

21st December 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.

Dennis O'Neil, 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

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

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

Mr. Dobi Zurdi, 200 Powhattan Avenue: Regarding Item # 15, Solicitors Report, Mr. Zurdi Dobi, asked Mr. Auslander to provide an update on the November 30 hearing in District Court regarding the railroad citation. Mr. Dobi also asked the Engineer to provide an update on the DEP issue involving Scannell Properties and Castleway Properties.

Regarding Item # 12, Adoption of Ordinance Limiting Truck Parking on 4th Avenue, Mr. John Detwiler asked if this ordinance was in Lester or Essington. The Board responded Lester.

Regarding Item # 11, Adoption of Ordinance Limiting Parking on Powhattan Ave., Ms. Dot Kramer, of Printz Ave, Essington, asked why the restriction was limited to between Wanamaker Ave and LaGrange Avenue. The Board responded that the Township had received several requests to limit parking in that area because of the businesses in the area.

Mr. William Ford, 401 Printz Ave., asked the Board if he would need a sticker to park on Powhattan. The Board responded, Yes.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

Reading of the Township of Tincum 2016 Budget

After reading the Proposed Township Budget but before voting on it, the Board opened up the floor for questions from the public.

Mr. John Detweiler, 211 LaGrange, asked if residents would now get a sewer bill. The Board responded that the first 35,000 gallons of usage was still exempt from billing.

Mr. Zurdi Dobi of 200 Powhattan Ave objected that copies of the budget were not handed out to the public. The Board responded that the Budget has been available for inspection for anyone to review. Mr. Dobi objected to the fact that the entire proceeds from payments resulting from the Airport Settlement Agreement were not included as revenue for the Township but was deposited to the Capital Reserve Account instead. Mr. Dobi also objected to any increase for the Township Manager position, citing (in Mr. Dobi's opinion) several issues where Mr. Dobi believes the Township Manager performed inadequately.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve and adopt the Township of Tincum 2016 Township Budget noting no change in the Township millage rate of 4.4 mils. An increase in the Sewer Usage Fee of \$0.50 cents – from \$4 to \$4.50 - per 1,000 gallons used will be implemented as a result of increased DEP regulations.

**Revised Minimum Municipal Obligation Requirements for the Non Uniform Pension Plan.
Will the Township Secretary please read the Revised MMO requirements?**

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to accept the revised Minimum Obligation Requirements for the Non Uniform Pension Plan as read by the Township Secretary.

**Amendment to Ordinance 603 of 1987 Regulating the Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste
from the Municipality.**

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to advertise Ordinance 2016-877 amending Ordinance 1987-603 Regulating the

Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste, requiring disposal at approved sites and providing for licensing of solid waste collectors.

Adoption of Resolution 2015-05 Authorization to Maintain Individual Signature Cards at County Savings Bank.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to adopt Tinicum Township Resolution 2015-05 authorizing the Board President, Township Treasurer, Township Secretary, and Township Manager as approved signatures for banking business with County Savings Bank.

Adoption of Ordinance 2015-873, Limiting Parking on Powhattan Avenue between Wanamaker and LaGrange Avenues.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to adopt Tinicum Township Ordinance 2015-873 Amending and Supplementing Chapter 55-Vehicle and Traffic, and Providing for Limiting Parking to Two (2) Hours (Except for Residential Permitted Parking) on the North Side of Powhattan Avenue Between Wanamaker and LaGrange Avenues, Providing for Permitting Not to Exceed Four (4) per Resident or Household, Establishing Permit Requirements and Fees, and Providing for the Erection of Signs as Necessary.

No Truck Parking 900-1000 Block of Fourth Avenue – Ordinance No. 2016-878

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to advertise Ordinance 2016-878 of Township of Tinicum, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, amending and/or supplementing Chapter 55, Vehicle and Traffic Regulations providing Part 8 Truck Regulations sub-section 55-100 Prohibiting Parking, Stopping or Leaving Unattended Trucks on Fourth Avenue between the 900 and 1000 Block.

Adoption of Resolution 2015-06 Authorization to Apply for PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to adopt Tinicum Township Resolution 2015-06 authorizing the Board of Commissioners to request grant funding in the amount of \$940,000 to be used for the establishment of a Federal Railroad Quiet Zone, and to designate the Board President, and Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and PennDOT.

Code Enforcement Report – November 2015

November: The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

06 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$700.00**

18 Building Permits for a total of **\$33,501.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – November 2015

Township Fines: **\$7,230.31**. Of that amount, a total of **\$225.00** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **592** incidents and made **39** criminal arrests.

32 of those criminal arrests were adults

7 of those criminal arrests were juveniles.

7 of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report – November 2015

No Report This Month

Total Incidents – 0

Average Turnout Per Incident – 0

Total time in service – 00:00:00 Overall avg. Time: 00:00:00

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Jonathan Buschmeier

T.T.F.C.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – November 2015

- One Building Plan Review
- One Written Response Letter to Building Permits
- Two Discussions with Fire Protection Contractors on Cargo City Building C-8 and 200 Steven Drive. Both projects involve sire sprinkler relocations
- One Call out and follow-up on a fire alarm problem at Fed Ex in the Industrial Park
- One Discussion with the fire alarm contractor for the Lori Apartments in Lester as to what needs to be done to the building's fire alarm system.
- Attended the Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council Meeting in Harrisburg.

Raymond W. Lanabaugh, CFPS

Fire Marshal

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – November, 2015

November 2015

- Servicing of all trucks has been completed
- Decorations at Town Hall have been put up
- Cleaned the tide gates
- Leaf collection has ended for the season

Trash removal for the month of November 2015:

Regular trash – 153.76 tons

Heavy trash – 8.18 tons

Recyclables – 19.29 tons

White goods – 6 pieces

Leaves Collected – 60.63 tons

Respectfully Submitted,
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent
Highway Department

SANITATION

Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for November 2015

Total: 22,837,000 gallons

Average: 780,000 gallons

Total Sludge: 228,373 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 126,659 cubic feet

Average cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 40,300 gals % solids 2.70

Sewer Complaint:

11/2015 None

Equipment Repairs:

11/2015 Finished rebuilding No. 1&2 primary settling tanks, new steel tracks, wear strips, new shoes, and had idler sprocket new bushings

11/2015 Found the electric pole knocked down at Taylor Ave. stations, no notification as to what happened. Talked to Holiday Inn Express manager and was told it happened the day before and police were there. Clinger had pole replaced, installed new disconnect and entrance cable.

11/2015 Replaced bubbler system at ABC 2 station due to air line underground was broken. Installed new transducer controls.

Operation Problems:

11/2015 Working on chlorination problems and fecal coli regulations

Miscellaneous items:

11/2015 Serviced all police vehicles that had to be serviced

11/2015 Smythe, Clarke Jr., Bushmeier took certification test for operator's license, all failed. Will retake test 12/17/2015 in Reading. Smythe only took Lab Supervisor test, has operator's license.

Robert J. Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - November, 2015

Mr. Barr reported that hockey and basketball are preparing to get under way. Mr. Barr thanked the police and fire departments for their assistance with the Girl Scout tree lighting event.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported that the Agreement of Sale for the property at 402 North Governor Printz has been terminated. The Township will revisit this potential purchase only if the owner can certify the property's cleanliness.

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

Mr. Dennis O'Neil had no further report.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported that the Township has applied to PennDOT for a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant to assist the Township in establishing a Federal Railroad Quiet Zone. The requested grant amount is \$940,000. The Township has advertized the Boards 2016 meeting schedule in the local newspaper including the January 4, 2016 reorganization meeting. Members of the Water Treatment Plant along with the Township Engineer will be meeting with the DEP on January 14 regarding the Treatment Plant's copper discharge. Board members met in Executive Session after the December workshop meeting to discuss Non Uniform Employee Collective Bargaining Issues, and the following litigation items: Tax Assessment Appeal for 10 Industrial Highway (Docket 2015-01651): Tax Assessment Appeal for Cargo City 2 (Docket 2015-012254: District Court Case Tincum Township vs. Norfolk Southern Railroad (Docket MJ 32241 NT 000360 2015) and Alpini Vs. Tincum Township (Docket 2015-09665)

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley had nothing to report this month.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Comment:

1. Mr. John Detwiler, 211 LaGrange, asked if the Township Website could be updated, including putting the calendar on line. The Board responded that the entire website is being redesigned. Mr. Detwiler commented on putting Township items in the newspaper such as the budget, neighborhood crime. The Board responded that items are reported to the newspaper and the newspaper determines what to print. Mr. Detwiler asked if the propane tank at the Clarion Hotel is going to be fenced. The Board responded it would.
2. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, asked about the nature of the Alpini vs. Tincum case. Mr. Auslander responded that the Township received a notice from the court of a lawsuit; however the notice did not stipulate the allegations. Mr. Auslander has filed a request to have the plaintiff state his case. Mr. Dobi asked if the \$1,000,000 called for in the Airport Settlement Agreement was been received by the Township. The Board responded that it has been received. Mr. Dobi stated that this money should be included in the budget.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

