

Incorporated March 12, 1738

# TINICUM TOWNSHIP

*Bucks County*

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

163 Municipal Road  
Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947

NICHOLAS C. FORTE, CHAIRPERSON  
VINCENT J. DOTTL, VICE-CHAIRPERSON  
GARY PEARSON, SUPERVISOR

### TINICUM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES OF THE MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

Chairperson Nick Forte called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Vice Chairperson Vincent Dotti was in attendance with Supervisor Gary Pearson and Manager Linda McNeill. There were 4 persons in the audience.

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

#### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

Norm MacArthur asked if there was an update on the Erwinna Covered Bridge. Forte said that they had not been working on the bridge repairs earlier today and he did not have any more recent news. Sergeant Phelan said that it appeared that the work crew was making progress.

#### **A. Old Business:**

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Bucks County, PA: The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Bucks County, PA. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS reports for Bucks County. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that Tincum Township is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. Before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, there is an opportunity to make comments or submit data to appeal the determination. Comments are to be submitted on or before November 24, 2013.

Township Manager Linda McNeill reminded everyone that the Township had the new FEMA maps and comments must be submitted before November 24th. She said that the maps were available on the Township's website.

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

#### **C. New Business:**

Bucks County new radio system for police, fire and EMS personnel:

Police Chief Sabath recommendations for Tincum PD radio order. Deadline is September 30, 2013.

Forte said that the deadline for the Township to put the order in was September 30th. McNeill said that the County was giving a finance rate of 1.5 percent for a term of 7 years. She said that the Township's cost for new radios would be \$53,924.10. Pearson asked if the Township had put any aside for this yet. McNeill said that the Township would not be outlaying any money until 2015. Pearson said

*Office Hours:* Mon. Tue. Thurs. Fri. 9am-5pm, Wed. 9am-Noon  
*Phone:* (610) 294-9154  
*Fax:* (610) 294-9889

that the Township had to do this, as when the new system was up and running, the old radios would not work. He said there was no option on whether or not to do this.

Motion by Forte, seconded by Dotti, to approve the expenditure for the radios and to authorize the Township's order to the Bucks County Radio Department with 100% County financing in the amount of \$53,924.10. Voted upon and passed.

**1) MINUTES:**

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of September 3, 2013 as written. Voted upon and passed.

**2) TREASURER'S REPORT & BUDGET RECAP:**

Motion by Forte, seconded by Dotti, to approve the Treasurer's Report and Budget Recap for August 2013 as presented. Voted upon and passed.

**3) PAYROLL REPORT:**

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to approve the Payroll Report for the period of August 24, 2013 and ending September 6, 2013. Voted upon and passed.

**4) DISBURSEMENTS:**

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to approve the below listed disbursements:  
 General Fund: DVHIT-W7090 \$21,190.87; Thomson West Payment Center \$238.00; Pennteledata \$180.21; Bucks County Planning Commission \$1,395.00; Selective Insurance \$4,069.00; Ehrlich Green Team \$504.00; Met-Ed \$366.77; Met-Ed \$21.73; Gary Bickel's Garage \$285.63; Gall's Inc. \$144.99; Personal Protection Consultants \$19.80; Met-Ed \$62.94; Keystone Municipal Services Inc \$3,465.00; Staples \$15.79; Merry Maids \$94.34; Skelton, Doug \$37.09; Hartford Life Insurance \$188.55; Keystone Municipal Engineering \$3,486.80; Courier Times, Inc. \$528.95; Eagle's Peak \$46.40; Aflac Business Services \$471.00; Linda McNeill \$64.98; efts \$2094.22  
 Payroll Fund: Payroll for pay period ending 9-6-13; efts Federal \$5584.95 State \$840.43.  
 State Fund: GTS Welco \$24.27; Plumstead Materials \$186.08; NAPA of Ottsville 759.58; Wehrung's \$915.17; U.S. Municipal Supply \$235.68.

Voted upon and passed.

**5) A. PLANNING:**

**B. SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT:**

**6) ZONING:**

**7) POLICE:**

**8) PUBLIC WORKS:**

**9) ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS:**

**10) MISCELLANEOUS:**

**A. Confirm estimation of the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Tinicum Township Pension Plans:**

McNeill said that the Township was required to estimate the salaries and pension contribution by the end of September. She said that this was difficult as the Township did not know how much State aid it would be receiving.

**Tinicum Township Non-Union employees Pension Plan for 2014:**

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to confirm the estimation of the MMO for the Tinicum Township Non-Uniform, Defined Contribution Plan for the year 2014 as \$ 24920. Voted upon and

passed.

Tinicum Township Uniform/Police Pension Plan for the Year 2014:

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to confirm the estimation of the MMO for the Tinicum Township Union/Police Defined Benefit Plan for the year 2014 as \$ 13,619 with a required member contribution of 3%\*. Voted upon and passed.

Note\* In accordance with the 1989 Uniform Pension Contract with Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, a member contribution in the amount of 3% will be required to assist the Township with funding for the plan.

Resolved by Forte, seconded by Pearson, that Tinicum Township in accordance with Tinicum Township Police Contract, Item 22 Pension, Retirement Benefits approves the requirement for member contributions in the amount of 3% to the Police Pension for the calendar year 2014. The Board reserves the right to amend/revise the uniform plan MMO worksheet if State aid proves to be sufficient to cover the Township's costs. Voted upon and passed.

Forte recessed the regular meeting at 7:39 pm for an executive session to discuss matters of land preservation easement acquisition.

Forte reconvened the regular meeting at 7:54 pm. The Board announced that matters of land acquisition were discussed.

Creamery Road Bridge:

Forte asked if everyone saw the correspondence from the engineering company, Greenman-Pederen, Inc, (GPI) who was preparing the design for a replacement bridge. He said that it said that Bedminster seemed to want the widest bridge possible and did not want a speed timing study. McNeill said that right now, there was no posted speed limit, so the bridge was being designed for 55 mph. McNeill said that it was difficult to understand how this bridge was a priority for replacement as it had virtually no traffic, and had no weight restrictions.

McNeill said that Jason Besz, of GPI wanted to set up an "open house" meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>. She said that she had asked how GPI could be ready for an open house as they had not answered any of the Township's questions yet. She said that they had been developing preliminary plans before addressing the historical aspects of this project.

Forte said that the Board was willing to lower the speed limit and agreed to increase the width of the existing bridge a couple of feet, as most of the piers were fine but that Bedminster did not support this position.

Dotti said he did not understand why PennDOT, with a limited budget, would want to spend more money to build such a wide bridge on a low traffic country road.

Forte said that he would like to have the Public ask these questions at the open house.

McNeill said that Fountain had not confirmed that he had received seen the core samplings that had been promised in June. She said that she didn't know why they would want to have the meeting before knowing what the width of the bridge would be.

Harris noted that Kathy Auerbach applied to PHMC for National Register status for the Creamery Road Bridge, but had received no correspondence back from them. He said that a speed study would be done and if the study came back with a lower speed limit, the bridge could be narrower.

Forte said that the Board was agreeable to having the open house meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> as requested by GPI.

Operation and maintenance agreement for McShane sandmound replacement:

Harris said he drafted the McShane elevated sandmound agreements in accordance with the ordinance. He said the under the ordinance, if someone did not have a suitable replacement area they must post a \$2000 construction escrow and a \$5000 performance bond, which can be in the form of cash, letter

of credit, or performance bond. Harris said that the agreements were in order and the escrow was received. He said that once approved and signed he would record the agreements.

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson to approve and enter into the Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the McShane sandmound. Voted upon, passed, and signed.

Forte recessed the regular meeting at 8:02 pm for an executive session to discuss matters of litigation.

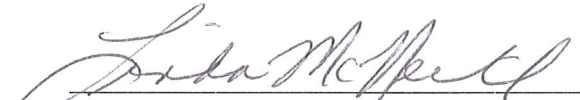
Forte reconvened the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m. and announced that multiple matters of litigation were discussed and that there was nothing to announce.

**11) ADJOURNMENT:**

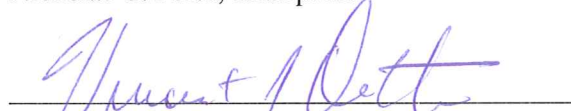
Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to continue the meeting at 8:05p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on October 1 for budget discussions with department heads. Voted upon and passed. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building.

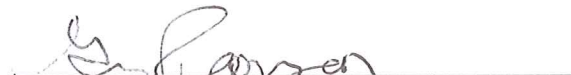
TINICUM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Attest:

  
Linda McNeill, Township Manager

  
Nicholas C. Forte, Chairperson

  
Vincent J. Dotti, Vice Chairperson

  
Gary Pearson, Supervisor