

15th April, 2014 @ 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 Giancristoforo, Jr., President, presiding. Present:

Dennis R. Arthur, Vice-President

Lisa E. Edmiston, Commissioner

C. Patrick Barr, Commissioner

Patrick McCarthy, Commissioner

Sam Auslander, Esq

James MacCombie, 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 Orth from St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church gave the Invocation.

After the Invocation, but before the regular agenda items, the Board of Commissioners, the Police Department and the Fire Department honored retiring Fire Chief Walter Lee with several plaques and gifts upon his retirement from Chief after service 35 years.

On A Motion by Dennis Arthur, second by Pat Barr, the minutes of the Commissioners' Monthly Meeting was accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo 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 Dennis Arthur, second by Lisa Edmiston, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received the list of bills for the month of April, 2014. There being no questions:

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur, second by Pat McCarthy, the bill list will be paid for the month of April, 2014 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

1. Regarding Item #8, Renewal of Recycling Contract, Mr. John Detweiler, 211 LaGrange, asked if the Board could make recycling mandatory within the Township. The Board replied that the Township initially considered adopting a recycling ordinance, but since the Township's population is under the mandatory recycling threshold of 5000 residents, the Township is not mandated to recycle.
2. Regarding Item #8, Mr. Ed Rubillo, 120 Wyndotte St., asked if the Township recycles 'everything' such as paint, motor oil, etc., The Board responded that there are certain items identified as Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and these items are to be brought to the Delaware County disposal facility. Mr. Rubillo asked if the Township could coordinate these collections. The Board replied that the County has asked the Township NOT to collect the material and bring it in bulk to the facility. The County will only accept individual's items not a bulk amount from the Township.
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ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

Land Development Approval for Salt Storage Shed at Philadelphia International Airport.

Prior to voting Mr. MacCombie stated that they are complying with the provisions of MS4.

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr, seconded by Patrick McCarthy the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to authorize the Township to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development for a new Salt Storage Facility at Philadelphia International Airport subject to the comments and conditions identified in the Township Engineers letter dated March 20, 2014.

Renewal of Recycling contract with ReCommunity Recycling

Before voting on this item, Mr. Schreiber commented that we have recycled two hundred tons over the past year. He suggested another year with ReCommunity Recycling.

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to authorize the Township to renew the agreement with ReCommunity Recycling until April 2015 to process the Township's recyclable material. The Township will be compensated for said recyclables at the average commodity rate, but in no event less than \$5 per ton.

Purchase of Street Sweeper

Prior to voting on this item, Mr. MacCombie stated he read the provisions and the permit meets with the MS4 proposal. It does fall in line with our permit.

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to authorize the purchase of a new street sweeping machine via the State CoStars program from Golden Equipment Company of Mars, Pennsylvania at a cost not to exceed \$138,150, said purchase to be made from funds within the Township's MS4 storm water management account.

Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement

Prior to voting, Mr. MacCombie stated that he reviewed the agreement and it was acceptable.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the renewal of the Township's Traffic Signal maintenance agreement with Signal Services until 2016 at an annual rate of \$3,999 which reflects no increase over the previous year's costs.

Applications for Summer Help

Prior to voting, Mr. Schreiber explained that every year the Township gives several High School students an opportunity to work for the Township for a twelve-week work program.

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to advertise for three summer employees at the Public Works Department and one summer employee at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at a rate of \$8.75 per hour.

Code Enforcement Report – March 2014

The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

30 Certificates of occupancies for a total of **\$4,125.00**

23 Building Permits for a total of \$14,165.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – March 2014

Township Fines: **\$5893.60**. Of that amount, a total of **\$790.00** were Parking Tickets

The department handled **690** incidents and made **48** criminal arrests

44 of those criminal arrests were adults

4 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 2014

Mr. McCarthy stated he wanted to thank the Fire Company for the prompt response to the fire that occurred on Friday, March 18th.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – March, 2014

- 12 Building Permit Reviews and Reports Submitted
- 23 Certificates of Occupancies Inspections and Reports Submitted
- 3 Building Inspections Completed
 - 1 Fire Alarm Acceptance Test
 - 2 Sprinkler System Acceptance Test

1 Residential Inspection at request of Delaware County Children Youth Services

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Public Works – April, 2014

All storm drain basins have been cleaned.

Fence has been painted at 347 N. Governor Printz (former Eline property).

Nine trees have been removed from 347 N. Governor Printz (former Eline property).

Pickle ball court has been cleaned and is ready for the season.

All ball fields have a coating of new dirt and are repaired.

New fork lift truck is in.

Trash removal for the month of March 2014:

Regular trash – 148.78 tons

Heavy Trash – 4.51 tons

Recyclables – 16.19

White goods – 5 pieces

Yard waste – 424 tons

SANITATION

Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for March 2014

Total: 35,914,000 gallons

Average: 1,159,000 gallons

Total Sludge: 234,194 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 131,586 cu ft Average 4245 cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 50,560 gals

Sewer Complaint: None

Equipment Repairs:

3/2014 Rebuilt plant station, new rotating units, gate valves, check valves, and new one piece v belts

Operation:

3/2014 Cold Weather & Snow

Miscellaneous items:

3/2014 Worked on snow removal

3/6/2013 Plumbing inspection 315 Powhattan, new water service

3/20/2014 Meeting with DEP on copper violation

3/2014 American Floors installed new floors, office, hallway, bathroom

3/2014 Started copper study on Darby Creek, 420 Bridge, John Heinz
And Colwyn

3/2014 Service all police vehicles that had to be serviced

Robert J. Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Recreation – April, 2014

Mr. Barr reported that baseball and softball are underway. Mr. Barr stated the fields are looking good.

Board of Health – April 2014

Mr. Barr reported we had our rabies clinic, with the assistance of Glenolden Animal Hospital, and forty nine animals were vaccinated.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported that the public can expect an update on Airport issues by early May.

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

Mr. MacCombie reported that the easement and right-of-way documents for the Eastcoast Greenway Trail were being forwarded to Francis Pileggi for review.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported although work continues on the bridge over S.R. 291, it is finally open to two-way traffic. The project is scheduled for full completion in June 2014. No timeframe has yet been determined for the bridge over S.R. 420. Railroad tracks on 4th Ave and Wanamaker are scheduled for replacement in the near future.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley read a letter from the Tinicum Township Historical Society regarding the use of Governor Printz Park for their annual Flea Market scheduled for Saturday, June 14th with a rain date of Saturday, June 21st.

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via voice vote to permit the use of Governor Printz Park for their annual Flea Market scheduled for Saturday, June 14th with a rain date of Saturday, June 21st.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Comment:

1. Mr John Detweiler, 211 LaGrange: Mr. Detweiler asked about the crosswalks between Lou Turks and the Wawa. The board responded that they are working on it. Mr. Detweiler asked if we could have no parking on the street on the days that the street sweeper is coming. The board responded that they wanted to do a trial run, but it did not happen. They will look into that in the future.
2. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave: Mr. Dobi stated that it was a good thing that the Memo of Understanding with Federal Express was not on the agenda. Mr. Dobi opined that certain steps should be taken prior to the Board going forward with a Memo of Understanding, vis-a-vie the proposed extension to the existing sound wall at the Federal Express site.

Mr. Dobi also brought up several issues at the Library that he asked the Board to look into, including the Library's heater, salaries, and budget.

Mr. Barr stated that the Township has in fact addressed several issues recently at the Library and that the Library budget was increased just this year.

3. Mr. Anthony Beaumont, 306 Seminole St: In reference to Mr. Beaumont's complaints about noise at the Fed Ex site, he read from some unidentified publication about 'noise issues and planning', the jest of which was to try to avoid noise issues rather than try to fix them later. Mr. Beaumont stated that in his opinion the LERTA granted to Castleway and Scannell did not meet the criteria necessary for granting a LERTA. Mr. Beaumont also asked about access by Scannell onto a resident's property to build the sound wall. Mr. Auslander stated that this was a possibility but it would only happen if absolutely necessary.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Pat McCarthy to adjourn the meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley
Township Secretary