

July 15, 2024 @ 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 McCarthy, Board President, presiding. Present:

Patrick Barr, Vice President
Dennis Arthur, Commissioner
Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner
Roger Joseph, Commissioner
David D. Schreiber, Manager
Sam Auslander, Esq., Solicitor
Dennis O'Neill, P.E. Engineer

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

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ON A MOTION by Lisa Edmiston and second by Patrick Barr, the minutes of the June 2024 Monthly Commissioners 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 Patrick Barr, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. McCarthy reported that the bill list for July 2024 will be distributed to all members at the end of the month. There being no questions;

ON A MOTION by Dennis Arthur and second by Lisa Edmiston, the bill list will be paid for the month of July 2024 by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments on Agenda Items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Open Responses to Township Request for Proposals for Mini –Municipal Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (Mini PROS) Plan

There were no responses to the Townships advertisement for this project. The Township Solicitor did suggest that since this is the second time this project was advertised for proposals, the Township can solicit vendors for this project.

Award of Contract to Reconstruct Township Marina

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted via unanimous roll call vote to award the bid for Reconstruction of the Township’s Marinas at 101 Taylor Avenue and 97 Wanamaker Avenue to AP Construction, Inc. at a cost of approximately \$1,568,000. Said award will consist of reconstructing the originally permitted marinas at 97 Wanamaker, 101 Taylor Avenue, or both using existing floating docks supplemented with new hardware, decking, and piles

Relocated Tincum Island Road - Access Gate 81 Detour

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to execute an Indemnification Agreement to use the Emergency Access Gate 81 as a Detour with respect to the relocated Tincum Island Road construction project, subject to receipt of signed agreements by the City of Philadelphia.

Relocated Tincum Island Road Detour Agreement

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to execute an Agreement, including indemnification, for the temporary detour of traffic at the intersection of the relocated Tincum Island Road and Hog Island Road as it relates to the Tincum Island Road construction project, subject to receipt of signed agreements by the City of Philadelphia.

Extension of Land Development Application for Alliance HD at 76 Industrial Highway

ON A MOTION by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to accept applicant Alliance HP request to grant the Board an extension of time by which the Board must consider their “final” Land Development Application at 76 Industrial Highway. Said Land Development is to construct 3 warehouse/flex buildings consisting of 57,000 sq. ft., 45,375 sq. ft., and 50,985 sq. ft. and associated improvements. The extension shall be until September 30, 2024.

Settlement of Interboro School District Tax Assessment Appeal for 51 Powhattan Avenue (Folio 45-00-01383-00)

ON A MOTION by Roger Joseph and second by Patrick Barr the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to enter into a Court Stipulation resolving the Tax Assessment Appeal of the Interboro School District for the property located at 51 Powhattan Avenue and owned by SJS Linde LP. Said Stipulation will set the annual tax assessment as follows:

2021	\$4,100,000	2022	\$4,150,000
2023	\$3,640,000	2024	\$3,487,400

The Delaware County Board of Assessment Appeals decision of December 1, 2020 fixed the assessment at \$3,688,550 effective January 1, 2021. This Stipulation has been recommended for settlement by the Interboro School District and the Property Owner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Report – Roger Joseph, Chairman

June 2024 - The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

<u>48</u>	Certificates of Occupancies for a total of <u>\$ 4,625</u>
<u>19</u>	Building Permits for a total of <u>\$ 17,529</u>

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

Police Report: June 2024

Township Fines: \$ 5,700 Of that amount, a total of \$ 2,681 were Parking Tickets.

The department handled 425 incidents and made 13 criminal arrests
13 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

Fire Company Report: June 2024

Building Fire	04	Fuel Spill	01
Vehicle Fire	03	CO Alarm	02
Brush Fire	06	Dispatch/Cancel	06
Assist EMS	01	Wires	02
MVA	09	Auto Fire Alarms	18
<u>Industrial Rescue</u>	<u>02</u>		
Total Calls	54		
EMS Calls	168		

Fire Marshal Report: June 2024

Plan Reviews:

1. 1 Hog Island Road, Comcast Aircraft Hangar, construction of bathrooms, and review of fire alarm notification device plan
2. 200 Stevens Drive, Amerihealth fire sprinkler plan for 148 fire sprinklers
3. Esstech, 48 Powhattan Ave, additional fire sprinkler plan

Fire / Code Inspections and Acceptance Tests:

1. 410, 416, 423 N. Governor Printz Blvd., reviewed responses to various code violation notices. Informed owner that failure to correct all items will result in citations
2. 1 Hog Island Road, Berwind Aviation Hangar, stairwell exit door
3. Riverside Yacht Club, failure in outdoor GFI receptable
4. 300 S. Gov Printz, Cicconi Auto Body, failure to respond to Fire Alarm

Addressed complaint from Building Manager at 300 Stevens Drive regarding fines for false fire alarms. The Building Manager stated that the fire company did not respond to these alarms and objected to the fines. He was provided with all of the documentation that clearly showed that the fire company responded, arrived on site, and what was done on scene.

Attended various meetings and training pertaining to various fire and life safety issues.

Ray Lonabaugh, Fire Marshal

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

Trash removal: June 2024

Regular Trash	159	Tons
Bulk Trash	11	Tons
Yard Waste	14	Tons

- Continue to spray for weeds
- Continue to spray for mosquitos
- Continue seasonal landscaping
- Elevated trees along trash truck routes
- Trimmed shrubbery along 291 ECG trail
- Planted new trees
- Cleaned up vegetation and brush next to seaplane hangar
- Installed new fence gate at Manor Field
- Repainted basketball courts and replaced nets at Westinghouse Grove
- Painted roof of events trailer

George Hinkle, Superintendent

Sanitation: Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment Plant: June 2024

Total flow	29,232,000 gallons	
Average Daily Flow	974,000 gallons	
Total sludge	52,500 gallons	(2.6% solids)
Methane Gas	46,721 cu ft	

- Investigated sewer complaint at 5th and Powhattan Avenue
- Power washed around plant
- Began seasonal painting at plant
- Jetted Jansen Avenue alley sewer for contractor

Louis Clark, Jr., Superintendent

Health & Recreation: Pat Barr, Chairman

Mr. Barr reported that soccer sign-ups have begun and expressed his hope that enough participants sign up to field a team.

Mr. Barr reported that the Health Inspector completed inspections at the following: Femi's Pizza, Monaghan's Pub, Delta Hotel (and associated restaurant/kitchen), Grab n Go, LaQuinta Hotel, and Red Roof Inn.

Mr. Arthur added that a blood drive will be held at St. John's Church at 3rd and Wanamaker and donors would be appreciated.

Solicitor's Report: Sam S. Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported that a mediator has been selected for non-binding mediation regarding the Wu litigation. A mediation hearing will be scheduled for October 2024. There are no changes to the status of the Wawa or County Health Department litigation matters.

Engineer's Report: Dennis O'Neill, P.E.

The Township Engineer's office reported that the site walk for the Tinicum Island Road project is now scheduled for July 25. Detours will begin at Gate 81 on July 17 and last approximately 4 weeks.

Manager’s Report: David D. Schreiber

The Township Manager reported that the Eastwick – Delaware County Leadership Group (that which is involved in the flood study for the Darby Creek) met this past week to discuss the project. There is now grant funding to construct Hesco Barriers along Cobbs Creek as a temporary measure against flooding. Funding and a final plan for a permanent solution is still being worked on. A draft of the East Coast Greenway Trail Feasibility Study has been provided by Traffic Planning and Design. A copy has been provided to the Commissioners. The project to upgrade the traffic signal system along Rt. 291 has been awarded to Miller Brothers by the City of Philadelphia. The project will begin within the next week.

Secretary’s Correspondence – There was no correspondence this month

Other Business – There was no Other Business discussed.

Adjourn the Business Portion of Meeting

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

Public Participation

Mr. Walt Ludwig stated that the “drainage” ditch behind the former All State Career School is filled with debris and flooded.

Mr. Nick Canzanese asked if the Board can look into having the Pickle Ball court at Westinghouse Grove repaired and prepared for use.

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