

November 16, 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 Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the Commissioners October 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 Pat Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy reported that the bill list for November 2020 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 Dennis Arthur, the bill list will be paid for the month of November 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

Appointment of Mingis Gutowski as Township Auditor

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Mingis, Gutowski & Company of Media as Township Auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020 at a rate not to exceed \$21,000

Hog Island Road Maintenance Agreement with City of Philadelphia

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to enter into an agreement with the City of Philadelphia to perform various maintenance activities on Hog Island consisting of Trash Removal, Road Repair, Street Light Repair, Snow and Ice Maintenance and others. Said agreement and maintenance is pursuant to certain payments made to the Township by the City and is an extension of the agreement first entered into in 2017. The current agreement is for a period of 1 year with three (3) one year extensions.

Planning Board Resignation

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to accept the resignation of Mr. John Monaghan from the Planning Board effective immediately. Mr. Monaghan has moved from Tinicum Township.

Street Resurfacing Release #2

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve Release #21 for the Township's 2020 street resurfacing project to Joseph E. Sucher in the amount of \$ 14,134.95. Said Release has been reviewed and recommended for payment by the Township Engineer's office.

Appointment to Township Planning Board

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Albert (AJ) Conrad, of Powhattan Avenue in Lester, to the Planning Board replacing John Monaghan.

Code Enforcement Report – October 2020: Roger Joseph, Chairman

The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

43 Certificates of Occupancies in **October** for a total of **\$ 5,850**

15 Building Permits in **October** for a total of **\$ 15,957.50**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

October 2020

Township Fines: **\$1,509.54** Of that amount, a total of **\$ 500** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **478** incidents and made **18** criminal arrests

17 of those criminal arrests were adults

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

01 of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released.

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

Fire Company Report – October 2020

Total Calls:	32
Fire, Other	01
Building Fires	05
Vehicle Fire	02
Assist EMS	02
MVA w/Injuries	02
MVA w/o Injuries	02
MVA w/ Entrapment	01
Dispatch/Cancel	08
AFA	09

Avg No. of Responding Personnel	07
Time in Service	29 hrs.

Fire Marshal Report October 2020

Performed acceptance inspection and witnessed acceptance tests in the following buildings:

1. International Plaza II, Floors 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6
2. Quinn Construction, 10017 4th Avenue
3. Allstate Career Dental School, 50 W Powhattan Avenue (2 Inspections)

Performed fire sprinkler pipe, hanger and spacing inspection in the following buildings:

1. United Parcel Service, 1 Hog Island Road
2. Allstate Career Dental School, 50 W Powhattan Avenue

Re-inspected the Red Roof Inn and re-drafted violations notices for damaged and non-rated fire doors, and fire alarm system. Following up with a summary trail notice.

- Re- inspected the La Quinta Hotel for fire alarms not operating. Following up with a summary trail notice.
- Performed a final inspection and witnessed test of the 1st Floor Fire Alarm System in the Renaissance Hotel.
- Performed a final inspection and witnessed the fire sprinkler system flow test alarms on all 12 floors and also in the fire sprinkler/fire pump room.
- Wrote up the false fire alarm report for September
- Responded by fire company request to the Econo Lodge for a fire alarm problem and to the FedEx Building for a fire sprinkler accidental activation.
- Distributed 1 Residential Smoke Alarm
- Fire Marshal’s Truck lettered and emergency equipment installed.
- Attended the Monthly DELCO Board of Fire and Life Safety Meeting
- Attended the weekly EPEX Meetings and participated in the Triennial airport disaster drill on October 24, 2020.

Attended several webinars

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

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

Trash removal for the month of October 2020:

Regular Trash	192.26 Tons
Yard Waste	3.26 Tons

- Began annual curbside leaf pick up
- Painted and assembled basketball courts at old tennis court location
- Repaired front end loader
- Replaced/repared gazebo spindles at Gov Printz Park
- Repaired tot lot fence at 2nd and Carre
- Removed dead tree from Westinghouse Grove
- Opened tide gates during inclement weather

Replaced/repared various road signs in town

Respectfully submitted,
George Hinkle, Superintendent

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report October 2020

Total flow 34, 241,000 gallons
Average Daily Flow: 1,105,000 gallons
Total Sludge: 252,302 gallons
Total sludge hauled: 40,100 gallons of which 2.2% were solids
Methane Gas 78,200 cu ft

Sewer Complaints

NONE

Operational Items

10/1/2020 Utility water line leak in front of office repaired by JMC Contractors
10/6/2020 Repaired gas leak in secondary digester cover, put new seal in relief valve.
10/20/2020 Rented excavator to clean out back stage pond. A track machine was used because of soft ground
10/30/2020 KBX pumped rags from wet wells at Taylor Ave.

Equipment Items:

10/1/2020 Rebuilt gas relief unit
10/2020 All generators have been load bank tested by Penn Power
10/30/2020 Clean and adjusted pre-heater

Miscellaneous Items

10/2020 Service all police & plant vehicles that had to be serviced

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J Bernauer

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr reported that the Township's annual Community Day, scheduled for this past Saturday, November 14 was cancelled because of the current COVID crisis. Despite the event's cancellation, the Patriotic Organization nevertheless solicited funds from businesses and individuals to assist residents fighting cancer as they've done in the past. To that end, Mr. Bob Fultz, of Dutch's auto repair was chosen as this year's recipient of the Patriotic Organization's fund raising efforts.

Mr. Barr thanked Health Officer Cindy Joseph for her efforts in presenting this year's flu vaccines to residents free of charge during Saturday's (November 14) "walk up" flu clinic at the Tinicum Township Fire Station. While this year's event was not as well attended as in the past, the Township continues to provide an opportunity to provide flu vaccines to its residents.

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

Mr. Auslander reported that his office has sent notices to hotels and motels within the Township reminding them of the requirement to apply for an operator's license as required by Township Ordinance. Several responses have been obtained and the Township continues to follow up with establishments. Mr. Auslander reported that the Board met in Executive Session to review pending Township litigation (Wu v. Tinicum Township).

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

Mr. MacCombie reported that his office has a meeting scheduled on November 23 with representatives of the City's Department of Aviation regarding the project to re-locate Tinicum Island Road. Mr. MacCombie's office has not yet received a response to its June letter regarding this project but will be meeting with the DOA nevertheless.

Manager's Report – David Schreiber

The Township Manager reported the following: The Township has been awarded a grant by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the acquisition of property at 101 Taylor Avenue in the amount of \$62,000. The Township is currently awaiting the contract for the grant. Confirmation has been received from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection that the Township's submerged land license agreement (SLLA) is forthcoming from the state within the next 2-3 weeks. The SLLA will be finalized with electronic signatures. The CEO's office of the Airport has contacted the Township to schedule its next quarterly meeting with the Township – tentatively within the first two weeks of December. The Planning Commission held a public meeting on November 5 where the Township's proposed new zoning ordinance was presented for public review. Mr. Schreiber and Mr. Barr attended on behalf of the Township and a presentation to the Planning Board was provided by Del.Co. Planning Department. After the presentation, the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Commissioner's move forward with the proposed ordinance.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

David D. Schreiber
Manager/Secretary