

17<sup>th</sup> July 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 with Thomas J. Giancristoforo, President presiding. James MacCombie was absent from this meeting. Dennis O'Neil was present to represent the Engineer's office:

Thomas Giancristoforo, President

Dennis Arthur, Vice President

Patrick McCarthy, Commissioner

C. Patrick Barr, Commissioner

Lisa Edmiston, 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.

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### **Invocation**

There was no invocation.

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**On A Motion** by Dennis Arthur, seconded by Pat Barr, the minutes of the June 2017 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

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

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **Agenda Item Comments**

Regarding Item # 7, Express Park Special Use Hearing, Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan, Ave., asked Mr. Auslander for an explanation on this subject. Regarding Item #9, Bids for Proposed Veterans Memorial, Mr. Dobi asked the Board to conduct a study as to the long term costs of the project and stated that the proposed location of 4th Avenue and North Governor Printz is an inappropriate location.

Regarding Item #11, Resolution to transfer certain funds from the Township Capital Reserve account to the Lazaretto Grant account, Mr. Dobi asked the Board for an explanation of the nature of the Resolution. Regarding Item #14, Release of McShane Construction Bond, Mr. Dobi asked if the "issue" before the Board has been resolved.

Referring to various letters regarding an ethics inquiry from 2009, Mr. Dobi asked the Township Solicitor to provide an opinion on ethics questions posed by Mr. Dobi.

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

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

**Express Park Special Use Hearing**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the application of Express Park, Inc. to expand the applicant's existing airport parking facility onto adjacent property within the I-95 Right of Way within the Special Use District of the Township. Said authorization is subject to the Conditions contained in the Written Decision of the Tinicum Township Board of Commissioners dated Monday, July 17, 2017.

**Aircraft Service International Group (ASIG) Special Use Hearing**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the application of ASIG expanding the current 6.43 acre fuel farm at the Philadelphia International Airport to 9.76 acres, while adding 4 new fuel tanks together with associated mechanical and electrical equipment within the Special Use District of the Township. Said authorization is subject to the Conditions contained in the Written Decision of the Tinicum Township Board of Commissioners dated Monday, July 17, 2017.

**Bids for Proposed Veterans Memorial at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and North Gov Printz Blvd.**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to extend until September 30, 2017 the two bids received for the proposed Veterans Memorial park due to the costs noted in the bid packages.

**Release # 4 to Wu and Associates for Work Completed on the Restoration of the Lazaretto Building**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the vote was 3-2 in favor of passing the motion to approve Release #4 in the amount of \$190,247.50 to Wu & Associates for the work to date on the Restoration of the Lazaretto Building. Said release has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Project Architect and Township Engineer. Commissioner McCarthy, Aye. Commissioner Edmiston, Aye. Commissioner Barr, Aye. Commissioner Arthur, Nay. Commissioner Giancristoforo, Nay.

**Tinicum Township Resolution 2017-04**

Prior to voting on this item, the Township Manager commented that the Commonwealth recently reviewed the status of the state grant provided to the Township for the renovation of the Lazaretto Building. After the state's review, the reviewer recommended that the Township pass a resolution officially dedicating certain funds to the Lazaretto Project and to place the dedicated funds into the Lazaretto Grant account for monitoring purposes.

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to adopt Township Resolution 2017-04 resolving the following:

That \$283,682 currently on deposit at County Savings in the account named Lazaretto Grant is hereby dedicated as Matching Funds for Grant Number ME 300-311 for the Renovation of the Historic Lazaretto

That \$7,522,000 currently on deposit at M&T Bank representing funds derived from the Township's General Obligation Bonds of 2016 is hereby dedicated as funding for the Renovation of the Historic Lazaretto

Authorizing the Township Treasurer to transfer Township Funds in the amount of \$1,273,111 on deposit at County Savings in the account named Capital Reserve to County Savings account Lazaretto Grant and is thereafter dedicated as funding for the Renovation of the Historic Lazaretto.

**Extension of Time for Land Development Application of Keystone Properties**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve an extension of time by which the Board would need to vote on the Land Development Application of Keystone Properties until September 30, 2017. This application involves the construction of Keystone Properties' 4<sup>th</sup> office building, parking deck, and associated amenities.

**Access Agreement with City of Philadelphia**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to enter into an access agreement with the Philadelphia Division of Aviation to allow entry into certain areas of Township Property for the purpose of trimming trees. Said access is located just west of the end of Runway 9R of the airport and includes 6 different trees that may pose an obstruction to approaching aircraft as noted by the Federal Aviation Administration.

**McShane Construction Bond Release**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to release the Phase 1 and Phase 2 performance surety bonds for the Federal Express Distribution Center project in the amounts of \$288,328.60 and \$509,191.78 respectively.

**Hiring of two Part Time Police Officers**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the hiring of two Part Time Police Officers contingent upon the passing of the required officer medical and psychological examinations. Said Part Time Officers will have a tentative start date of September 18 at rate of \$18.00 per hour.

**Code Enforcement Report – June 2017**

**June:** The Code Enforcement Officer Received:

**36** Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$5,275.00**

**34** Building Permits for a total of **\$119,785.00**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS**

**Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman**

**POLICE REPORT – June 2017**

Township Fines: **\$8,227.87**. Of that amount, a total of **\$310.00** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **577** incidents and made **67** criminal arrests.

**47** of those criminal arrests were adults

**20** of those criminal arrests were juveniles.

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

**0** animals were taken into custody

**FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:**

**Fire Company Report – June 2017**

No Report This Month

**FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – June 2017**

**Mr. McCarthy:**

**The following report is submitted for your review:**

**14 Building Fire Protection System Plan Reviews:**

**9 Fire Sprinkler Plan Reviews**

**3 Fire Alarm Plan Reviews**

**1 Commercial Kitchen Hood Fire Suppression System Plan Review**

**1 Restaurant Kitchen Hood Plan Review**

**2 Fire Alarm Acceptance Tests**

**1 Fire Alarm acceptance test with elevator recall**

**1 Follow up fire inspection**

**1 Meeting, Delaware County Board of Fire and Life Safety (Board Member)**

**Raymond W. Lonabaugh, CFPS**

**Fire Marshal**

**Mr. McCarthy thanked Ray for doing such a good job, and for becoming a Board Member of the Delaware County Board of Fire and Life Safety.**

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

**Lisa Edmiston, Chairman**

### **Public Works – June, 2017**

#### **Trash removal for the month of June 2017:**

1. Storm of 6-19-2017
  - Cleaned storm drains & ditches
  - Opened tide gate
  
2. Storm of 6-23 & 24, 2017
  - Cleaned drains
  - Opened tide gate
  - Removed 1 downed tree in parking are of Gov. Landing
  - Removed 1 downed tree in Gov. Printz Park
  - Removed 1 large tree limb on 2<sup>nd</sup> St in Lester
  
3. Cleaned parks & ball field for 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  
4. Trimmed trees in Gov. Printz Park for the fireworks
  
5. Trash Removal for the month of June 2017
  - Regular trash – 184.13 tons
  - Heavy trash – 12.36 tons
  - Recyclables – 19.40 tons
  - Whites – 7 pcs.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent  
Highway Department

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

**Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Mr. Arthur reported that there is no report this month due to Mr. Bernauer is recovering from surgery.

**HEALTH AND RECREATION**

**Pat Barr, Chairman**

**Board of Health / Recreation - June, 2017**

Mr. Barr reported that the Township had its fireworks display on June 24 and its July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration at Westinghouse Grove Park. Mr. Barr thanked the many participants and volunteers for their assistance in making the two events a success.

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

Regarding Mr. Dobi's questions about ethics, Mr. Auslander responded that in obtaining a written opinion from the State Ethics Board and despite Mr. Dobi's inquiries, no ethics violations have occurred.

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

Mr. O'Neil stated that his office will have a bid package for sewer repairs ready for the Board's consideration during the September Commissioner's meeting.

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

The Township Manager reported that Aqua's work on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue is complete and that the Township's street resurfacing project for 2017 will begin in the next few weeks. PennDOT's official response to the Township's request for a traffic light review at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and North Governor Printz Blvd will be provided in the near future.

**Secretary's Correspondence**

Ms. Brolley reported there was no report.



**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. Art Perdun, 247 S Gov Printz Blvd., expressed his displeasure with the way the Township Library is run, stating they do not offer sufficient programs for adults, claiming the library is inadequately managed and funded and stated that there are violations of the “Hatch Act” going on in the library.
2. Ms. Beverly Simpkins, Delaware St., provided several examples of the programs that the library is running, and as the Chair of the voluntary Library Board, expressed her Board’s confidence in the job the Head Librarian is doing.
3. Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave., stated that the Township and Mr. Auslander has not adequately answered his concerns about ethics issues and asked Mr. Auslander for an opinion on whether or not the Township Secretary and Board President can claim spousal immunity regarding each other. Mr. Auslander responded that Mr. Dobi is free to retain an attorney for any ethics questions or concerns he may have.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary