

21st January, 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, President, presiding. Present:

Dennis R. Arthur, Vice-President
Lisa E. Edmiston, Commissioner
C. Patrick Barr, Commissioner
Patrick McCarthy, Commissioner
David D. Schreiber, Manager

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

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to tonight's inclement weather, the Special Public Hearing originally opened on November 18th, 2013 and scheduled for additional testimony tonight has been cancelled. The re-starting will now be scheduled for the February Commissioner's Meeting on February 10th, 2014.

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ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur, second by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the Commissioners Monthly Meeting was 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 Barr, 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 January, 2014. There being no questions;

ON A MOTION by Pat Barr, second by Lisa Edmiston, the bill list will be paid for the month of January by a unanimous voice vote.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE-Thomas J. Giancristoforo, Jr., Chairman

Award of Bids – Tincum Township – Sallie Port Addition - \$162,300.00

ON A MOTION by Pat Barr, second by Patrick McCarthy to award the bid for the Sallie Port Addition for the Tincum Township Police Station to The Fayette Group, Inc. from Norristown in the amount of \$162,300 by a unanimous roll call vote.

The bids were given to the engineer for review and advisement.

Adoption of Ordinance No 2013-867 – Excavation of Streets – Curb to Curb Paving

The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure that township streets are properly repaired after boring and excavations.

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston, second by Dennis Arthur to Adopt Ordinance 2014-867, Establishing regulations for said openings, cuts, borings and excavations in public streets of Tincum Township.

Access Agreement with City of Philadelphia for Tree Trimming

ON A MOTION by Patrick McCarthy, second by Dennis Arthur to authorize the Board of Commissioners to enter into an Access Agreement with the City of Philadelphia to trim various trees in and around various township properties by a unanimous roll call vote.

Said agreement is subject to the review and approval by the Township Solicitor

Attendance at Seminars and Conferences

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur, second by Patrick McCarthy to approve the attendance of appropriate Township Officials at various seminars and conferences during Calendar Year 2014 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Purchase of Advertisement in PSATC Yearbook

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur, second by Lisa Edmiston to approve the purchase of a Township Advertisement in the PSATC Yearbook for 2014 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Semi-Annual Payment to the Tincum Township Sewer Account - \$135,000

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur, second by Lisa Edmiston to approve the semi-annual payment to the Tincum Township Sewer Account in the amount of \$135,000.00 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Settlement Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police

ON A MOTION by Patrick McCarthy, second by Pat Barr to authorize the Board of Commissioners to enter into a Settlement Agreement and Release with the Fraternal Order of Police with regard to a recent police personnel disciplinary issue by a majority roll call vote. Mr. McCarthy, Aye; Mr. Barr, Aye; Mrs. Edmiston, Abstain; Mr. Arthur, Aye; Mr. Giancristoforo, Aye.

Mrs. Edmiston abstained because her husband is a police officer.

Resignation of James M. Fenn from the Civil Service Board

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur, second by Lisa Edmiston to accept the resignation of Mr. James Fenn from the Tincum Township Civil Service Board by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Fenn is resigning as a result of his election to Tax Collector of Tincum Township.

Appointment to the Civil Service Board

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur, second by Lisa Edmiston to appoint Thomas J. Giancristoforo, Jr. to the Civil Service Board, filling the term vacated by the resignation of Mr. James Fenn by a majority roll call vote.

Mr. Arthur, Aye; Mrs. Edmiston, Aye; Mr. McCarthy, Aye; Mr. Barr, Aye; Mr. Giancristoforo, Aye.

Mr. Giancristoforo abstained because he cannot vote for himself.

Crossing Guard Compensation

ON A MOTION by Patrick McCarthy, second by Lisa Edmiston to increase the compensation provided to School Cross Guards from \$11.50 to \$12.50 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Advertisement for Office Administrative Assistant

ON A MOTION by Patrick McCarthy, second by Pat Barr to advertise for an Office Administrative Assistant by a unanimous roll call vote.

Code Enforcement Report – December 2013

The Code Enforcement Officer issued:

12 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$2,000.00**

9 Building Permits for a total of **\$93,402.00**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS: Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman:

POLICE REPORT – December 2013

Township Fines: **\$6,380.46** Out of that amount **\$75.00** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **763** incidents and made **53** criminal arrests.

51 of those criminal arrests were adult

2 of those criminal arrests were juveniles. Out of those juveniles:

2 of the juveniles were referred to Criminal or Adult Court

2 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report - October, 2013

Total Incident Count:	37
Total Number of Responding Personnel	342
Average Turnout per Incident	12
Total Time of all Calls	25 hrs., 48 minutes
Overall Average Time	42 minutes

Fire Company Report - November 2013

Total Incident Count:	48
Total Number of Responding Personnel	408
Average Turnout per Incident	9
Total Time of all Calls	31 hrs., 46 minutes
Overall Average Time	39 mins., 43 seconds

Fire Company Report - December 2013

Total Incident Count:	37
Total Number of Responding Personnel	342
Average Turnout per Incident	10
Total Time of all Calls	40 hrs., 17 minutes
Overall Average Time	1 hr., 5 minutes

January 1st, 2013 through December 31st, 2013

Total Incident Count: 499
Total Time of all Calls: 424 hrs., 38 minutes, 4 seconds
Overall Average Time: 51 hrs., 4 seconds

Fire Marshal Report December 2013

- 7 Building Permit Reviews and Reports Submitted
- 4 Certificates of Occupancies Inspections and Reports Submitted
- 2 Building Inspections Completed
- 1 Fire Alarm Acceptance Test
- 1 Sprinkler System Acceptance Test - After Hours at Airport
- 1 Court Hearing
- 3 Violation Notices Issued Related To: Property Maintenance Code
- 1 Property Inspection
- 4 Asst Fire Department on Investigations & Alarm Systems Activations
- 1 Investigation Water Flow Alarm - FedEx - Broken Sprinkler Pipe by Employee.
- 2 Building Fire Investigations.
- 4 Meetings

William J. Adams Jr.
Fire Marshal
Assistant Code Enforcement

Public Works, Highways, and Railroads: Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

Highway Department Report for the month of November, 2013

- 1. Town Hall was decorated for the Holidays.
- 2. Two (2) trees were taken down in Westinghouse Grove.
- 3. Painting has been completed on the new Police Station.
- 4. Trash removal for the month of November 2013:
 - Regular trash 123.97 tons
 - Heavy trash 8.38 tons
 - White goods 4 pieces
 - Recyclables 19.44 tons
 - Leaves 41.71 tons

Highway Department Report for the month of December, 2013

- 1. Used approximately 180 tons of rock salt during snow storms.
- 2. Used approximately 2.5 tons of cold patch.

3. Minor repairs on snow plows were done in-house.
4. Salt spreader was damaged in traffic accident when truck was hit in the rear.
5. Trash removal for the month of December 2013:

Regular trash	174.46 tons
Heavy trash	6.4 tons
Recyclables	18.8 tons
White goods	2 pieces
Leaves	21.10 tons

Year End Report Totals for 2013

Trash removal totals for 2013:

Regular trash	2,046.70 tons
Heavy trash	89.91 tons
Recyclables	168.11 tons
Leaves	74.51 tons
White goods	31 pieces
Street sweepings	16.68 tons
Rock salt used	362.86 tons
Cold patch used	4 tons

Walter Lee, Superintendent
Highway Department

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Monthly Report for December 2013

Total flow:	32,367,000 gallons	Average:	1,044,000 GPD
Total Sludge:	2,302,377 gallons		
Methane Gas:	151,624 cu ft	Average	4891 cu ft / day
Sludge Hauled	49,300 gals	% solids	2.40

Sewer Complaint:

12/24/2013 Sewer complaint McDonalds, checked and found it to be their lateral running out at clean out. Tincum Twp sewer rod and found to be open

Equipment Repairs:

- 12/3/2013 Installed new heater element plant pumping station
- 12/5/2013 Installed new heater unit recirculation pumping station
- 12/13 Started painting inside of plant
- 12/27/2013 IC&E repaired flow meter in plant
- 12/31/2013 Service all lab equipment

Miscellaneous Items:

12/2013 Serviced all police cars
12/18/2013 Insurance Company visit today
12/20/2013 Sewer inspection 600 E 2nd Street, new lateral installed by pipe bursting

Robert J. Bernauer Sr.
Superintendent

HEALTH AND RECREATION – Pat Barr, Chairman

Recreation

Mr. Barr reported that equipment and uniforms for basketball and hockey have been ordered. He thanked the volunteers and coaches for their time and assistance.

Board of Health

Mr. Barr reported that the Board of Health is preparing for the Spring Board of Health Meetings on the second Wednesday of each month.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Sam S. Auslander, Esq.

Mr. Auslander was absent

ENGINEER’S REPORT – James W. MacCombie, P.E.

Mr. MacCombie was absent

MANAGER’S REPORT: DAVID D. SCHREIBER

The Township Manager reported that the Township has requested Conrail to repair the railroad crossing at 4th Avenue.

Mr. Schreiber also reported that the Township has contacted Excelon to set up a meeting with the Board and appropriate safety officials to ensure issues of safety concerns on the rails carry crude oil are addressed.

SECRETARY’S Correspondence

There is no correspondence for this month.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURN OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean L. McCoy
Township Secretary