

19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 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. Solicitor Sam Auslander was absent from this meeting. Solicitor Matthew Bilker of Eckell Sparks sat in for Mr. Auslander. Thomas J. Giancristoforo, President presiding:

Dennis Arthur, Vice President

C. Patrick Barr, Commissioner

Patrick McCarthy, Commissioner

Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner

Matthew Bilker, 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.

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### **Invocation**

Reverend Edward R. Oswald from St. John's Lutheran Church gave the Invocation

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**On A Motion** by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Pat Barr, the minutes of the November 2016 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the November 2016 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 2016. 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 Lisa Edmiston, the bill list will be paid for the month of December 2016 by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **Agenda Item Comments**

Mr. Dobi Zurdi, 200 Powhattan Avenue: Regarding Item # 14, Floodplain Permit Fee Schedule, Mr. Zurdi Dobi noted Mr. MacCombie provided an explanation of this item during the December 2016 Workshop Meeting. However, Mr. Dobi stated he believes the Resolution setting the rates ought to be advertised prior to adoption and asked the Board to table this item.

Regarding Item # 16, Committee Reports, Mr. Dobi asked Commissioner Barr to introduce a motion to waive the property taxes of the two families that were assisted with financial aid from the October Health Fair/Community Day. During his Board of Health Report, Mr. Barr replied that the assistance provided to the two families was a result of a volunteer effort by members of the community and organized for a specific purpose. Mr. Barr stated that it would not be appropriate to waive a homeowners taxes based on their financial situation as this would allow anyone else ask for the same relief.

Mr. Dobi also asked Commissioner Arthur to introduce a motion to repeal the Local Services Tax that was enacted by the Board.

**ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE**

**Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman**

**Reading of the Township of Tincum 2017 Budget**

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

Mr. Zurdi Dobi of 200 Powhattan Ave., objected to the Budget process, claiming (among other things) that the Board did not offer enough of an explanation on the budget items, a copy of the budget was not available, items were not included on the budget, etc., etc. Mr. Dobi also objected to employee increases that were scheduled in the budget.

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve and adopt the Township of Tincum 2017 Township Budget noting no change in the Township millage rate of 4.4 mils and to place the corresponding notice in the Delaware County Daily Times.

**Construction Release #2 FINAL Release 2015 Resurfacing Project**

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve Release #2, the final release, to Gessler Construction of Media PA for the Township's 2015 Road Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$20,004.45. Said release has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Township Engineer's office.

**Construction Release #2 FINAL Release 2016 Resurfacing Project**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve Release #2, the final release, to Gessler Construction of Media PA for the Township's 2016 Road Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$26,159.00. Said release has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Township Engineer's office.

**Construction Release #2 FINAL Release Public Works Garage Roof**

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve Release #2, the final release, to Premier Roofing of Lester, PA for the replacement of the roof on the Public Works Garage in the amount of \$6,988.89. Said release has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Township Engineer's office.

**Construction Release #2 for Repairs to the Seawall at Governor Printz Park**

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve Release #2, to Watts Restoration Inc., of Feasterville, PA for repairs made to the Seawall at Governor Printz Park in the amount of \$54,135.33. Said release has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Township Engineer's office.

**East Coast Greenway Trail – Construction Release #6**

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve Construction Release #6 to JMC Contracting for the work to date on the East Coast Greenway Trail in the amount of \$16,060.48. Release #6 has been reviewed and approved by the PennDOT approved Construction Inspection firm of Pennoni & Associates.

**Floodplain Permit Reviews Fee Schedule – Resolution 2016-10**

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to adopt Tinicum Township Resolution 2016-10 establishing fees for the review of floodplain permit applications. Said Resolution will establish initial Administrative Fees, as well as Professional Review and Inspection fees for all construction work within FEMA's identified floodplain zones.

**Code Enforcement Report – November 2016**

**November:** The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

**12** Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$1,500.00**

**24** Building Permits for a total of **\$42,864.00**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS**

**Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman**

**POLICE REPORT – November 2016**

Township Fines: **\$3,257.65**. Of that amount, a total of **\$265.00** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **557** incidents and made **35** criminal arrests.

**34** 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 – October 2016**

Building Fire – 7

AFA – 8

MVA – 7

Vehicle Fire – 2

Cover Assignment – 1

Wires - 1

**Total Incidents – 26**

**Average Turnout Per Incident – 8**

**Total time in service – 11:09:00 Overall avg. Time: 00:25:44**

**Fire Company Report – November 2016**

**Type of Alarm Report**

Building Fire – 1

AFA – 10

MVA – 12

Vehicle Fire – 3

Fuel Spill – 3

Marine Unit – 1

Ems Assist - 2

Wires - 1

**Total Incident Count – 34**

**Total Time of Calls By Incident**

**Total Time of all Calls: 15:05:00 Overall avg. Time: 00:26:37**

**Average Turnout Per Incident**

**Average Turnout: 7**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Chief Jonathan Buschmeier**

**T.T.F.C.**

**FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – November 2016**

The following report is submitted for your review:

6 Building plans reviews.

1 Fire alarm test and employee evacuation procedures drill.

1 Meeting involving the upcoming airport fire watch during the fire alarm system cut-overs.

1 Meeting with UPS on a fire alarm problem with their beam detectors in the Cartage Building. This is requiring a follow-up for a possible fire code variance.

1 Sign off on the final fire alarm inspection for a portion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of 300 Steven Drive.

Attended the 2016 Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Conference in Harrisburg.

Reviewed the proposed amendments for the 2018 edition of the International Building and Fire Codes and submitted my vote on the individual proposed amendments.

We still have smoke alarms available for the elderly or for anyone who can't afford one.

Raymond W. Lanabaugh, CFPS

Fire Marshal

**PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS**

**Lisa Edmiston, Chairman**

Public Works – November, 2016

**No Report this month.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent  
Highway Department

**SANITATION**  
**Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman**

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

**Monthly Report for November 2016**

Total: 23,356,000 gallons

Average: 779,000 gallons

Total Sludge: 1,976,433 gallons

Average cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 90,500 gals      % solids 2.60

**Sewer Complaint:**

11/2016    523 Saude, lot of roots

11/2016    Jet clean 500 block of Saude

11/2016    TV 600 ft of sewer from 2<sup>nd</sup> & Chippewa to middle manhole going East due to Aqua main break in front of 223

11/2016    TV 4<sup>th</sup> Powhattan to Massasoit Street

11/2016    TV 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> North side Powhattan Lester

**Equipment Repairs:**

11/2016    Chlorine equipment serviced

**Operation Problems:**

11/2016    Re-built Cominuter work ok

**Miscellaneous items:**

11/2016    Serviced all police vehicles that had to be serviced

11/2016    Service truck 5

11/2016    Smythe & Bernauer attended 3 training seminars

Robert J. Bernauer

**HEALTH AND RECREATION**

**Pat Barr, Chairman**

**Board of Health / Recreation - November, 2016**

Mr. Barr reported that hockey and basketball are preparing to get under way.

**Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire**

Mr. Auslander was absent from this meeting.

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

Mr. James MacCombie had no further report.

**Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber**

The Township Manager reported that the Township's 2016 General Obligation Bond of \$9,995,000 issue settled on December 8, 2016. A grant reimbursement for the 2015 Papal visit is available in the amount of approximately \$6,000. The Township is in receipt of the PennDOT highway occupancy permit for the proposed parking facility on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**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, thanked the Board for the job they do all year. Mr. Detwiler stated that Township police or other activity is published in the local paper.
2. Mr. Porter, asked if the Township has a draft of the community improvements Commissioner McCarthy has mentioned available.
3. Mr. Ed Rubillo of Wyandotte St., stated he appreciated the 2017 calendar the Township recently put out.
4. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, Stated that the Board does not understand the State Sunshine Law by calling him out of order during public comment. Mr. Dobi does not believe he was out of order and states he has the right to make his comments known. Mr. Dobi does not believe he is afforded the same opportunity to comment as others, citing a 50 minute presentation given by a local business person on a proposed new business in town. Mr. Dobi stated he believes he is being singled out stated he believes the Board does not treat him fairly.
5. Fire Marshal Ray Lanabaugh stated he has approximately 30 or so free smoke detectors available for the public.

## **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

