

March 21, 2022 @ 6:30 P.M.

The Township Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on the above date and time at 97 Wanamaker Avenue, Essington, PA 19029 with Patrick K. McCarthy, President, presiding. Present:

Patrick K. McCarthy, President
Patrick Barr, Vice President
Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner
Roger Joseph, Commissioner
David D. Schreiber, Manager
Sam Auslander, Esq., Solicitor
Dennis O'Neill, Township Engineer
Absent – Dennis Arthur, Commissioner

President McCarthy called the meeting to order and all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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Board President Patrick McCarthy opened the meeting by announcing a special event before the Board of Commissioners – the promotion and swearing in of the Township's new Police Sergeant William Young. Mr. McCarthy introduced District Justice Jack Lippart and called the Judge, Bill and Bill's family up to the podium.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, wished Mr. Young well and safe in his new position.

Board President McCarthy then asked for the following motion:

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Corporal William Young to the rank of Sergeant within the Tincum Township Police Department subject to the receipt of satisfactory written reports of his physical and psychological examinations.

Judge Lippart then administered the oath for Sergeant Young to recite.

After the swearing in, a brief pause for photos and congratulations was taken before resuming the regular meeting schedule.

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the February 2022 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

Board President McCarthy 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 Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. McCarthy reported that the bill list for March 2022 will be distributed to all members at the end of the month. There being no questions;

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph, the bill list will be paid for the month of March 2022 by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, Lester, made the following comments:

Asked what the docket number was for Item #12, Tax Assessment Appeal of 218 N. Gov Printz Blvd. and the amounts settled. Asked for the results of the Parking Lot Audit and the status of the injunction filed against the County Health Department. Referred to some comments made by the Solicitor for County Council and the date of the letter sent to the Secretary of Health. Referred to the cost of litigation incurred by Mr. Auslander. Asked for an update on the recycling igloos currently at the Township Library.

Art Perdun, PO Box 414, referred to the last Zoning Hearing Board conducted in March and its contentious nature. Stated that there was confusion over sections of the code referring to set-backs and other requirements of the code.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND FINANCE – Patrick K. McCarthy Chairman

Industrial Chemical Supply Bid

Prior to voting on this issue, Mr. O'Neill stated that though there were 4 chemicals involved in the bidding, his office is recommending the award of bids for 3 chemicals. Mr. O'Neill does not recommend accepting the bid for the Chlorine gas as the bid was much higher than what the Township is currently paying for this product.

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to accept the bid of Univar Solutions USA, Inc. to supply the Tincum Township Waste Water Treatment Plant with the industrial chemicals necessary to process the plant's inflow and outflow water to meet DEP and other agency standards. Said chemicals would include Sodium Bisulfate at .39 cents per pound, Magnesium Hydroxide at .59 cents per pound, and Coagulant at .62 cents per pound.

Water Treatment Plant Annual Maintenance Agreement

Prior to voting on this issue, Mr. O'Neill provided a brief description, stating that the bid prices are "up-to" prices that provide a fixed cost for any emergency or other unforeseen issues that need to be addressed and avoid emergency pricing costs for the Township. Costs will only be incurred as they are used.

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to accept the bid of A.J. Jurich, Inc. to provide the Township with a two-year annual maintenance agreement for the Tincum Township Waste Water Treatment Plant. Said agreement will be for emergency and other services that would typically be completed by an industrial contractor on an as needed basis. Said services will be used and paid for only when needed and will not exceed \$225,370 in year one nor \$230,700 in year two.

Police Department "Turn Key"

ON A MOTION by Pat Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to hire Mr. Robert Loder, Sr., and Ms. Kimberly String as Police Department "Turn Key" personnel on an as-needed basis at a rate of \$15 per hour.

Appointment of Traffic Planning and Design as Project Consultant

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint the firm of Traffic Planning and Design, Inc., as traffic consultant to review all traffic analysis and studies associated with the Ivy Realty Development within the Tincum Industrial Park. Cost of said consulting would not exceed \$10,000.

Amendment of Parking Ordinances to Prohibit Parking of Large Trucks

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to direct the Township Solicitor to draft and advertise an amendment to Township Parking ordinances to prohibit the parking of trucks in excess of 10,500 pounds upon public streets and roads.

Tax Assessment Appeal of 218 North Governor Printz Blvd.

ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the settlement of the tax assessment appeal for 218 North Governor Printz Blvd fixing Delaware County's assessment of \$287,500 for 2021. Said Settlement Agreement has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Interboro School District and accepted by the property owner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Report – Roger Joseph, Chairman

February 2022 - The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

34 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of \$ 27,825

14 Building Permits for a total of \$ 6,583

Police, Fire, and Buildings: Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

Police Report February 2022

Township Fines: **\$ 3,999** Of that amount, a total of **\$ 731** were Parking Tickets.

The department handled **457** incidents and made **29** criminal arrests

29 of those criminal arrests were adults

00 of those criminal arrests were juveniles. Out of those juveniles

00 of the juveniles were handled within the Department and Released.

00 animals were taken into custody

Mr. McCarthy reported that Chief Simpkins and Fire Marshall Lonabaugh met with many of the hotel operators to discuss the issues the police and fire personnel deal with regularly. Mr. McCarthy stated that the meeting went well and the hotels are making progress on many of the issues that were prevalent.

Fire Company Report - February 2022

Number of Calls:	50	
Building Fires	05	(1 Working Fire)
Vehicle Fire	05	
Assist EMS	05	
MVA w/ Injury	08	
MVA w/o Injury	07	
MVA w/Entrapment	01	
Gas Leak	03	
Fuel Spill	01	
Cover Other Company	01	
Auto Fire Alarms	14	
Avg No. of Responding Personnel	06	
Time in Service		31 Hrs.

Fire Marshal Report February 2022

Fire Inspections and Acceptance Tests:

1. Followed up to resolve issue at the Delta Hotel with the exhaust fan on the kitchen hood system.
2. Motel 6 Fire & Building Inspection.
3. Red Carpet Inn Fire & Building Inspection.
4. Re-inspection for fire code compliance corrections 343 – 347 Seneca Avenue.
5. Airport Business Complex Building H Fire & Building Inspection.
6. Reviewed the fire sprinkler layout and hydraulic calculations for the proposed two temporary trailers at the airport control tower.

Training:

1. Attended a Port Security Grant Presentation
2. Attended a class on Administrative Warrants

Ray Lonabaugh, Fire Marshal

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

Trash removal for the month of February 2022:

Regular Trash	154 Tons
Bulk Trash	7 Tons
Yards	16 Cubic yards

- Built and installed new dock at Township Marina
- Maintenance and pre all ball fields for baseball/softball seasons
- Repainted Police Station parking lot
- Repaired fences at Gov Printz Park playgrounds
- Replaced damaged flower pot on 291
- Cleaned out ditches along rail road tracks
- Repaired potholes throughout Town
- Cleaned and readied tennis courts for spring
- Cleaned and maintained Manor Field walking track

George Hinkle, Superintendent

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment – February 2022

Total flow	29,287,000 gallons
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Average Daily Flow	1,046,000 gallons
Total sludge	190,320 gallons
Methane Gas	78,597 cu ft
Sludge Hauled	39,000 gallons Of which 2 % were solids

Equipment Repairs

- Rebuilt two pumps to maintain as spares
- Painted all equipment in lower lever of plant
- Serviced all Plant equipment

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert J Bernauer

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr reported that T-Ball, baseball, and softball sign-ups are under way. Hockey season just ended. Mr. Barr thanked all of the volunteers, especially Jess Edmiston, who donates her time and effort while having no children playing sports.

Longtime referee Joe Padorski was recognized for his 35 years of voluntary service and for readying the next group of referees.

The annual pet Rabies Clinic will be held this year on April 9 at 629 N. Governor Printz.

Solicitor’s Report: Sam S. Auslander, Esq.

Mr. Auslander reported that Tinicum and 6 other communities have filed an injunction against the proposed takeover of various health inspections currently done by the Township by the Delaware County Health Department. A hearing was held in Common Pleas court on February 28. Subsequent to that, on March 3, the state issued their approval of the County Health Department and all communities received a letter to that effect. All 7 communities have sent a letter to the County advising Council that the communities are choosing to opt out. This matter is now in the hands of Judge Angelos. Mr. Auslander stated that what the County Solicitor believes is irrelevant. The matter is up to the court at this point.

Engineer’s Report – Dennis O’Neill P.E.,

Mr. Dennis O’Neill reported that two grant applications have been submitted to the Department of Community and Economic Development. One for a new sewer main and one for the plant sludge heater. The grant program is funded by gaming profits and requires no match from the Township.

Ivy Realty has submitted their “preliminary/final” land development plans and is coming before the Planning Board this month. Mr. O’Neill’s office will be preparing a letter for the 2022 street resurfacing project and asked the Board to provide any recommendations they may have.

Manager's Report – David Schreiber

The Township Manager reported the following: temporary repairs have been made to the library roof. Two proposals from two separate vendors for the replacement of the Library roof have been provided to the Township and have been sent to Commissioner Arthur and the engineer's office for their comments and review. Both are in excess of the bidding threshold for municipalities. The Township has received in excess of 19 Hometown Hero Banner requests. The County is suspending their "igloo" recycling program. The Township is looking into different options to provide some type of recycling service – probably with a private hauler that will provide containers to be placed within the Township.

Secretary's Correspondence

No correspondence this month.

Other Business

There was no Other Business this month.

Adjourn of the Business Portion of Meeting

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph to adjourn the business portion of this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Participation

Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue had the following comments: What is the status of the conditional use hearing appeal for the proposed Wawa. Mr. Auslander replied that findings of facts and conclusions of law are complete. Discovery is ongoing and the case is now awaiting further word from the Court. Mr. Dobi referred to the Wu litigation, a continuance from Judge Angelos, and the status of some questions relevant to discovery. Mr. Auslander only responded that this is an involved case that will take some time. Mr. Dobi stated that it is not a complicated case and opined that the Township should settle.

Mr. Art Perdun, S. Gov Printz Blvd., referred to alarms at various hotels and asked if they were all genuine alarms. The Board responded that some are genuine, some are false, and that there is an ordinance in place for false alarm fines. Asked if the Township was informed of the intentions of the County and the Delaware County Health Department. The Board responded, Yes

Ms. Barbara Montieth, Jansen Avenue, asked the Board if the Gov Printz Splash Pad would be turned on soon. The Board responded that it would not and cited several reasons why, including cost and oversight issues.

Charles Montieth, Jansen Avenue, asked what benefits does the Township expect from the new proposed Wawa. Mr. Montieth referred to the American Pie establishment and asked what the Board is doing to promote small businesses. The Board responded that the Township is business friendly and encourages small business within the Township. Mr. Montieth referred to the masking policy of the library. The Board responded it is not aware of or involved in the Library's mask policy.

Adjournment of Meeting

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr this meeting was adjourned by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

David D. Schreiber
Manager/Secretary