

17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 @ 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. Thomas J. Giancristoforo, President and Commissioner Patrick McCarthy were absent from the February 2015 Commissioner's meeting. Township Engineer James MacCombie was absent from this meeting. Representing the Township Engineer was Herbert MacCombie, III. Present:

Dennis Arthur, Vice President

C. Patrick Barr, Commissioner

Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner

Sam Auslander, Esq.

Herbert MacCombie, P.E.

David Schreiber, Manager

Elaine M. Brolley, Secretary

Vice President Arthur called the meeting to order, all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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### **Invocation**

Reverend Hank White from St. John's Episcopal Church gave the Invocation

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**On A Motion** by Patrick Barr, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the January 2015 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote. In addition the November 2014 minutes contained a typographical error that was amended.

Vice President Arthur reported that all members had received copies of the January 2015 Treasurer's and Secretary's report of Receipts. There being no questions:

**On A Motion** by Pat Barr, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

Vice President Arthur asked for a motion to pay bills for the month of February 2015. 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 Lisa Edmiston, seconded by Pat Barr, the bill list will be paid for the month of February 2015 by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **Agenda Item Comments**

Regarding Item #07, Extension of Time for Special Use Hearing for Runway 27L Extension, Mr. Zurdi Dobi asked if the applicant or the Township was requesting this extension. The Board replied that both parties agreed to extend the hearing.

Mr. Dobi asked Mr. Auslander to address the decision of Judge Pollack in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court regarding case number 09-02872 as Mr. Dobi assumed that since Judge Pollack rendered a decision, the case was decided. Mr. Auslander responded that although the judge did render a decision, both parties appealed the decision, and therefore a case is still pending before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mr. Dobi asked the Township Engineer to address what Mr. Dobi referred to as 'extended expenses' at the Lazaretto Building.

No other Agenda Item Comments were provided by the public.

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

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

### **Extension of time for Special Use Hearing for Runway 27L Extension**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via a roll call vote to extend the timeframe to conduct a Special Use Hearing for the extension of Runway 27L, at the Philadelphia International Airport approximately 1500 feet until March 16, 2015.

**Limited Archaeology Dig at Lazaretto**

Before voting on this issue, Mr. MacCombie discussed how prior to building the Township Fire Station, an examination of the property was made with respect to any deceased remains on the property. This was a requirement by the DEP prior to constructing the building. Mr. MacCombie stated that prior to renovating the Lazaretto Building a similar examination of the property would be required for archaeological purposes. Since a University has offered their services to conduct such an examination the Township would not incur the expense of conducting it themselves.

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to permit Dr. David Barnes of the University of Pennsylvania and Dr. Richard Veit of Monmouth University to conduct a limited archaeological dig on the front, or river side, of the Lazaretto Building at the suspected site of the privy pits.

**Release #3 to Carr and Duff for Improvements at Intersection of Route 420 and 291**

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve Release #3 to Carr and Duff Construction for the traffic enhancement improvements to the intersection of Routes 420 and 291 in the amount of \$20,079.49. This release has been reviewed and recommended by the Township Engineer's office. Said improvements resulting from the Township's Automated Red Light Enhancement Grant.

**Appointment of Crossing Guard Diana Arthur**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted via roll call vote to approve the appointment of Diana Arthur as an alternate Crossing Guard on as needed basis at a rate of \$12.50 per hour. Commissioner Dennis Arthur abstained from voting on this item, citing his relationship as the parent of the applicant.

**Appointment of Crossing Guard Kealana Meindl**

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the appointment of Kealana Meindl as an alternate Crossing Guard on as needed basis at a rate of \$12.50 per hour.

**Code Enforcement Report – January 2015**

**January:** The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

**15** Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$2,375.00**

**07** Building Permits for a total of **\$3,828.00**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS**

**Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman**

**Mr. Schreiber read report**

**POLICE REPORT – January 2015**

Township Fines: **\$4,623.31**. Of that amount, a total of **\$180.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **775** incidents and made **43** criminal arrests.

**43** of those criminal arrests were adults

**0** of those criminal arrests was 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 2015**

**No Fire Company Report This Month**

**Total Incidents –**

**Total number of responding personnel –**

**Total time in service –**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Chief Jonathan Buschmeier**

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

**FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – January, 2015**

- 10 Building Permit Reviewed – Reports Submitted**
- 19 Certificates of Occupancy Inspections**
- 1 Violation Notices Issued**
- 05 Citations Issued for Property Maintenance & Certificate of Occupancy Violations**
- 09 Building and/or Property Inspections**
- 04 Written Response Letters to Building Permits**
- 02 Fire Alarm Acceptance Test**
- 01 Sprinkler Acceptance Test – Cargo City**
- 01 Court Hearing**
- 01 Annual Smoke Detector Inspection – Holiday Inn Express**

**William J. Adams Jr.**

**Fire Marshal**

**Assistant Code Enforcement**

**PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS**

**Lisa Edmiston, Chairman**

Public Works – January, 2015

**January 2015**

Removed the fence at FedEx  
Cleaned all drains & rail road ditches  
Fixed storm drain at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Bartram Ave.

**Trash removal for the month of January 2015:**

Regular trash – 146.97 tons  
Heavy trash – 5.42 tons  
Recyclables – 18.88 tons  
White goods – 3 pieces  
Cold Patch – 1.5 tons  
Rock Salt – 190.72 tons

Respectfully Submitted,  
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent  
Highway Department

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

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

**Monthly Report for January 2015**

Total: 36,329,000 gallons

Average: 1,172,000 gallons

Total Sludge: 223,161 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 114,436 cu ft

Average 3,691 cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 41,000 gals      % solids 3.09

**Sewer Complaint: None**

**Equipment Repairs:**

01/7/2015      Installed new motor secondary reticulation pump

1/14/2015      Repaired utility water main break, Buck Frank Inc. did work

01/19/2015      New lock assembly installed on chlorine building

01/22/2014      New final sampler installed by WG Malden Inc.

**Operation problems:**

01/2015      Working on fecal and chlorine problems

**Miscellaneous items:**

01/2015      Service all police vehicles that need service

**Robert J. Bernauer**

## **HEATH AND RECREATION**

### **Pat Barr, Chairman**

#### **Board of Health / Recreation - January, 2015**

Mr. Barr reported that the Board of Health's annual Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, April 11 at Town Hall. Residents are encouraged to bring their pets for rabies and distemper vaccines. Mr. Barr also reported that two applications for Health Officer have been received in light of Health Officer Boyle staying home with her newborn child.

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

Mr. Auslander reported that an addendum to the memorandum of understanding with Scannell Properties signed in December 2014 was executed in relation to the extension of the sound wall at the Federal Express facility.

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

Mr. Herbert MacCombie reported that the work on the new or second part of the Federal Express sound wall is ongoing, as approximately one-half of the footings have been completed. Mr. MacCombie anticipates a completion date in April 2015.

Mr. MacCombie also addressed a comment made by resident Mr. Kelly at the January meeting where Mr. Kelly opined that the Board had 'no vision' as to improvements within the Township. Mr. MacCombie cited several examples of improvement or economic development including improvements to the exteriors of several hotels in town, the Route 291 beautification project, and several local business establishments in town. Mr. MacCombie noted that there were a number of projects either started or completed in town that would dispute Mr. Kelly's opinion.

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

The Township Manager reported that the Township has received word from PennDOT that PennDOT has hired a traffic signal consultant to complete the design work for the school zone lights at the Tinicum School. PennDOT and the consultant will be scheduling a field review over the next week with the goal to have the design reviewed by PennDOT by the end of February.



### **Secretary's Correspondence**

Ms. Brolley read a letter from Natalie Tozer, from the Tincum School thanking the Board of Commissioners for the Christmas and Thanksgiving donations. She also thanked the Township's Public Works Department.

Ms. Brolley read a letter from Tincum Township Swim/Dive Team requesting the use of the Town Hall Community Room for Team Sign-ups on May 16<sup>th</sup> and Team Banquet on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ON A Motion** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston the Board voted unanimously to approve the use of the Town Hall Community Room on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> for Swim Team Sign-ups, and Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> and Saturday August the 1<sup>st</sup> for the Swim Team Banquet.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston to adjourn the business portion of this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

#### **Public Comment:**

1. Mr. Edward Hale of 512 Saude Ave asked the Board if the Township has recently changed the contracting company that performs emergency 'board-up' services. The Board responded that the Fire Company recently contractors for said services. Mr. Hale stated he has a comparison of the old and new company that he would like to present. The Board replied that it would pass his information on to the Fire Company.
2. Mr. Zurdi Dobi of 200 Powhattan Ave., asked if the Board was able to determine why his recyclable's were not picked up last month. The Board responded that the two large plastic barrels that Mr. Dobi placed outside were thought to be his trash cans, therefore they were not discarded. Mr. Dobi asked if the LERTA approved by the Board for the Federal Express

- property owned by Castleway in the Tinicum Industrial Park has been implemented. The Board responded that it would follow up with the County.
3. Mr. Art Perdun of 407 S. Gov. Printz Blvd., referenced the recent railroad accident in Virginia in relation to the crude oil trains that travel to Eddystone. Mr. Perdun also asked the Code Enforcement Office to check on the PDX vehicles tracking mud and debris onto township streets.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. McCarthy to adjourn the meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

