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TINICUM TOWNSHIP

Bucks County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

163 Municipal Road
Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947

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

Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes February 4, 2020

Supervisors Jim Helms, John Blanchard and Richard Rosamilia were present with Township Manager Teri Lewis and Township Solicitor Steve Harris. There were approximately 5 people in attendance.

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

A. New Business

Fire Police Request:

Plumstead Township requests authorization for any available Fire Police to assist with traffic control duties at the "Blaze of Glory 5K Run" on March 21st 2020 between 8:30 and 11:00 am.

Motion: to authorize any available Fire Police to assist with traffic control duties at the "Blaze of Glory 5K Run" on March 21st, 2020 between 8:30 and 11:00 am.

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

B. Regular Business

1) Minutes:

Motion: to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2020 Board of Supervisor meeting as written.

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

2) Treasurer's Report & Budget Recap:

The Treasurer's Report and Budget Recap for January will be available at the next meeting.

3) Payroll Report:

Motion: to approve the Payroll Report for the period ending January 17, 2020 in the amount of \$27,897.46.

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

4) Disbursements:

Motion: to accept the disbursements as listed below.

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

General Fund	Amount	Memo
Harris and Harris	\$3,067.15	Legal Services Dec 2019
Postmaster	\$110.00	Stamps
Bill's Copier Service	\$250.00	Copier Service Contract 2020
J. Gerding	\$14.83	Reimbursement - Truck Detail
Verizon Wireless	\$223.65	Police Wireless
Suburban Propane	\$891.67	Fuel Oil/Heat
Wehrung's	\$5.37	Supplies
DelGuerico's Disposal Service	\$155.00	Trash and Recycling Removal

VISA	\$4,391.84	police-computer/training/taser supplies & hol lunch
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	\$1,098.00	Bldg. Insp and Reviews through 1-10-20
J. Tanner	\$120.48	Reimb/ RTK /copies/ mileage and cert mail
Hartford Life Insurance	\$153.45	Life Insurance
Davidheiser's Inc.	\$70.00	Calibration services - speed timing
Bensalem Police Dept	\$800.00	Countywide DNA Membership
Central Bucks Special Response Team	\$3,000.00	CBSRT Membership 2020
Blum-Moore Reporting Services	\$250.00	Conditional Use Stenography
Keystone Municipal Engineering	\$864.90	Engineering Services
Keystone Municipal Engineering	\$372.00	Engineering Services
Concours Automotive	\$350.00	Police dash cam installation
Evident, Inc	\$84.00	Evidence storage supplies
Internal Revenue Service	\$2,134.14	Employer FICA Tax
Payroll Fund	Amount	Memo
Pay Period end 1-17-2020	\$21,022.54	Paychecks
Internal Revenue Service	\$4,948.77	Employee FICA tax
PA Dept of Rev	\$856.44	Employee wage tax
Escrow Fund	Amount	Memo
Keystone Municipal Engineering	\$520.80	Engineering Professional Services
Keystone Municipal Engineering	\$604.50	Engineering Professional Services
State Fund	Amount	Memo
Suburban Propane	\$212.08	Diesel Fuel
Vandereley Sales and Service	\$422.56	Fleet Parts
ABE Materials	\$1,908.39	Stone
Blue Tarp Financial	\$39.99	Annual Membership

5) Recycling

Lewis stated that due to an oil recycling program implemented by Doug Skelton, Public Works Director, the Township Public Works garage utilized 1,000 gallons of *used* motor oil to heat the Public Works building this past year. Lewis said this allowed the Township to save the taxpayers money by relying on the used oil and provided a safe place for the residents to dispose of used oil. She said that Public Works still has 1,500 gallons of used oil.

Lewis said that the Township also received a \$9,000 recycling grant from the DEP to continue to assist the Township with recycling programs.

C. **Public Works**

Authorization to advertise the 1974 Whisper Chipper on the Municibid Auction Website.

Motion: to advertise the 1974 Whisper Chipper on the Municibid Auction Website.

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

D. **Public Comment**

Resident Request to Lower the Speed Limit on Hollow Road

John Cole, Hollow Horn Road, requested that the speed limit on Hollow Horn Road, from Route 611 down to the intersection at Red Hill Road, be reduced to 40 mph.

Cole requested that PennDOT fix Hollow Horn Road and Red Hill Road. Lewis said she and Skelton had scheduled a meeting later in the month with PennDOT to discuss the area of Hollow Horn and Brick Church. She said there was confusion in the past regarding ownership, but that small section of road belongs to PennDOT. Lewis said she and Skelton planned to discuss the repair and possible takeback of that section of road with PennDOT. She noted the final decision would be up to the Board. Lewis also said PennDOT had indicated that Red Hill Road was on their schedule to be paved this year.

Discussion on Easements in Planned Industrial Districts

Carl Ruthardt, Center Road, said that about 80% of the Planned Industrial area had become conserved with the addition of the Schmidt property Bucks County Agricultural Easement. He said he was concerned how that would affect the Planned Industrial area. Rosamilia said that the question had come up before regarding if conserving properties would jeopardize the Township in terms of setting aside areas for Industrial and Commercial uses and the answer was “no.”

Harris said Ruthardt was asking if the Township would be required to zone more property for that use once the land was used up. Harris said, in his opinion, if the Township sets aside an adequate amount of land for future growth and the landowners decide they do not want to use it for that purpose and choose to conserve it, the Township has met its burden. He said the Township has done nothing to take away the use. Harris said the landowner made the decision to not pursue that zoned use and the Township had played no part.

Discussion on Building Houses in Planned Industrial and Commercial Districts

Ruthardt asked about building houses in Planned Industrial or Commercial areas. Lewis said that the ordinance states that single family homes are not allowed in Commercial, Controlled Commercial, Limited Commercial, Extraction or Planned Industrial Zones and that someone would have to request a variance in order to build a house.

Ruthardt asked about the new houses on Farm School Lane. Lewis said Farm School Lane was in the Village Center District. Cole said in the past there had been discussion among the Planning Commission concerning the Township purchasing easements on properties in Commercial and Industrial Districts, as well as Residential. Cole referenced the houses that had recently been built on Creamery Road, which were in the Commercial District. Lewis said that he was referring to the Real Pro subdivision, which was granted [Conditional Use] approval in 2012, by a previous Board of Supervisors, for a two-lot subdivision with easements and building envelopes.

E. Executive Sessions

Supervisor Helms recessed the regular meeting at 7:53 pm to discuss matters of potential litigation. Helms called the meeting back to order at 8:10 pm. There was no action to report.

F. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm.

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

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for February 18th, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

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