

21st February 2017 @ 6:30 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. Township Engineer James MacCombie was absent from this meeting. Mr. Dennis O'Neil was present representing the Township Engineer's Office, Thomas J. Giancristoforo, President presiding:

Dennis Arthur, Vice President

C. Patrick Barr, Commissioner

Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner

Patrick McCarthy, Commissioner

Sam Auslander, Esq.

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 Mark Smith from the Church of St. John The Evangelist gave the Invocation

On A Motion by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the January 2017 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the January 2017 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 February 2017. The bill list for February 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 February 2017 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

Regarding Item # 10, Pipeline Easement Under Hog Island Road, Mr. Zurdi Dobi of 200 Powhattan Ave., asked if this item had an insurance component. The Board responded, Yes. Mr. Dobi asked if work has started. The Board Responded, No.

Regarding Item # 13, Extension of Police Collective Bargaining Agreement, Mr. Dobi stated that the Board did not disclose that negotiations were taking place.

Regarding Item # 19, Solicitors Report, Mr. Dobi asked Mr. Auslander to report on two lawsuits filed against the Township.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

Memorandum of Understanding with City of Philadelphia for Maintenance of Hog Island Road

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to enter into a memorandum of understanding for the maintenance of Hog Island Road on a time and materials basis as stated in the 2015 Airport Settlement Agreement.

Purchase of Protective Vests for Fire Company Personnel

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to purchase up to 10 protective vests for Tincum Township Fire Company ambulance personnel to be worn on duty during all calls. Price of said vests is approximately \$1,000 each.

Emergency Electric Generator at Tincum Township Police Station

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the purchase of an emergency electric generator for the Tincum Township Police Station to maintain building power in the event of an area power outage. Said generator will be diesel fueled and rated at 80 kilowatts of power at a Pennsylvania Costars price of \$27,000.

Pipeline Easement Under Hog Island Road

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to enter into an agreement with Paulsboro Natural Gas Pipeline Company, LLC for an easement under Hog Island Road allowing for a natural gas pipeline to be connected to the Paulsboro Refining facility in New Jersey.

East Coast Greenway Trail – Construction Release #7 and #8

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Arthur, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve Construction Release #7 and Release # 8 to JMC Contracting for the work to date on the East Coast Greenway Trail in the amounts of \$ \$46,711.45 and \$332,589.43 respectively. Releases 7 and 8 have been reviewed and approved by the PennDOT approved Construction Inspection firm of Pennoni & Associates.

Adoption of Ordinance 2017-886 Amending and/or Supplementing the Tincum Township Police Pension Plan to include an Act 44 (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) Provision.

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Arthur, the Board voted 4-0 via roll call vote to adopt Ordinance 2017-886 amending the Tincum Township Police Pension Plan to include an Act 44 Program. Said Ordinance will allow for a Deferred Retirement Option Plan for eligible Police Officers who reach normal retirement age and service. Citing her husband as Chief of Police, Commissioner Edmiston abstained from voting on this issue

Extension of Police Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tincum Township Police and FOP Lodge 27

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Arthur, the Board voted 4-0 via roll call vote to extend the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tincum Township Police Department and FOP Lodge 27 from January 2018 to December 2021. Terms of the extended agreement include wage increases of 3% annually, initiation of an Act 44 DROP Program, Coordination of Medical Benefits when Medicare eligible and implementation of a new high deductible health care plan. Citing her husband as Chief of Police, Commissioner Edmiston abstained from voting on this issue

Removal of Act 51 (Killed in Service) Benefit

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Arthur the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to advertise removal of the Act 51 (Killed in Service) benefit from the current Police Pension Plan Ordinance. Act 51 Benefits are now provided by the Commonwealth.

Advertising of Ordinance 2017-887 Amending and/or Supplementing Chapter 56 of the Township Code, procedures for Towing and Licensing of Towing Operators

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to advertise Ordinance 2017-887 setting rules and regulations regarding the towing of vehicles within Tincum Township from private property, private parking lots, driveways and other areas of the Township.

Adoption of Tincum Township Resolution 2017-001 Application for County Aid

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Arthur the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to adopt Township Resolution 2017-001 making application to Delaware County for an allocation of County Liquid Fuels Tax funds in the amount of \$7,223.

Construction Release #3 (Final Release) For Repairs to the Seawall at Governor Printz Park

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the final release, Release #3, to Watts Restoration Inc., of Feasterville, PA for repairs made to the Seawall at Governor Printz Park in the amount of \$5,167.67

Code Enforcement Report – January 2017

January: The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

19 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$2,775.00**

22 Building Permits for a total of **\$66,204.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – January 2017

Township Fines: **\$3,959.92.** Of that amount, a total of **\$150.45** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **682** incidents and made **33** criminal arrests.

33 of those criminal arrests were adults

0 of those criminal arrests were juveniles.

0 of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report – January 2017

No Report This Month

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – January 2017

Performed 3 building plan reviews.

Attended the Monthly Delaware County Board of Fire and Life Safety as a Board Member.

Teleconference with the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Institute on Senator Lisa Baker's letter proposing a fix on the broken state building code adoption process.

Teleconference with Keystone Properties on the fire alarm activation for the building elevator recall in Buildings 100, 200 & 300 Stevens Drive. Elevator recall meets current code.

Met with fire alarm company representatives who will be upgrading the fire alarms in additional Cargo City Buildings

Picked up 48 Ten Year Kiddie Smoke Alarms as part of Operation 6 ABC Save A Life at the Philadelphia Fire Academy.

Made two emergency responses to International Plaza II for Carbon Monoxide in the building on January 20th and 26th. This has been an ongoing problem with OSHA Involvement and lack of action. Working with Tom Lowery, Tom was able to force the tenant and building representative to have an engineering study performed on the chronic problem.

Performed a fire alarm test in Cargo City Building C-6. Two deficiencies were noted requiring two additional alarm devices.

Responded to PHL Cargo City Building C-5 on request of the fire company for a sprinkler system activation. Found water discharging in the building. Shut down the fire sprinkler system and opened the main drain to prevent further water damage, also cleared the fire alarm. Instructed the person in charge to notify his superior to have the system restored and prohibited any hot work until the fire sprinkler system is restored. System was restored the next morning.

On Sunday January 29th responded to and stood by for 5 hours at the Philadelphia International Airport, Terminal 'A' for and during the "immigration Demonstration on request of the Police and the Airport CEO. Purpose was to control occupant load and building egress with assistance of a fire marshal from Philadelphia.

Performed a plan review for additional fire sprinklers in PHL Terminal 'A' East, Space AE4A La Colombe.

Toured and photographed the Wyndham Hotel for an upcoming employee fire safety program.

Several days were spent putting together the fire company 2016 year-end financial report.

We still have smoke alarms available for the elderly or for anyone who can't afford one. Call the firehouse at (610) 521-3388 ext. 6 and leave a message.

Raymond Lanabaugh

Fire Marshal

Assistant Code Enforcement

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – January, 2017

- Removed Holiday decorations from Town Hall & Police Station
- Cleaned leaves at all ball fields
- Repaired lights at the marina

Trash removal for the month of January 2017:

Regular trash – 221.85 tons

Heavy trash – 8.93 tons

Recyclables – 20.78 tons

Winter Storm January 16th & 17th

Cleaned storm drains

Opened tide gates before the storm on Jan. 13th

Opened tide gates during & after storm on Jan. 16th & 17th

Downed trees were removed from:

- Log Cabin Park – 1 tree
- Ball field behind Town Hall – 1 tree
- Gov. Printz Park – 2 trees
- Manor Field – 2 trees

Repaired the roof at the Lazaretto Carriage House

Yearly Trash Removal Totals / Highway Department

Trash Removal for the year 2016

Regular Trash – 2020.99 tons

Heavy Trash – 114.75 tons

Recyclables – 256.59 tons

White Goods – 20 pcs

Street Sweepings – 44.58 tons

Yard Waste – 18.14 tons

Leaves – 61.37 tons

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter E. Lee, Superintendent

Highway Department

SANITATION
Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for January 2017

Total: 28,370,000 gallons

Average: 8,040 GPD

Total Sludge: 249,228 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 130,761 cubic feet

Average cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 600 gals % solids 2.48

Sewer Complaint:

01/2017 None

Equipment Repairs:

01/2017 Installed two new air releases on pumps at 4th & Chippewa, pumps

01/2017 Stations serviced, Front & Jansen, plant station

01/2017 Installed air release in force main at 3rd & Chippewa

01/2017 Penn Power doing service to all generators in system including firehouse

Operation Problems:

01/2017 Cold weather, chemicals freezing, brought more space heaters

Miscellaneous items:

01/2017 Service all police vehicles, treatment plant vehicles

Robert J. Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - January, 2017

Mr. Barr noted that Hockey and Basketball have begun at the Tincum School. Last signups for T Ball and Baseball will happen this week (week of February 21). The Township Rabies Clinic will take place on April 8 between the hours of 10 and 12.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported that there is a Workers Compensation case pending against the Township for the injuries sustained by Officer Alpini. Mr. Auslander also reported that the pending lawsuit regarding a paper street on Mohawk St. is expected to be settled in the near future.

Mr. Auslander also reported that the process to remove restrictions on former Westinghouse property obtained by the Township via a Keystone Grant and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and known as the Runway Safety Area has been completed.

Mr. Auslander had been in contact with representatives interested in the proposed parking lot on Second Street and expects to have a new lease proposal by next month.

Lastly, Mr. Auslander reported on PA Act 133, which governs the issuance of Certificates of Occupancy for the Commonwealth. The Act prohibits withholding a CO for non life-threatening issues, but allows for the issuance of a temporary CO with a provision to correct issues within a 12 month period.

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

Mr. O'Neil had no further report

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported that he and the Engineer's office were to meet with representatives of PennDOT and Prospect Park Borough for an update on PennDOT's project to replace the Rt 420 Bridge over the Darby Creek. The meeting is scheduled for Feb 22. The Manager reported that the Board has been notified of the renewed interest in a proposed Medical Marijuana dispensary business within the Township. The Zoning Hearing Board is scheduled to hear a presentation on the project on March 16.

The Township Manager also reported that the real estate appraisal that was ordered by the Township back in 2016 for property owned by the Jones family at Saude Ave and North Gov Printz Blvd was received on Feb 21 and is available for review.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley read a letter from Mr. George Spicer, President Yachtstock River Jam requesting to close off Second Avenue from the Park at Taylor Avenue to the West End Boat Club, for 19th Annual Yachtstock Riverjam on June 24th, 2017.

On A Motion by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board voted unanimously via voice vote to approve the request to close off Second Avenue from the Park at Taylor Avenue to the West End Boat Club for normal traffic, except for the residents on that part of the street.

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. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave, asked if the new high deductible plan mentioned as part of the new police agreement was the same for every person. The Board responded that the deductible is based on the type of coverage one has (single, family, etc.) but is the same for each person with the same coverage.

Mr. Dobi asked if the Township was involved in meetings with the company installing the new pipeline that is going from Paulsboro NJ to Tinicum. The Board responded, Yes.

Mr. Dobi commented on the pending lawsuit between The Henderson Group and the City of Philadelphia, suggesting that the Township has given the right of condemnation to the City in the 2015 Airport Settlement Agreement. Mr. Dobi stated that no money should be spent on renovations to Manor Field.

2. Mr. Buster Porter, 242 Bartram Avenue asked about the status of the Manor field project. Mr. O'Neill responded that the focus has been on Governor Printz Park. The plans for Manor Field have changed and will be a future project.
3. Mr. Ed Rubillo, 120 Wyndotte Street, asked if the seawall was done. The Board responded, yes. He asked about trees between his property and his neighbors hanging down with wires in them. The Board responded that the homeowners are responsible between the curb and sidewalk, unless in emergency situations the highway department can come out and take a look.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

