home was done by the same contractor that worked at the Federal Express site. Mr. Arthur did not state the contractor's name.
7. Mr. Dobi asked Mr. Arthur if he dropped off some material at the Public Works Department on April 6th. Mr. Arthur replied, Yes. Mr. Dobi asked if this service was available to everyone. Mr. Giancristoforo stated that the Township would help any resident needing assistance.
8. Mr. Dobi asked Mr. McCarthy if he did any work at the new police station on Putcan Avenue. Mr. McCarthy stated he did some work for a fee of less than \$2500.00.
9. Mr. John Detweiler opined that Federal Express was not a good neighbor. Mr. Detweiler stated their trucks don't follow the route rules.
10. Ms. Liz DeMarcantonio of 134 Saude Avenue, thanked the Board for all they do in the Township, including the flower and bush plantings, the July 4th celebration and fireworks, the Farmer's Market, Welcome Signs, Sporting Events, Holiday Meals and Toys. Ms. DeMarcantonio went on to state that too often, all she hears is complaints from residents at Board meetings and in her opinion, residents should be reminded of all the good things the Board does for the Township.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

