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# TINICUM TOWNSHIP

*Bucks County*

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

163 Municipal Road  
Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947

RICHARD ROSAMILIA, CHAIRPERSON  
JIM HELMS, VICE-CHAIRPERSON  
JOHN BLANCHARD, SUPERVISOR

### **Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes January 15, 2019**

Chairperson Richard Rosamilia called the public meeting of the Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisors Jim Helms and John Blanchard were present with Solicitor Steve Harris, and Township Manager Teri Lewis. There were approximately sixteen people in attendance.

#### **A. Announcements**

Rosamilia said that an Executive Session was held at 7:00 pm to discuss matters of litigation and personnel. No action to report.

#### **B. Police**

Chief Phelan, Tinicum Township Police Dept., gave the report for December:

- 174 Incident Reports: 47% service calls, 28% traffic-related, 21% crimes/suspicious occurrence investigation, 4% court or training.
- Arrests: Two warrants, one DUI, and one juvenile referred to Youth Aid Panel for an incident that occurred in the previous month.
- 3 Crashes: No injuries reported.
- “Shop with a Cop” Participation: “Shop with a Cop” is a national program pairing police officers with children to afford them a better Christmas and help them to view police officers in a different atmosphere to promote positive relationships. The Plumstead Police Dept. hosted the event, identified children in need and collected donations to enable each officer to shop with a child at Kmart.
- Police Foundation Related Calls:
  - Cardiac Arrest Call: On Christmas Eve a cardiac arrest call was received and an officer arrived on the scene within 4 minutes. The officer administered the defibrillator (recently supplied by the Police Foundation funded through a generous donation from The Tinicum Civic Association) and performed CPR until EMS arrived. Phelan spoke with the patient’s wife last week who reported that her husband is on the road to recovery.
  - Tree Down Call: On New Year’s Eve a call for a tree down on the road was received and the officer was able to easily remove the tree within 15 minutes, thanks to the equipment and training funded through the Police Foundation). Phelan noted that back in October, resident, Stan Campbell offered to donate chainsaws to the Police Department. He said that Campbell donated funds through the Foundation for battery powered chainsaws for each officer. The Police Department participated in chainsaw safety training at the tech school and the Township provided safety gear.

#### **C. Tinicum Police Foundation**

Boyce Budd, Police Foundation Board member, said that Chief Phelan’s story of how Officer Mark Compas was able to quickly respond with the right equipment, perform CPR and keep a person alive until EMS arrived, was amazing. He said that the same officer then went out another night and cleared a tree. Budd said that all of Tinicum needs to thank our police more. [A standing ovation for the Police Dept. followed.]

Budd said that the Foundation is in place to raise money so that the taxpayers are not burdened with the expense required by modern day policing. He said that the Chief’s report illustrated the number of service calls received by

the Police Dept. and what the police are expected to deal with today. As a result, Budd said that is a lot of training and equipment required. He said that the Foundation works jointly with the Township to fund these needs. He said that they have raised \$9,000 in the past year.

Budd commended Stan Campbell for his donations that enabled the Foundation to purchase four chainsaws for the Police Dept. He said that Stan Campbell, and others like him, make a great police force into an outstanding one. He said that he couldn't say enough about the police, for people like Campbell and the generosity of the community.

Sue Walsh noted that the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. She said that the Foundation was selling T-shirts as a fundraiser to help pay for items such as a mobile finger print scanner, crime scene response kit and training.

Chief Phelan thanked Patrick Mullaney, Jason Wehrung and the Wehrung family, Wayne Hobson and all the volunteers for the Tincum Police Foundation.

#### **D. Public Comment**

Ginny Weaver, Uhlerstown Hill Rd, thanked the Public Works Dept. for fixing Uhlerstown Hill Rd and keeping it open through December.

Jessie Salamun, Headquarters Rd, said that the Golden Pheasant Inn Bridge (on River Rd) was able to be fixed within 3 months, while long-term decisions are being made concerning a permanent replacement. She asked why PennDOT couldn't do the same thing for the Headquarters Bridge.

Rosamilia said that if PennDOT could do that, the BOS would support it, however, the Board has limited input in PennDOT's decisions. He said that PennDOT stated they are not able to repair the Headquarters Bridge foundation because the deterioration is too severe. Rosamilia said that it appeared to him that the Golden Pheasant Bridge abutments appeared to only require minor repairs. He stated that for many years the BOS has asked for a temporary fix for the Headquarters Bridge.

Salamun said that perhaps Representative Wendy Ullman could help with the politics. Rosamilia said that they intend to request a meeting with Representative Ullman. Helms said that he had previously spoken with Representative Ullman and she is aware of the issue.

#### **E. Old Business**

##### Service Electric Cable Franchise Agreement

Rosamilia announced that the Service Electric Cable Franchise Agreement Ordinance has been authorized for advertisement for the meeting of February 5<sup>th</sup>. Harris said he and Lewis had been successful in negotiating a senior citizen discount and free high-speed service for the Township, Public Works and Police. Harris said it will be on the agenda for approval on the next agenda.

##### Park & Recreation Committee Appointment

**Motion to** reappoint Vicki Dexheimer to the Park and Recreation Committee for a three-year term ending 12/31/21.

**Motion by:** Rosamilia. **Second by:** Blanchard. Voted upon and passed.

##### Request for School Bus Signage at the Permanent School Rd & Geigel Hill Rd Intersection

Lewis said that in response to a resident's concern about safety at the school bus stop at Permanent School Rd and Geigel Hill Rd, the Township is moving forward with adding signage. She said that another resident, whose children are grown, have generously offered their old "bus stop" signs. Lewis said the Township will first confirm with PennDOT and then Public Works will install the signs.

#### **F. Monthly Business**

##### **1) Minutes:**

**Motion:** to approve the Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2019 as written.

**Motion by:** Blanchard. **Second by:** Helms. Voted upon and approved.

**2) Treasurer's Report & Budget Recap:** The Treasurer's Report and Budget Recap for December 2018 is posted on the bulletin board. Lewis said that the Township ended the 2018 year with 4% more than budgeted in revenue and 9% under budget in expenses.

##### **3) Payroll Report:**

**Motion:** to accept the Payroll Report for the period ending January 7, 2019 in the amount of \$26,235.03.

**Motion by:** Helms. **Second by:** Blanchard. Voted upon and passed.

**4) Disbursements:**

**General Fund**

G2 Computers	\$3,500.00	Deposit –Computer Equipment -Admin
DiI Computers	\$84.80	Police Watchdog Subscription Computers
Phelan	\$491.25	Clothing/cleaning allowance
Gerding	\$26.00	Uniform Cleaning Allowance
Madden Mead	\$366.35	Clothing/cleaning allowance
Compas	\$211.10	Clothing/cleaning allowance
PMRS	\$1,135.78	Pension Non-Uniform 4th Qtr.
PMRS	\$2,628.58	4th quarter uniform
Gall's Inc.	\$149.61	Police Uniform Supplies
Red The Uniform Tailor	\$104.50	Police Uniform supplies
Temple University CJTP	\$120.00	Temple University CJTP Gerding
VerizonWireless	\$250.95	321152513-00001
Hartford Life Insurance	\$153.45	005319620001-7
Keystone Municipal Services Inc.	\$1,202.50	28686 bldg. insp.
Cress Gas Co	\$210.55	Propane/ Emerg. Gen
PennTeleData	\$180.21	Internet Modems
NAPA of Ottsville	\$112.56	618967 Police Oil
Ricoh Americas Corp	\$154.00	Copier /
DelGuericco's Disposal Service	\$155.00	Trash and Recycling Removal
Phelan	\$3,000.00	Health Savings
Gerding	\$6,000.00	Health Savings
Madden Mead	\$6,000.00	Health Savings
Compas	\$6,000.00	Health Savings
Skelton	\$6,000.00	Health Savings
Margot	\$6,000.00	Health Savings
Trovinger	\$6,000.00	Health Savings
Kallenbach	\$3,000.00	Health Savings
Lewis	\$6,000.00	Health Savings
Internal Revenue Service	\$1,974.08	Employer FICA tax
Internal Revenue Service	\$32.90	Employer FICA tax
Pa Dept. of Labor and Industry	\$213.79	2018 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr. UC Insurance

**Payroll Fund**

Payroll	\$19,179.20	Paychecks
Internal Revenue Service	\$5,161.81	Employee FICA tax
Internal Revenue Service	\$32.90	Employee FICA tax
Dept. of Revenue	\$792.22	Employee State tax
Keystone Collections	\$2,904.09	4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr. Earned Income Tax

**State Fund**

M & W Communications	\$761.60	Radio/ Public Works
NAPA of Ottsville	\$401.51	Fuel filters

**Open Space Fund**

Pennsylvania Abstract Company	\$123,227.91	Conservation Easement Purchase
Delaware Regional Finance Assoc.	\$13,377.52	Open Space Bond Payment

**Motion:** to accept the disbursements as written.

**Motion by:** Blanchard. **Second by:** Helms. Voted upon and passed.

**G. Planning**

**H. Zoning**

Announcements:

A Zoning Hearing Board Hearing is scheduled for Feb. 14th at 7:00 pm for ZHB 07-2018: Tim Yanka & Polly Nessa, 29 Wormansville Road, Pipersville, 44-021-034-003. Requests variance for de minimis relief from impervious surface requirements to construct a pool.

Discussion of Nuisance Ordinance Modification/Repeal

Rosamilia said there had been concern regarding enforcement of the Nuisance Ordinance in some cases due to the financial, health or other hardships of the property owner. He said there had been some discussion that if property owners are unable to comply due to such hardships, should the Ordinance be amended to make it more practical or should it be eliminated. Rosamilia said the Board wanted to consider it further and then discuss it at a public meeting where to public could make suggestions. Blanchard said that the Ordinance just needed some sections modified.

**I. Conditional Use**

Rosamilia recessed the regular meeting at 8:00 pm for the advertised Conditional Use hearing of Gail Nagele-Hopkins (CU 04-2018).

Conditional Use Hearing CU#04-2018

Property Owner/Applicant: Gail Nagele-Hopkins

Tax Parcel: 44-006-070-001

Location: 5 Wildcat Road, Upper Black Eddy, PA

Property Description: 4.9± acre tract located in the Residential Conservation District (RC).

Stenographer was present. Property owner Gail Nagele-Hopkins and Henry Swiantecke, Enviro-Technology & Design Inc., were present and worn in for the purpose of giving evidence and testimony on the applicant’s request for Conditional Use approval in accordance with Ordinance 200 & 202 Section 808(a) to allow a replacement/repair sewage system in the front yard setback.

Swiantecke provided the following overview:

- Nagele-Hopkins septic system was a malfunctioning and she contacted Swiantecke.
- Swiantecke contacted Bucks County Dept. Of Health (DOH).
- Swiantecke, accompanied by County DOH staff, went to the site and made 17 site holes.
- The majority of property is very wet and has steep slopes and boulders.
- Only areas suitable for an elevated sandmound were outside of setbacks.

Harris noted that the Planning Commission had not recommended buffer plantings because the sand mound is so close to the road. He confirmed with Nagele-Hopkins that the home is a 3-bedroom home and that she has no plans to expand it. Harris stated that Township approval would require Nagele-Hopkins to enter into an Operation and Maintenance Agreement with the Township. Harris also informed Nagele-Hopkins that she would not be able to subdivide the property in the future.

**Motion** to approve the Conditional Use for a replacement/repair sewage system in the front yard setback for 5 Wildcat Rd, Upper Black Eddy, PA.

**Motion by:** Rosamilia. **Second by:** Blanchard.

Harris stated he would prepare the paperwork for the Board to sign at the next meeting.

**J. Miscellaneous/Public Comment**

Tim Cashman, Quail Lane, asked why there was a camera on the covered bridge and if there were others in the Township. Rosamilia said that the Township worked with the county to put up the cameras due to the frequent damage to the covered bridges. Lewis noted that Police Foundation also helped with funding the cameras.


**K. Adjournment:**

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm.

**Motion by:** Blanchard. **Second by:** Helms.


*The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for February 5, 2019.*

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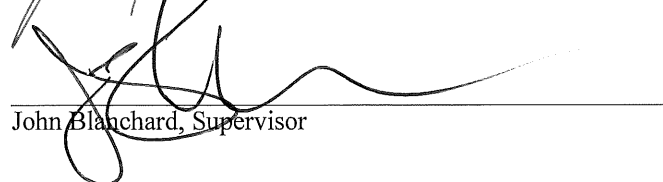

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Richard Rosamilia, Chairperson




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