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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 Meeting Minutes June 4, 2019

Supervisors Rich Rosamilia, Jim Helms and John Blanchard were present with Solicitor Steve Harris, and Township Manager Teri Lewis. There were approximately 15 people in attendance.

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.

A. Police

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

- 205 Incident Reports: 48% service calls, 32% traffic-related, 15% crimes/suspicious occurrence investigation, 5% court and/or training.
- 4 Arrests: 1 fraud, 2 assaults, 1 wanted person picked up on a traffic stop.
- 1 Reportable Crash: Vehicle travelled off PA Route 611, hit a culvert and flipped over.
- Training: The Department qualified on firearms. Officer Compas is certified to train the Dept.
- Emergency Sign Trailer: Chief Phelan said that, during the bad storms last week, they used the Sign Trailer that has been outfitted by Public Works with emergency signs and road closure items. Having the sign trailer enabled them to immediately close the roads due to downed trees rather waiting for PennDOT to get to the Township. Phelan thanked Public Works.

B. Public Comment

PennDOT Herbicide Spray Program

Jesse Salamun, Headquarters Rd, asked if the Township had spoken with PennDOT about spraying along the side of the road within the Township. She said PennDOT should only spray at intersections and that cutting should be the best method. Lewis said she had sent an email with Salamun's concerns from the last meeting to PennDOT to see if there are other ways to control growth without spraying, but had not yet heard back. Blanchard said PennDOT sprays along the right-of-way to keep the visibility clear. Lewis said that if a property owner does not want PennDOT to spray they must fill out the PennDOT Opt Out form, which is available on the Township website, and the property owner must maintain the right-of-way. Salamun said she had spoken to PennDOT about spraying along the exceptional value stream on Headquarters Rd. Rosamilia asked for the Salamuns' if they would provide the Township with the name of PennDOT contact and the Township could speak with them about the Salamuns' concerns.

C. New Business

New Fire Police Oath of Office

Faith Marie Dickson and Merlin Nallo took the oath of office as Fire Police Officers.

Motion: to approve Marie Dickson as a Delaware Valley Volunteer Fire Company Fire Police Officer and Merlin Nallo as an Ottsville Volunteer Fire Police Officer.

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

Frank Pool Tribute

Blanchard said he wanted to speak to the passing of Frank Pool, who served 55 years with the Ottsville Volunteer Fire Company. Blanchard said, on behalf of the Township, he wanted to send condolences to the Pool family and express gratitude for Pool's many years of service to the community.

Land Preservation Committee Chair Resignation

Rosamilia said that the Board received a letter of resignation from LPC Chairperson, Dr. Marion Kyde. He said Dr. Kyde had served on the Environmental Advisory Board in the past and remains a liaison with the Delaware River Greenway Partnership. Rosamilia stated that Dr. Kyde has acquired many grants to remove invasive plants, restore native vegetation and protect watersheds within the community. He thanked Dr. Kyde on behalf of the Township for her 20+ years of volunteerism and hoped that she will participate on future Township projects.

Target Shooting Complaints

Lewis said the Township has recently received a number of resident complaints concerning the noise volume from neighbors' target shooting and asking if it is covered under the Township Noise Ordinance. Lewis said that one resident said she had purchased a decibel meter and that the decibel level at her door was much higher than what is allowable under the Noise Ordinance.

Chief Phelan said that if they receive a complaint, typically an officer will go out and speak with the neighbor, check that the backstop is sufficient to ensure that rounds do not leave the property, and review other safety precautions such as the safe distance/direction from an occupied structure, public roadway, etc. Lewis asked if the Board would like to consider an ordinance with some basic safety regulations, such as distance from occupied structures and times, similar to hunting regulations. Rosamilia asked Chief Phelan to consider possible ways to address the issues for discussion at a future meeting.

Smithtown and River Road Intersection Complaints

Lewis said the Township is continuing to receive concerns from residents regarding the intersection at Smithtown and River Roads for vehicles exiting Smithtown onto River Rd. She said that PennDOT had installed additional signage. Lewis stated, however, as was previously discussed, PennDOT's crash report analysis does not support a stop sign on River Rd or further reducing the speed in the area. Lewis said that closing access from Smithtown onto River Rd and making it one-way into Smithtown Rd is the only option available to the Township. She said that the residents said they were not in favor of that alternative. She asked the Board if they should refer residents to State Representative Ullman's office who may have more influence with PennDOT.

D. Old Business

Tinicum Conservancy Model Easement Draft Language

Harris said the changes were drafted to modify current language to clarify the following:

- *Any person* who violates the easement will be held responsible regardless of whether or not they are the property owner.
- Restrictions are enforceable in perpetuity and any amendments will not result in any private benefit prohibited under the code.

Motion: to approve Tinicum Conservancy Model Easement Draft Language changes.

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

Ottsville Park Walking Path Project

Project Background: The project will be funded by two matching grants from the PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

Project Discussion: Tom Fountain of Keystone Engineering was present as Project Manager. Fountain said they had talked about the two bids received for the project exceeding the budget at the last meeting. He said that Lewis had spoken with DCED and DCNR and they agreed to increase funding if the Township worked with the low bidder to economize costs. Fountain stated he wanted to clarify that the bid had not been awarded, however, he had spoken with the low bid contractor (\$147,100) who said he thought there were areas that could be reduced. Fountain said that the contractor suggested substituting the Driving Surface Aggregate (DSA) material with more locally sourced material, but it was decided

that the substituted material might not last as long and they decided to stay with the original material. He said they also discussed the geo fabric, and it was decided that they may be able to use less fabric. Fountain said that because the property had previously been farmed, the contractor was concerned there may some areas where the top soil might be deeper than he had accounted for in his bid. Fountain noted that contractor had not visited the site. He said there were two areas where the soil might be deeper but that Skelton might be able to do more work in kind. Harris said that it would be premature to award the bid prior to their site visit. After some discussion, it was decided that Fountain and Skelton would revisit the site to investigate the areas of concern and determine solutions, such as relocating the path to avoid problem areas. Rosamilia recommended continuing the meeting to allow time to further investigate the problem areas before the Board made the decision to award the bid.

E. Monthly Business

1) Minutes:

Motion: to approve the Minutes of the May 7th and the Continuance Minutes of May 22nd, 2019 meetings as written.

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

2) Treasurer’s Report & Budget Recap:

The Treasurer’s Report and Budget Recap for April 2019 is posted on the bulletin board.

3) Payroll Report:

Motion: to accept the Payroll Report for the period ending May 10 in the amount of \$26,366.21.

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

4) Disbursements:

Motion: to approve the below listed disbursements.

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

General Fund	Amount	Memo
VerizonWireless	\$234.73	Police Wireless 321152513-00001
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	\$1,202.50	bldg rev and inspection through 5-16-19
Ricoh Americas Corp	\$319.94	Ricoh Americas Corp
VISA	\$220.81	Police -Arrowhead Forensics
Aflac Business Services	\$420.06	Aflac Business Services
Internal Revenue Service	\$2,017.01	Employer FICA
Hartford Life	\$153.45	Life Insurance All
H2O Base	\$40.00	Water Test
PennTeleData	\$180.21	Internet - all
United Healthcare	\$10,226.09	Health Insurance
C. Trovinger	\$315.00	Clothing Allowance
R. Kallenbach	\$315.00	Clothing Allowance
D. Skelton	\$315.00	Clothing Allowance
R. Margot	\$315.00	Clothing Allowance
Tackett Planning	\$3,501.25	Zoning and Planning/Ord May
WEX/Sunoco	\$853.85	Police Fuel Expense
N. Madden-Mead	\$135.00	Reimbursement – meals -training
DelGuericó’s Disposal	\$155.00	Trash and Recycle Removal
Payroll Fund	Amount	Memo
Pay period ending 5-24-19	\$20,003.30	Paychecks
Internal Revenue Service	\$4,610.80	Employee FICA and withholding
PA Dept. of Rev	\$809.43	Employee state withholding
State Fund	Amount	Memo
Dejana Equipment	\$513.00	Headlights 2003 Sterling and 99 Int
H & K Materials	\$1,674.40	Cold Patch
Del-Val Int Trucks Inc	\$211.80	Windshield 2000 International
Open Space Fund	Amount	Memo
Del Val Regional Finance	\$212,720.62	Open Space Principal and Int payment

F. Executive Session

The Board recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session from 8:22 pm to 9 pm to discuss matters of land preservation, personnel, and matters of potential litigation.

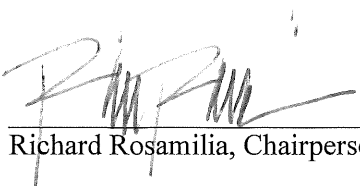
G. Continuance:

Rosamilia announced that the Board would continue the meeting to June 11th at 7:30 pm to review the Ottsville Park Path Project findings and such other business that may come to the Board prior to the meeting.

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

This meeting of the Board of Supervisors is continued to June 11th, 2019 at 7:30 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 16th, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

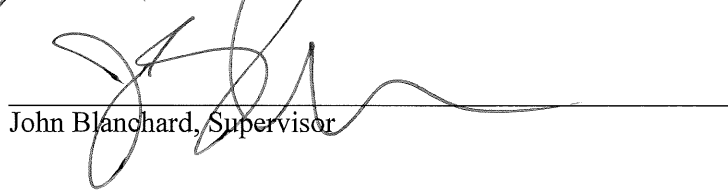
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