

19th May, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Tinicum 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. Lisa Edmiston was absent from this meeting. Present:

Dennis R. Arthur, Vice-President

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

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

On A Motion by Dennis Arthur, second by Pat Barr, the minutes of the Commissioners' Monthly Meeting were 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 Pat McCarthy, 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 May 2014. There being no questions:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

- Regarding Item #11, Memorandum of Understanding with Scannell Properties, LLC., Mr. Zurdi Dobi stated that the Board should either table or vote “no” on this item. The Board responded that it was their intention to table this item for the May meeting. Mr. Dobi asked that Mr. Auslander provide a description of the pending 3rd Circuit Court Case between the Township and the City of Philadelphia. Mr. Dobi also asked Mr. MacCombie to provide an update on the FEMA flood insurance rate maps that may be changing.

Regarding Item #14, other Business, Mr. Dobi stated that in March he made mention of some roof and cement work at Commissioner Arthur’s home and that his comments were not properly reflected in the minutes. The Board responded that the minutes are not a transcript of the meeting and that the minutes will remain as they are.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

Construction Release # 1 Police Station Sallie Port Addition

Before voting on this item, Mr. MacCombie commented that they signed off on the release of \$32,175, and the same for release # 2.

ON A MOTION by Patrick McCarthy, seconded by Patrick Barr the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to authorize the Township to approve the release of Payment Application # 1 in the amount of \$35,750 to The Fayette Group, Inc. for the construction of the police Sallie port. The \$35,750 request represents 22% of the overall project cost of \$162,300. The actual amount to be paid is \$32,175 with \$3,575 being held for retainage.

Construction Release # 2 Police Station Sallie Port Addition

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to authorize the Township to approve the release of Payment Application # 2 in the amount of \$24,300 to The Fayette Group, Inc. for the construction of the police sallie port. Release #2 represents overall payment of approximately 34.8% of the total project cost of \$162,300.

Hire Summer Employees

Prior to voting on this item, Mr. Schreiber commented that the Township provides summer employment to some youth from the town.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to authorize the Board of Commissioners to hire the following four (4) Summer Employees, three of which will be hired for the Public Works Dept and one for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, at a rate of \$8.75 per hour for approximately 12 weeks.

Joseph Bucci – 302 Chippewa St.

Matthew Brady – 438 Iroquois St.

Sean King – 127 Putcan Ave.

Justin Bernauer – 317 Powhattan Ave.

Adoption of Resolution 2014-01 Request from Hanna Maier, Prospect Park

Prior to voting, Mr. Schreiber explained that it is regarding establishing an anti-bullying community.

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Arthur the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve the request of Hanna Maier of Prospect Park, Interboro School District for Tinicum Township to pass resolution to become a bully-free community.

Memo of Understanding

Prior to voting, the Board agreed to table this issue.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Barr the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to table the motion to permit the President of the Board of Commissioners to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with Scannell Properties 138, LLC for the construction of an extension to the existing sound wall at the Fed Ex facility located at the Airport Business Complex contingent upon receipt of a fully executed Agreement by the Developer, Scannell Properties 138, LLC.

Code Enforcement Report – April 2014

The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

25 Certificates of occupancies for a total of **\$3,450.00**

23 Building Permits for a total of **\$23,275.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – April 2014

Township Fines: **\$7508.00**. Of that amount, a total of **\$540.00** were Parking Tickets

The department handled **725** incidents and made **31** criminal arrests

31 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 – April, 2014

There was no fire company report this month.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – April, 2014

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

Residential Inspection at request of Delaware County Children Youth Services

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

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 street sweeping truck has been delivered

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 April 2014

Total: 39,693 gallons Average: 1,328,000 gallons

Total Sludge: 211,488 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 852,121 cu ft Average 2840 cu ft

Sludge Hauled: 26,500 gals

Sewer Complaints: None

Equipment Repairs:

4/2/14 Foxcroft Equipment installed new auto feed chlorine. Clinger replaced transformer and 60 amp breaker in chlorine building.

4/20/14 Mufflers & tanks painted on generators at Lester and plant.

Operation:

4/30/14 5 inches rain, bypassed pump from primary to secondary tanks.

29% over the capacity of plant

Miscellaneous items:

4/2/14 Plumbing inspection, 220 Carre, new lateral installed

4/14/13 Truck 5 to Murphy Ford for inspection

4/23/14 Bernauer attended seminar to re-certify for drug/alcohol testing

4/2014 Serviced police vehicles

4/2014 Installed blow off on hot water heater in little League building

4/2014 Penn Power serviced all generator owned by Tinicum

Robert J. Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation – April, 2014

Mr. Barr commented about the new potted plants that were placed along Governor Printz Blvd., and thanked Mr. Paul Campbell for his donations to the highway project. Mr. Barr also stated that the 2014 Farmers Market will begin on June 18th and be held every Wednesday this year, instead of every other.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported that the land development documents for the Baywood Hotel Project are being finalized. Mr. Auslander also reported that he has received the first draft of the Runway Safety Area revised lease. In response to Mr. Dobi's request, Mr. Auslander provided a brief explanation of the case the Township has pending in the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Auslander stated that the decision rendered by Judge Pollack in the 3rd Circuit Court regarding the ability of one municipality to purchase property in another municipality for airport operations was appealed by both the Township and the City of Philadelphia and that the case had gone to Federal Mediation pending further discussions among the parties.

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

Mr. MacCombie reported that he received plans on this day to address the flood plain issues that must be resolved for the property at 2 Bartram Avenue. Mr. MacCombie also reported he has received a video of the sewer line for this same address. Mr. MacCombie stated he would provide comments by next month's meeting.

Mr. MacCombie will also offer comments on Messina Electric's request to waive land development requirements for Messina's property at 431/433 Governor Printz Blvd. Regarding FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Mr. MacCombie provided a brief explanation of the issues presented over the past several years. Namely, that FEMA has changed their regulations and calculations for federal flood plain areas and that as a result, the Township has had to adopt a new flood plain ordinance several times over the same period. New flood plain maps have now been issued by FEMA that will again require the Township to adopt a new flood plain ordinance by sometime in 2015. On May 13, 2014 the 30 day public comment period for this process began, and Mr. MacCombie did say that his office would have some comments.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

Mr. Schreiber reported that the Township has acquired a new street sweeper via MS4 fund contributions. This sweeper will not be shared with another municipality as the past practice.

Secretary's Correspondence

Mr. Schreiber spoke regarding All State Career School having posted signs on Saturday, May 17, 2014 for their annual Career Fair and Open House. These signs were posted early in the morning and removed promptly after the Fair. He explained the event had already taken place.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Pat Quinn from the Tinicum School introduced himself and three children to read their winning essays from the Memorial Day Essay Contest. Mr. Quinn also introduced Mr. Malloy, a local Veteran to hear the essays.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Comment:

- Ms. Judy Gould, Ms. Cindy Lentz, and Ms. Marlene Miller complained to the Board about loose dogs running around in their neighborhood and their fear of someone being injured. The Board instructed the Police to speak with the dog owners and issue citations as needed.
- Mr. John Funderberg stated that the global GPS system has trucks turning down 3rd Avenue to get to the new Federal Express facility. The Board has instructed the police to issue citations as needed.
- Mr. Ed Rubillo of Wyandotte St., asked that Wyandotte Street be considered for the 2014 Street paving program. Mr. Rubillo also asked if it's possible to have a 'quiet' zone established for the trains passing through town and asked about gate crossings being installed at RR crossing.

- Mr. Art Perdun, 247 South Governor Printz, asked the Board if the 1929 law requiring one municipality to obtain permission from another municipality to acquire land for airport operations was good law. The Board responded that according to the 3rd Circuit Court, it is good law. Mr. Perdun also asked if the Township was notified of the trains coming through town. The Board responded 'yes'.
- Mr. Charles Monteith, 546 Jansen Avenue, complained about cars speeding down Jansen Ave. The Board responded that the police have been made aware of this issue. Mr. Monteith also stated that the police came to his house about his barking dog and would like a copy of the barking dog ordinance.
- Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Ave., stated that unless the sound wall being proposed by Scannell Properties is designed and reviewed by an acoustic engineer it should not be built. Mr. Dobi also read some sections of an article from the newspaper whereby it was the speaker's opinion that a disservice was done to residents in not allowing the City of Philadelphia to buy residential properties.
- Nick Saunders, 332 Seminole St., expressed concerns about water issues on his property as a result of the Federal Express facility. Mr. Saunders believes that the facility changed the flood elevations. Mr. MacCombie provided an explanation, stating that the facility did not cause a change in flood elevations and that in his opinion, there are less water runoff issues in the area now than previous to the construction of the facility.
- Carl DiFilippo, 238 Seminole St., stated that the end of his street was torn up by the back hoe that was working on Federal Express. The Board responded that the Township will take a look at the street.

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