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TINICUM TOWNSHIP

Bucks County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

163 Municipal Road
Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947

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TINICUM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES OF THE MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2013

Chairperson Nick Forte called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Vice Chairperson Vincent Dotti and Supervisor Gary Pearson were in attendance with Solicitor Steve Harris and Manager Linda McNeill. Liz Bowman from the Bucks County Herald, Chris Ruvo of the Intelligencer and Chuck Malinchak of the Morning Call were in attendance with about 6 other persons in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Forte led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC SESSION: There were no comments or questions for public session.

A. Old Business:

Conditional Use Decision of Landowner Stephen R Snyder/Agent Lawrence Caplin. Conditional Use approval for a new driveway proposed for the Caplin tract within the Riparian Buffer Overlay, Tinicum Township Zoning Ordinance Section Article VIII, Section 806 (c). This property is identified as Tax Parcels No. 44-22-97-4 and 44-22-97-5 located at 256 and 252 Cafferty Road, Pipersville, PA 18947.

The Supervisors signed the approved Conditional Use Agreement for the above matter.

B. Reports from Police, Emergency Services & Public Works:

Police Chief Sabath reported that his department handled 244 incidents during January. He said that incidents included weather related traffic hazards traffic accidents, trees down and three burglaries and the police anticipate an arrest for those burglaries.

Delaware Valley Volunteer Fire Company Chief Chevalier said that Del Val handled 22 calls in January. There were 13 fire, 9 QRS and no fire police. 15.75 hours in service and 71 man hours.

C. New Business:

Advertised Hearing to enact Ordinance 211, an Ordinance establishing an "Airport Overlay District" to include the purposes of the District, definitions, airport zones, airport zone height limitations; permits required; use restrictions; nonconforming uses; variances; conflicting regulations and amending the official zoning map by the adoption of an official supplementary airport overlay zoning map.

Motion By Forte, seconded by Pearson to commence the advertised hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Harris said that the ordinance had been properly advertised, and had been reviewed by the Township Planning Commission, the Bucks County Planning Commission and the PA Bureau of Aviation. He recommended adoption.

Motion by Pearson, seconded by Dotti to adopt the Airport Ordinance as written.
Forte asked for any comments or questions.

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Discussion:

Harris said that Pennsylvania requires each municipality that has an airport to adopt an overlay district zoning ordinance limiting the height of certain structures that could be in the flight path. He said that a committee was formed, as required to review the ordinance and all procedures were followed properly.

Harris said that initially there was a Commonwealth Court decision that said this was optional, but then there was a Supreme Court decision in 2007 that said enactment of the ordinance was mandatory.

Chris Ruvo asked for highlights of the ordinance. Harris said that the ordinance maps a set of districts around the runway and it limits within those various districts the height of the buildings or structures that could be located there. He said the most importance, as expected, being the approaches at each end of the runway. Harris said that structure height was dependent on the level of the runways height at mean sea level and the relationship of that to surrounding properties.

Chuck Malinchak asked if there were any structures currently that did not comply. Harris said, "No". Harris said that this ordinance would apply should someone want to construct a windmill or tower in the future.

Pearson said that there were about 150 airports in the Commonwealth, excluding private runways, or heliport pads.

Forte called for the vote. Voted upon and passed.

1) MINUTES:

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 15, 2013 as written. Voted upon and passed.

2) TREASURER'S REPORT & BUDGET RECAP:

The Treasurer's Report and Budget Recap for January 2013 will be provided on February 19, 2013.

3) PAYROLL REPORT:

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to approve the Payroll Report for the period of January 12, 2013 and ending January 25, 2013. Voted upon and passed.

4) DISBURSEMENTS:

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to approve the below listed disbursements:

General Fund: Merry Maids \$94.34; Gary Bickel's Garage \$88.75; Escrow Fees \$365.00; Met-Ed \$240.91; Met-Ed \$254.06; Federal Express \$34.22; Service Electric Telephone \$326.96; Keystone Municipal Services Inc \$1,740.00; Valero \$1,828.79; Staples \$286.05; VISA \$225.64; Harris and Harris \$3,644.75; Penna Chiefs of Police Assoc \$50.00; Central Bucks Special Response Team \$3,000.00; Swamps Auto Body \$128.95; Brown & Brown of Lehigh Valley \$500.00; Holicong Locksmiths \$5,790.98; Farm & Home Oil Co. \$1,345.20; Skelton \$35.96; Ricoh Americas Corp \$88.91; DCED \$296.00; DCED \$396.00; Brandt, Jeremy R. \$280.67; Goodyear Tire Distribution Ctr. \$120.25; Earth Link \$43.90; Northeast Wisconsin Technical College \$175.00; Postmaster \$46.00; DVHIT-W7090 \$21,190.87; Pennteledata \$180.21; Personal Protection Consultants \$69.05; Human Factor Research Group, Inc. \$104.50; Cahlll, William \$47.46; McNeill \$47.46; Keystone Municipal Services Inc \$2,850.00; Verizonwireless \$239.20; Hartford Life Insurance \$188.55; Budget Printing \$6.00; WEX, Inc \$901.00; efts \$2183.73

Payroll for pay period ending efts Fed \$6114.01; efts \$ 876.34.

State Fund: Blooming Glen Quarry \$257.21; Plumstead Materials \$543.84; Wehrung's 381.37; Farm & Home Oil \$833.65; U.S. Municipal \$771.44; Callahan Bearings \$96.60; PPC Lubricants \$455.40; Farm & Home \$1659.86; Plumstead Materials \$1476.72.

Voted upon and passed.

Pearson asked Chief Sabath for details on the disbursements to Human Factor Research and Personal Protection Consultants. Chief Sabath said that the Township had been asked by Dublin Police to receive training from Officer Compas, who is certified in impact weapons. Dublin was invoiced for Officer Compas' time and for the OCAT basic manuals from Personal Protection Consultants and impact weapons, collapsible baton manuals from Human Factor Research.

5) A. PLANNING:

B. SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT:

6) ZONING:

7) POLICE:

8) PUBLIC WORKS:

9) ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS:

10) MISCELLANEOUS:

A. Tinicum Township Application for Public Assistance from Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) for damages during Hurricane Sandy, Designation of Agent Resolution:

McNeill said that the Commonwealth had been declared as eligible for public assistance from Hurricane Sandy damages, so the Township could now apply for reimbursement for expenses incurred in debris removal from Sandy.

Motion by Forte, seconded by Dotti to appoint Linda McNeill as the designated agent for Hurricane Sandy disaster assistance.

McNeill said that both regular and over-time hours spent and equipment used for debris removal were being covered with Hurricane Sandy.

Forte recessed the regular meeting at 7:45 pm for an executive session for pending litigation. Forte reconvened the meeting at 8:30 pm. He announced that matters of litigation and open space acquisition were discussed.

11) ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Voted upon and passed. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building.

TINICUM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Attest:


Linda McNeill, Township Manager


Nicholas C. Forte, Chairperson


Vincent J. Dotti, Vice-Chairperson


Gary Pearson, Supervisor