

21<sup>st</sup> September 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 with Thomas J. Giancristoforo, President presiding:

Dennis Arthur, Vice President

C. Patrick Barr, Commissioner

Patrick McCarthy, Commissioner

Lisa Edmiston, 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**

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

---

**On A Motion** by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Pat Barr, the minutes of the July 2015 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the July and August 2015 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 September 2015. The bill list for September 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 September 2015 by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **Agenda Item Comments**

Mr. Dobi Zurdi, 200 Powhattan Avenue: Regarding Item # 7, Acquisition of 402 North Governor Printz Blvd, Mr. Dobi expressed his opposition to the Board's acquisition of this property – stating that the Township has not demonstrated a need for the property. Mr. Dobi referenced the Township's acquisition of the current Police Department building and stated that the Township is overpaying for property.

Mr. Dobi also asked if the Township has received its payment from the settlement agreement with the City of Philadelphia. The Board responded it had.

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

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

### **Acquisition of 402 North Governor Printz Blvd.**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to acquire the property known as 402 North Governor Printz Blvd (at the corner of North Gov Printz and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave) at a price not to exceed \$35,000 - said property having recently been appraised at \$60,000.

### **Declaration of Emergency Disaster**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to recognize a state of emergency/disaster and the National Special Security Event impacting Tinicum Township and the Philadelphia Metropolitan areas on or about the time frame of September 25 through September 27. This declaration will direct the Tinicum Township Emergency Management Coordinator to manage the activities of the emergency first responders to take any action deemed reasonably necessary to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of Tinicum Township and its residents.

### **Adoption of Ordinance 2015-872 Amending the Tinicum Township police Pension Plan**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt Tinicum Township Ordinance 2015-872 amending the Police Pension Plan to provide for the purchase on non-intervening Military Service Time. Said ordinance will align the Township's current FOP Collective Bargaining Agreement with the existing Police Pension Plan Ordinance allowing an officer to buy back up to 5 years of military service time.

### **2016 Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation**

President Giancristoforo asked the Secretary to please read the Financial Requirement of the Township's Minimum Municipal Obligation to the Township's pension Plan as prepared by Thomas J. Anderson & Associates

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to accept the Township's Minimum Municipal Obligations to the Township Pension Plans.

### **General Obligation Notes series 2015**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to advertise an Ordinance to Authorize the Incurrence of Non-Electoral Debt by the issuance of General Obligation Notes 2015 Series in the aggregate principal amount of \$6,000,000.00. The 2015 Notes Series will fund certain capital projects consisting of the restoration of the Lazaretto Building as the Municipal Administration Building and authorize the delivery and execution of all necessary documents related thereto.

**Appointment of Alternate Fire Marshal**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to appoint Mr. Raymond Lonabaugh of 214 Riverview Avenue, Ridley Park as Alternate Fire Marshal for the purpose of fulfilling the duties of the office of the Fire Marshall in the absence of the regularly appointed Fire Marshall.

**A Taste of Key West, LLC Inter-Municipal Transfer of Liquor License**

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Arthur the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to advertise a Public Hearing on Monday, October 19, 2015, to consider the Petition of A Taste of Key West, LLC for Approval of an Inter-Municipal Transfer of a Liquor License into Tinicum Township.

**Code Enforcement Report – July & August 2015**

**July:** The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

**14** Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$1,625.00**

**34** Building Permits for a total of **\$10,357.00**

**August:** The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

**14** Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$2,250.00**

**10** Building Permits for a total of **\$17,746.00**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS**

**Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman**

**POLICE REPORT – July 2015**

Township Fines: **\$8,662.27**. Of that amount, a total of **\$450.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **606** incidents and made **29** criminal arrests.

**28** of those criminal arrests were adults

**1** of those criminal arrests was juveniles.

**1** of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

**0** animals were taken into custody

**POLICE REPORT – August 2015**

Township Fines: **\$4,697.80**. Of that amount, a total of **\$165.00** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **601** incidents and made **26** criminal arrests.

**26** 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 – June 2015**

Assist – 1

Building Fire – 2

Drill – 1

Automatic Fire Alarm – 12

Co Incidents – 2

Dumpster - 1

MVA – 8

Stand by – 1

Industrial Rescue - 1

Vehicle Fire – 3

Fire Police Assist – 2

Cover Assignment - 1

Marine Unit – 2

EMS Assist – 2

Wires - 5

**Total Incidents – 45**

**Average Turnout Per Incident – 7**

**Total time in service – 29:39:00 Overall avg. Time: 00:39:32**

**FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:**

**Fire Company Report – July 2015**

Assist – 2

Building Fire – 4

Special Assignment – 1

Natural Gas Leak - 1

Drill – 3

Automatic Fire Alarm – 7

Assist PD - 1

MVA – 6

Other – 1

Elevator Rescue - 1

Vehicle Fire – 4

Fire Police Assist – 1

Cover Assignment - 2

Marine Unit – 3

Brush – 1

Investigation - 1

**Total Incidents – 36**

**Average Turnout Per Incident – 7**

**Total time in service – 37:27:00 Overall avg. Time: 01:02:25**

**FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:**

**Fire Company Report – August 2015**

Assist – 1

Building Fire – 3

Drill – 2

Automatic Fire Alarm – 9

MVA – 9

Other – 1

Fuel Spill - 2

Vehicle Fire – 1

Marine Unit – 3

Brush – 1

**Total Incidents – 32**

**Average Turnout Per Incident – 7**

**Total time in service – 15:27:00 Overall avg. Time: 00:28:58**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Chief Jonathan Buschmeier**

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



## **FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – June, July and August 2015**

Mr. McCarthy stated there are no reports due to Mr. Adams having fallen ill.

**William J. Adams Jr.**

**Fire Marshal**

**Assistant Code Enforcement**

### **PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS**

**Lisa Edmiston, Chairman**

Public Works – July & August, 2015

#### **July & August 2015**

- Log splitter is in
- Bucket truck is now in service
- Weed killing is ongoing
- Mosquito spraying is ongoing
- Lines have been painted
- Streets have been swept 3 times
- Railroad ditches have been cleaned & weed whacked

#### **Trash removal for the month of July 2015:**

Regular trash – 203.18 tons

Heavy trash – 8.19 tons

Recyclables – 26.19 tons

White goods – 3 pieces

#### **Trash removal for the month of August 2015:**

Regular trash – 178.83 tons

Heavy trash – 8.74 tons

Recyclables – 18.30 tons

White goods – 6 pieces

Respectfully Submitted,  
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent  
Highway Department

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

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

**Monthly Report for July 2015**

Total: 30,374,258 gallons

Average: 977,000 gallons

Total Sludge: 224,300 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 162,200 cubic feet

Average cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 26,800 gals      % solids 3.30

**Sewer Complaint:**

07/2015    239 Seneca Street South side, sewer clogged with roots, rod same and has Precision Sewer jet clean line from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**Equipment Repairs:**

07/2015    Started to paint equipment

**Operation Problems:**

07/2015    Found both piston pumps not pumping due to all shear pins were sheared. Employees not paying attention to equipment, leaving it for the next person. Commissioners notified of the problem.

**Miscellaneous items:**

07/2015    Serviced all police vehicles that had to be serviced

07/2015    Had to dispose of data and files, due to getting wet from roof leaking and turning mildew.

## **Monthly Report for August 2015**

Total : 21,702,422 million gallons

Average: .701 GPD

Total Sludge: 231,120 thousand gallons

Total Methane Gas: 153,340 thousand cubic feet

Sludge Hauled: 44,028 thousand gals 2.87% solids

### **Sewer Complaint:**

08/2015 Rod sewer from 291 to railroad on Wanamaker

08/2015 Pipe Data televised sewers, 4<sup>th</sup> Massasoit to 4<sup>th</sup> & Powhattan

08/2015 Dukes Root Control did about 2600 ft of various sewers

### **Equipment Repairs:**

08/2015 Premier Roofing started to install new roof at plant

08/2015 Replaced drain line in floor at chlorine building

08/2015 Clinger Corp. replaced main breaker for pump No. 2

08/2015 Called for service on chlorine system not working properly

08/2015 Took No. 2 sludge piston pump to L.J. Stephens for rebuilding

### **Operation Problems:**

### **Miscellaneous Items:**

08/2015 Service all police vehicles that had to be serviced

08/2015 AED installed in hallway and all trained on use

Robert J. Bernauer

## HEALTH AND RECREATION

### Pat Barr, Chairman

#### **Board of Health / Recreation - July & August, 2015**

Mr. Barr reported that soccer season is under way and thanked all of the coaches and other volunteers that make the season possible. Mr. Barr also thanked all of the many volunteers and Board members for a successful Farmers Market that wrapped up in September – noting that Governor Printz Park was a great location.

Mr. Barr noted the Township's Health Fair on Saturday, October 10 that will also be held at Governor Printz Park.

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

Mr. Auslander reported that several delinquent sewer bills have been satisfied since filing liens on delinquent properties this past June. Over \$10,000 has been collected since then.

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

Mr. James MacCombie reported that his office is reviewing the preliminary Quiet Zone Report and will issue a letter with his comments within the next week. The Township's street resurfacing project for 2015 is completed. No payment release has been reviewed at this time.

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

The Township Manager reported that the Board met in Executive Session after the Workshop Meeting to review various personnel decisions, discuss potential Railroad litigation, and Collective Bargaining Issues that will be of some importance later this year.

The Township Manager reported that representatives from APPRISE will be at Town Hall on Thursday, October 15 to discuss Medicare issues with residents eligible for Medicare.

#### **Secretary's Correspondence**

Ms. Brolley read a letter from Jean Goerlach regarding two separate scrapbooking events.

**ON A MOTION** by Mrs. Edmiston, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board voted unanimously to approve the use of the Tincum Township Community Room on Saturday, January 16, 2016 and Saturday, March 19, 2016 for their annual scrapbooking fundraiser. Both events are from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

## **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, asked if the Township will be doing Flu Vaccines this year. The Board responded that it is attempting to secure Flu Vaccines during the Oct 10 Health Fair. Mr. Detwiler asked if the Liquid Propane facility at the Clarion Hotel is supposed to be fenced in. The Board responded that the permanent facility is to be fenced. Mr. Detwiler also asked if there was any progress on the East Coast Greenway Trail. The Board replied that this project will be going out to bid this winter.
2. Mr. Charles Monteith, 546 Jansen Ave., thanked the Board for getting the School Zone lights installed.
3. Ms. Marion Matuliwicz, 200 Powhattan Ave., spoke about the broken drain pipe at her neighbor's house. The Board responded that the Building Inspector was aware of the issue and will review it.
4. Mr. Art Perdun asked the Board to post "No Littering" signs along Gov Printz Blvd. Mr. Perdun objected to the way the motion to acquire 402 North Governor Printz was worded. In Mr. Perdun's opinion, the motion should be to acquire the property on behalf of the residents of Tincum Township.

5. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, objected to the manner in which the \$1.8 million settlement payment from the airport was to be divided between the School District, County, and the Township. In Mr. Dobi's opinion, the payment should be divided according to the ratio of property taxes imposed by the three entities. Mr. Dobi referenced "stealing from the children" several times.

Mr. Dobi also again objected to the Board's acquisition of 402 North Governor Printz Blvd., claiming the Board has no reason to acquire it while referencing the Board's acquisition of the former Eline Property at 347 North Governor Printz Blvd. Mr. Dobi made a comment that implied the Board somehow compelled the Eline property owners to sell the property to the Township. In fact, Mrs. Eline graciously offered to donate the property to the Township.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

