

20th April 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.

The Tincum Township Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on the above date and time at 79 Wanamaker Avenue, Essington, PA 19029. President Patrick K. McCarthy presiding:

C. Patrick Barr, Vice President

Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner

Dennis R. Arthur, Commissioner

Roger L. 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.

Invocation

There was no Invocation

After the Pledge of Allegiance and before beginning the agenda items for this meeting, Board President McCarthy read the following statement:

As a result of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic and for the duration of the Emergency Declaration issued by Federal, State and Local governments, the monthly Commissioners Workshop and regularly scheduled Commissioners meetings will be conducted remotely utilizing electronic video and audio technology. The Board of Commissioners and essential Township staff will be remotely present and participating in the meeting.

Agendas for Commissioner Meetings will be posted a minimum of 24 hours in advance of each scheduled meeting at <<http://www.tinicumtwpdelco.com/meeting-minutes>>. To ensure continued public participation members of the general public wishing to participate are asked to submit their questions or comments on township matters by written email directed to the Tinicum Township Board of Commissioners at either admin@tinicumtownshipdelco.com or tinicumtwpdelco@gmail.com.

All appropriate questions and comments received will be read aloud at each meeting and recorded in the official monthly minutes.

Each Township Commissioners meeting will be recorded and will be made available on the Township website for public viewing as soon as possible. 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.

On A Motion by Roger Joseph, seconded by Pat Barr, the minutes of the February 2020 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy reported that all members had received copies of the March 2020 Treasurer's and Secretary's report of Receipts. There being no questions:

On A Motion by Lisa Edmiston, seconded by Pat Barr, 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 April 2020. The bill list for April 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 Roger Joseph, the bill list will be paid for the month of April 2020 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

There were no comments from the public offered this month.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

Emergency Declaration Extension

Prior to voting on this item, Commissioner Barr commented that while he is in favor of extending the Township's Emergency Declaration in order to coordinate the activities and meet the needs of the Township, he does not agree and is not in favor of and does not support the majority of restrictions imposed upon the residents of the state by the Pennsylvania Governor and the state legislators. Mr. Barr stated this is classis "do as I say, and not as I do" scenario.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to re-adopt and extend the Emergency Declaration adopted on March 16, 2020 for the COVID 19 pandemic. Said re-adoption and extension shall be for the duration of the Federal and State declared COVID 19 Emergency Period.

UPS Charter Flights

ON A MOTION by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Arthur, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the Special Use application of United Parcel Service that proposes to extend the use at their current site at 1 Hog Island Road. Said use would permit a number of charter flights for groups of persons and to allow for temporary office trailer and possible later replacement with permanent office structure. The Special Use application would be granted subject to the following conditions:

Mr. Auslander stated these conditions:

CONDITIONS AND SAFEGUARDS

Upon the testimony presented by Applicant and evidence submitted on behalf of the Township and the Applicant, the Tincum Township Board of Commissioners, in accordance with their Decision, provides the following Conditions and Safeguards:

1. Applicant must provide written approvals from the City of Philadelphia Department of Aviation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and any and all other applicable federal, state or local governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the intended operations at the Applicant's property.

2. Use of the property shall be limited specifically to charter flights for groups of related persons for a period of six (6) months from the date of this Decision.

3. Adequate and appropriate security screening in compliance with Transportation Security Administration (TSA) protocols for both passengers and baggage shall be required and maintained.

4. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screening protocols utilized by any third party screeners must be approved and authorized by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Federal Aviation Authority (FAA), and any other applicable federal, state or local governmental authorities having jurisdiction thereof.

5. The Applicant must adhere to the following conditions and safeguards applicable to the installation of the proposed trailer:

a. The trailer placement is for a six (6) month trial period.

b. Applicant must obtain all required permits including, but not limited to, trailer permit, utility permits, and grading permit, if applicable.

c. The proposed trailer shall be no larger in dimension than sixty (60') feet by twelve (12') feet.

d. Passenger use of the temporary trailer shall be restricted to times of inclement weather conditions only.

e. Utility utilization for the temporary trailer shall be limited to electric only during the initial six (6) month period with no water, gas or other utility service provided.

f. Trailer must meet all federal and state American with Disabilities Act provisions (ADA).

g. The passenger screening area adjacent to the proposed trailer shall be separated from the existing UPS facility by appropriate fencing for security and safety purposes.

h. The location for the placement of the trailer shall be limited to the Northwest Corner of the UPS facility with temporary placement approved by the Township.

6. Parking for passengers, departing or arriving, shall not be permitted upon Applicant's property.

7. All parking for screening personnel or other special use operation employees must be contained within current UPS parking facilities. No bus parking shall be permitted at any time.

8. Applicant must comply with Tincum Township's Flood Plain Regulations, if applicable, given the location of the site.

9. Applicant must secure land development approvals and permits for all permanent structures and improvements.

10. Applicant's permission in accordance with the Decision of the Tincum Township Board of Commissioners shall be for a temporary period of six (6) months from the date of Decision. Any extension of the Special Use or request for placement of a permanent structure shall require a new Application and Hearing thereon before the Tincum Township Board of Commissioners.

11. Applicant's temporary use of the subject property shall be in accordance with the testimony, exhibits and plans submitted by the Applicant at the Special Use Hearing subject to any revisions required by the Township during the applicable and required permitting process.

12. Applicant must comply with all federal, state and local codes and ordinances including, but not limited to, applicable fire and life safety requirements.

END OF CONDITIONS.

Traffic Signal Proposal from Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve an agreement with Charles A. Higgins & Sons., Inc. to provide preventative maintenance for the 12 month period from May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021 to the Township's traffic signal system at an amount not to exceed \$2500. Said maintenance would include Annual Inspection of all traffic signals, response maintenance as required, loop detector maintenance, and others as necessary.

Annual Landscaping Maintenance Proposal from AmazaScapes

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Arthur, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the proposed landscaping maintenance agreement with AmazaScapes for the 2020 season at an approximate cost of \$14,000. Said agreement will consist of planting and pruning of flowers, shrubs, trees, and the maintenance of planted flowerbeds in various locations.

Swedish Colonial Society Meetings at Township Building

ON A MOTION by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the use of the Historic Lazaretto building for the meeting space for the Swedish Colonial Society's regular meeting schedule. Said meetings would take place in Jan, Feb, Mar, May, Sept, Oct, and Nov.

New Sweden Company – Highline Construction, LLC

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to execute on behalf of the Township of Tincum Commissioners an Agreement to permit access to Governor Printz Park for the installation and reconstruction of up to 5 additional Swedish Log Cabins. The contractor will be required to provide the required Certificate of Insurance and indemnification to the Township for any injury or losses.

Summer Employee Applications

ON A MOTION by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to accept applications for potential summer employees.

Establishment of a Township Sponsored Scholarship

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to establish up to two (2) \$250 college scholarships for Tincum Township high school seniors. Said scholarships will benefit a high school senior of Tincum Township who plans to extend their education beyond high school through either college or via a trade.

Authorize Sewer Authority to Accept and Administer Bids

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to empower the Tincum Township Sewer Authority to accept bids and administer projects approved by the Tincum Township Board of Commissioners for improvement or maintenance projects to the Tincum Township Waste Water Treatment Plant on a case by case basis as designated by the Tincum Township Board of Commissioners.

Settlement of Tax Assessment Appeal for Nemtree Hotels, LLC – Renaissance PHL Airport

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to instruct the Township Solicitor to execute the Stipulation, on behalf of Tincum Township, to set the Assessment for the property located at 500 Stevens Drive, Lester, (folio 45-00-00504-06) at \$15,792,000 for Tax Year 2020.

Refinancing and Forward Refunding of Tincum Township Series B Bonds of 2016

ON A MOTION by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to instruct the Township Solicitor and Township Manger to engage the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority and Calhoun Baker, Inc., to investigate the refinancing of Tincum Township’s Series B 2016 bonds.

Adoption of Resolution 2020-003 Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Grant Program

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to empower the Township Manager to file for and execute and application to the DCNR’s Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) Land Acquisition and Conservation Grant for the purchase 5.96 acres of land adjacent to the Delaware River at the terminus of Taylor Avenue in Tincum Township.

Code Enforcement Report – March 2020 – Roger Joseph, Chairman

March: The Code Enforcement Officer Received:

21 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$2,700.00**

14 Building Permits for a total of **\$24,498.50**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – March 2020

Township Fines: **\$3,971.71**. Of that amount, a total of **\$25.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **453** incidents and made **13** criminal arrests.

12 of those criminal arrests were adults

1 of those criminal arrests were juveniles.

1 of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report – March 2020

No Report This Month

Michael Golden, Chief

Tinicum Township Fire Co.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT – March 2020

Performed 1 Fire Alarm Plan Review – PHL Terminal ‘A’ East, Stella News

Performed 1 Fire Sprinkler Plan Review – PHL American Airlines Premium Lounge

Witnessed 1 Fire Alarm Acceptance Tests: Renaissance Hotel Entire 5th Floor

Witnessed 1 Room pressurization test in the PHL Baggage Handling System Server Room.

Witnessed 1 Fire Alarm System Acceptance; 1 Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing System Acceptance Test; and 1 Fire Sprinkler System Renovation Inspection in the Airport Baggage Handling System Server Room.

There were the usual fire code telephone conversations.

Meetings:

Attended the Monthly DELCO Board of Fire & Life Safety as a Board Member

Seminars & Training:

Attended an Evening Port Security Grant Workshop at the 911 Center. We are looking at repowering the fire boat and adding a bow thruster with FEMA Grant Funds

Attended an Evening Member Recruit and Retention Workshop at the 911 center.

Participated in a 2015 International Fire Code Webinar.

We have smoke alarms for Tinicum Township Residents who cannot afford them. These are 10 year detectors as the batteries should last for 10 years.

Worked on a few fire company EMS Ambulance financial issue that involved some time.

Also work on some fire company FEMA Grant Issues.

Raymond W. Lonabaugh, CFPS

Fire Marshal

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Monthly Report for March 2020 / Highway Department

No Report This Month

Mrs. Edmiston stated she wanted to thank the Highway Department for all their hard work. She also thanked the office workers.

SANITATION

Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for March 2020

Total flow 34.6 million gals Average 1.3 million gals

Total Gallons Sludge 257.8 thousand gals

Total sludge hauled 25.6 thousand-gals Percent Solids 2.05%

Methane Gas 84.7 thousand cu ft

Sewer Complaints

None

Operation:

2/2020 All ok

Equipment repairs

2/2020 All recirculation pumps re-built

2/2020 Penn Power service all generators owned by Township, oil, filters and batteries that were out of date

Miscellaneous Items

2/2020 Serviced all police equipment that need service & plant equipment

Robert J Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - March, 2020

Mr. Barr thanked Health Officer Cindy Joseph for keeping township food and drink establishments informed about the proper protective measures to be taken during the COVID 19 crisis and for providing information to them in a timely manner. Mr. Barr also reported that should the fireworks scheduled for June be postponed; the fireworks vendor will work with the Township to reschedule for any day through the end of the year. At this time the Farmers Market is still scheduled to go on.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported that during this time, a number of legal matters that are before the Magisterial District Justice and the Common Pleas Court have been interrupted through the end of May. All matters for the courts are being rescheduled.

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

Mr. James MacCombie reported that his office is awaiting the 90% submission package from the Airport regarding the relocation of Tinicum Island Road. MacCombie Engineering has not received any feedback from the Airport on the 60% review that MacCombie completed several months ago.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported the following:

The Township continues to post updates and information regarding COVID 19 on the Township Website. Much of the information the Township has is received from Delaware County, therefore the Township does maintain a link to Delaware County to provide residents with the latest information available. Township services such as trash, wastewater treatment, police, fire, EMS, and administration continue to work for township residents, albeit with a reduced staff. All non-essential meeting are cancelled for April including the Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission, Recreation, Health, etc. Advertisements describing how the Commissioners meeting will be run have been placed in the local newspaper and Town Hall has been posted as well.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley stated there was 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:

There were no comments offered from the public at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary