

October 19, 2020 @ 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
James W. MacCombie, P.E., 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, second by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the Commissioners September 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 Roger Joseph, second by Dennis Arthur, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy reported that the bill list for October 2020 will be distributed to all members at the end of the month. There being no questions;

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston, second by Patrick Barr, the bill list will be paid for the month of October 2020 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

Civil Service Examinations for New Police Officers

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to instruct the Township Manager and Civil Service Board to begin the process of generating a Civil Service list of potential police officers.

Retirement of Walter E. Lee, Sr.

Before voting on this item, Commissioner Edmiston made the following comment: AFTER MORE THAN 40 YEARS WORKING FOR TINICUM TOWNSHIP WALT LEE HAS DECIDED TO RETIRE FROM HIS POSITION AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. WALT’S LAST DAY WILL BE OCTOBER 21. THERE IS NO ONE WITHIN ANY TOWN IN DELAWARE COUNTY THAT HAS DONE A BETTER JOB OR MORE FOR THEIR COMMUNITY THAN WALTER LEE HAS DONE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF TINICUM TOWNSHIP.

WHILE WE WOULD NORMALLY HAVE A LITTLE PRESENTATION FOR AN OCCASION SUCH AS THIS, OUR VIRTUAL MEETINGS MAKE IT A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO PRESENT WALT WITH SOMETHING IN FRONT OF THE BOARD AND RESIDENTS AT A PUBLIC MEETING.

THE COMMISSIONERS DID, HOWEVER, PRESENT WALT WITH A LITTLE SOMETHING TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION A FEW DAYS AGO.

HERE US A LITTLE SOMETHING IN WALT’S OWN WORDS, “I would like to thank the Commissioners, Staff, Employees and all of the departments for all that you have done for me over the past 41 ½ years. It has been my pleasure to work with everyone. To all the Residents, it has been a pleasure to serve you. I have met a lot of great people through the years. I wish everyone well”

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Dennis Arthur Barr the Board voted unanimously to accept the retirement notice from Walter E. Lee Sr. as Superintendent of the Public Works Department. The Board would like to sincerely thank Walt for his 41 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the residents of Tincum Township. We wish Walt much happiness and luck doing what he loves – his family, fishing and hunting

Street Resurfacing Release #1

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve Release #1 for the Township’s 2020 street resurfacing project to Joseph E. Sucher in the amount of \$268,564.05. Said Release has been reviewed and recommended for payment by the Township Engineer’s office.

Code Enforcement Report – September 2020: Roger Joseph, Chairman

The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

32 Certificates of Occupancies in **September** for a total of **\$4,850**

16 Building Permits in **September** for a total of **\$118,423**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

September 2020

Township Fines: **\$2,466.09** Of that amount, a total of **\$25.00** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **401** incidents and made **40** criminal arrests

34 of those criminal arrests were adults

06 of those criminal arrests was juveniles. Out of those juveniles

06 of the juveniles were handled within the Department and Released.

0 animals were taken into custody

Fire Company Report – September 2020

Total Calls:	29
Fire, Other	01
Building Fires	01
Vehicle Fires	01
Brush Fire	01
Assist EMS	02
MVA w/Injuries	01
MVA w/o Injuries	02
MVA w/ Entrapment	01
Water Rescue	01

Fuel Spill	01
Gas Leak	01
Assist PD	01
Cover Calls	01
Dispatch/Cancel	07
AFA	07

Avg No. of Responding Personnel 07
Time in Service 28rs.

Fire Marshal Report September 2020

- Reviewed a fire alarm replacement plan and battery calculations for International Plaza II
- Reviewed and approved a re-submitted fire sprinkler plan for the UPS Airport Hub Building.
- Performed a joint inspection of the Red Roof Inn and wrote two violations notices for damaged and non-rated fire doors, and fire alarms not operating.
- Wrote a violation notice for the La Quinta Hotel for fire alarms not operating
- Performed a final inspection and witnessed test of the Airline Lounge on the 12th Floor of the Renaissance Hotel.
- Met with UPS regarding their request to omit providing fire sprinklers under conveyors. UPS was made to understand that sprinklers are to be provided as per the fire code.
- Distributed 2 Residential Smoke Alarms
- Put together and forwarded to FEMA the additional information for the COVID-19 reimbursement grant to recover some of the costs incurred for personal protective equipment.
- Attended the Monthly DELCO Board of Fire and Life Safety Meeting
- Attended the weekly EPEX Meeting for the biennial airport disaster drill to be held on October 24, 2020.
- Attended several as part of my effort to obtain some additional certifications

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

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

Trash removal for the month of September 2020:

Regular Trash 197.74 Tons

Heavy Trash 17.82 Tons

- Used 3 tons of cold patch on Township streets
- Painted lines at crossing guard stations
- Dragged all ball fields and treated with week killer
- Cleaned up area around the “Deck” at Gov Printz Park
- Weeded all playgrounds

Placed new Tot Lot on Manhattan St. in Lester

Respectfully submitted,
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report September 2020

Total flow 33,590,000 gallons
Average Daily Flow: 1,228,000 gallons
Total Sludge: 224,364 gallons
Total sludge hauled 69,500-gals of which 2.56% were solids
Methane Gas 79,209 cu ft
Total Rain 2.30 inches

Operational Items

9/14/2020 DEP full inspection all OK
9/2020 Mr. Arthur had the head of primary settling tanks back top, safety hazard
9/2020 Serviced all pumping station, including lube & oil

Equipment Items

9/1/2020 Installed riders in valve boxes at heads of primary tanks
9/15/2020 Notified Gayle Corporation of defects with impellers at Front & Jansen
9/22/2020 Serviced impellers at 4th & Chippewa Station & Plant pumping station

Miscellaneous Items

8/2020 Service all police and treatment plant vehicles
8/2020 Purchased respirator's for employees working around sodium Bio-sulfide

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert J Bernauer

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr reported that play for the youth soccer league has been suspended as a result of a possible COVID 19 exposure. This is a precautionary measure in that no positive cases were reported. As a consolation, there may be a small tournament played on the November 14 Community Day.

Community Day this year is Saturday, November 14.

The Swedish Colonial Society may have the funding to build fireplaces in two of the cabins that were built in Governor Printz Park – the residential cabin and the forge building. This may

happen in the spring of 2021. Mr. Barr discussed the possibility of taking down the temporary construction fence even though the contractor is still responsible for the site so that visitors can look at the cabins during Community Day.

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

Mr. Auslander reported that the Parking Lot audits have begun in order to ensure compliance with the Township's tax ordinance. In that regard, Mr. Auslander received a letter from Smart Park requesting that the Township postpone Smart Park's audit. Mr. Auslander returned a letter rejecting their request. Mr. Auslander understands that the School District will send a similar letter.

In the matter of Wu vs. Tincum Township and the restoration of the Lazaretto Building, Mr. Auslander reported that the court system is well behind in scheduling and therefore this matter has not seen any movement. Vitetta has been named as an additional defendant by Wu. Wu has filed 5 claims in their action and the Township has filed a motion to compel arbitration as required by the contract.

Mr. Auslander also noted the Board met in executive session on October 13 for personnel and a potential real estate matter.

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

Mr. MacCombie reported that the Remain Over Night (RON) apron project at the site of the former US Post Office building had been awaiting a grading permit from the Township pending approval of the storm water management process to be approved by the DEP and Delaware County Conservation District. The project engineer has proposed a storm water management process known as a Managed Release Program, which although is not the conventionally approved DEP process can nevertheless be approved by the DEP on an individual basis.

As such Jaime asked the Board if it would authorize the Engineer's office to approve the grading permit while using the Managed Release Program system.

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr, the Board unanimously approved the issuing of the grading permit for the Remain Over Night apron project using a Managed Release Program storm water management system.

Manager's Report – David Schreiber

The Township Manager reported the following: During the June 2020 Primary Election, the County Election Bureau determined to consolidate the Township's 5 polling places to 2. The 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wards were consolidated into the Tincum Township Fire Company and the 3rd and 5th Ward were consolidated into the Memorial Building at 629 N. Gov Printz Blvd.

For the General Election, the Election Bureau has moved the polling places back to their regular locations. 1st Ward at Tinicum Township Fire Company, 2nd Ward at 436 S. Gov Printz Blvd (this is a new location), 3rd Ward Memorial Building, 4th Ward IAMs building at 3rd St. and Jansen Ave., 5th Ward Tinicum School.

The Public Works Dept has place approximately 12” of wood chips at the playgrounds at Gov Printz Park. Two EMT’s were exposed to a patient with COVID 19. Fortunately, the EMTs are well and have tested negative for the virus. The Library basement has been serviced by Service Pro for the water damage sustained in August. The Township’s \$1 million Airport Settlement Agreement payment has been received.

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 Dennis Arthur 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 Roger Joseph and second by Dennis Arthur adjourns this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

David D. Schreiber
Manager/Secretary