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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 16, 2020**

Supervisors Jim Helms, John Blanchard and Richard Rosamilia were present with Manager Teri Lewis, Township Solicitor Steve Harris and Chief Matt Phelan. There were two 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. Police Report**

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

- 159 Incident Reports: 49% service/assistance calls, 26% traffic-related, 22% crimes/suspicious occurrence investigation, 3% training.
- Pandemic: All officers stayed healthy. Social media capabilities used to alert the public to resources available within the community including free meals and small business assistance. In-person training is resuming, signaling a shift back to normal.
- Crime:
  - Domestic assault arrest.
  - DUI arrest on 611. Officer Gerding intercepted a vehicle that had been involved in a hit and run with another vehicle.
  - Fraud case update: Guilty pleas came in on a \$122,000 home improvement fraud, restitution was ordered, and the perpetrator was sentenced to up to 4 years in prison. The 2-year investigation was conducted by Officer Madden. The District Attorney's office commended Madden for her work on the case.
- Traffic Accidents:
  - Vehicle traveled off the road.
  - Motorcycle hit a deer.
- Speed Signs for River Road Update: Chief Phelan said he applied for a state grant for 2 solar-powered/battery back-up radar speed signs to address the speed concerns on River Road. The 2 radar speed signs were received and Doug Skelton is working to get approval from Met-Ed to allow the Township to install them on the Met-Ed poles. He said one sign would be installed at Bridge Five Land and one in Point Pleasant.

Chief Phelan announced that he had accepted a position as Chief of Police for Bedminster Township. He thanked the Board and the Township Manager for all their support and the opportunity to become Chief. He said it had been a great 20 years and he was confident the rest of the department would be able to carry on the good work they had begun.

The Board and the Township Manager thanked Chief Phelan for his years of service. They said they understood that it was a good opportunity and wished him the best of luck in the future. Sue Walsh, Police Foundation representative, said the Foundation was sorry to see Chief Phelan leave.

**B. Old Business**

Rolling Hills Farm Request to Extend the Allowable Impervious Ratio Beyond the 25-Year Timeframe  
Helms said Mark Hankin, Rolling Hills Development, had asked that the Stipulated Settlement Agreement be extended beyond the original 2021 timeframe with regards to relief from the impervious ratio adjustments.

Harris stated that when more than 1 acre of ground is disturbed the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, which regulate stormwater runoff, must be renewed every 5 years. He said the last time Hankin renewed, the requirements were upgraded and they were required to do soil amendment [to restore the soil porosity for the purpose of reestablishing the soil’s long-term capacity for infiltration and pollution removal] and other things to upgrade their stormwater management capabilities.

Harris said Hankin’s engineer, Bob Showalter of Showalter & Assoc. had submitted a report analysis. He said the report had been reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer, Tom Fountain. Harris said if Hankin follows the report recommendations there would be better stormwater controls with 25 and 20% impervious than with 15 and 10% impervious surface.

However, Harris said there should be controls in place to ensure that the amended soils are not disturbed by new homeowners in the future. He also raised the issue that the NPDES covers approximately two thirds of the lots, but not 100% of the lots. Harris recommended that if the Board agreed to higher impervious surface, in return Hankin would agree to do the stormwater management for all of the lots. He said Fountain had raised that condition with Hankin who agreed he would do deed restrictions for all of the lots.

Harris stated that another issue was that the Stipulated Settlement requires permits be processed in 10 business days, while the International Building Code standard is 15 days. He said that the Zoning officer and Building Inspector requested the review timeframe be extended to the normal 15 days as part of the agreement.

The Board agreed with the conditions and directed Harris to continue with further negotiations with Hankin.

**C. Regular Business**

**1) Minutes:**

**Motion:** to approve the Minutes of the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting as written.

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

**2) Treasurer’s Report & Budget Recap:** The Treasurer’s Report and Budget Recap for May is posted on the bulletin board.

**3) Payroll Report:**

**Motion:** to accept the Payroll Reports for the May 22<sup>nd</sup> in the amount of \$27,599.49 and June 5<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$28,309.10.

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

**4) Disbursements:**

**Motion:** to approve the below listed disbursements.

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

General Fund	Amount	Memo
Ricoh Americas Corp	\$315.70	Ricoh Americas Corp
Merry Maids	\$99.00	Cleaning Service 5-18-20
Keystone Municipal Engineering	\$1,404.30	Engineering Services
Keystone Municipal Engineering	\$130.20	Engineering Services
Verizon Wireless	\$213.37	Verizon Wireless
Postmaster	\$100.00	\$5.00 Stamps for certified

Ricoh Americas Corp	\$161.70	Copier Lease
VISA	\$823.57	Police and COVID supplies
Keystone Municipal Engineering	\$2,213.40	Engineering Services
Keystone Municipal Engineering	\$716.10	Engineering Services
Keystone Municipal Engineering	\$409.20	Eng. -Tretton Second Review 3917
Compas	\$246.21	Reimbursement Qualification Targets
Wehrung's	\$32.58	Supplies
Wehrung's	\$61.85	Supplies PWD and General Gov.
Staples Credit Plan	\$96.49	Office Supplies
Hartford Insurance	\$333.52	Life and STD Insurance combined
WEX, Inc	\$954.00	Police Fleet Fuel
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	\$1,462.00	Bldg. Insp and Rev 5-4 thru 5-15
Met-Ed	\$32.90	100 016 141 135 Electricity Traffic Light
Blum-Moore Reporting Services	\$273.30	Stenography Services Spinieo Cond Use
Harris and Harris	\$2,616.25	Legal Services May
Ricoh Americas Corp	\$93.00	Copier Lease
Sands Ford	\$9.75	Pol Fleet Parts
Allied Administrators for Delta Dental	\$870.06	Allied Administrators for Delta Dental
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	\$1,173.00	Bldg. Inspections and Rev 5-18 thru 5-29
Holicong Locksmiths	\$245.10	Alarm Sys Admin Pol & Garage
DelGuerico's Disposal Service	\$155.00	Trash and Recycle Service
ReadyRefresh	\$52.40	Bottled Water
Grim, Biehn and Thatcher	\$333.50	Ruback and Prime ZHB legal services
PennTeleData	\$180.21	Internet Modems All
Merry Maids	\$99.00	Cleaning Services 6-1
Witmer Associates, Inc.	\$676.99	Police Holsters
Davidheiser's	\$70.00	Calibration - Speed Timing
Wehrung's	\$57.97	Shop Supplies
M & W Precast LLC	\$687.95	Stormwater Pipe - Stagecoach
Met-Ed	\$134.36	Electricity Garage
Met-Ed	\$298.74	Electricity pol and admin
Met-Ed	\$24.21	Electricity Park
Internal Revenue Service	\$2,111.37	Employer FICA Tax
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<b>Payroll Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Memo</b>
Pay Period Ending	\$20,695.40	Paychecks
Internal Revenue	\$4,968.43	FICA Employee Tax
Pa Dept of Revenue	\$847.29	Employee State Tax
Pay Period Ending	\$21,289.61	Paychecks
Internal Revenue	\$5,051.63	FICA Employee Tax
Pa Dept of Revenue	\$869.08	Employee State Tax

State Fund	Amount	Memo
Praxair	\$311.28	Acetylene & Oxygen
Vanderlely's Truck Sales & Service	\$68.43	Fleet Parts
Open Space Funds	Amount	Memo
Delaware Valley Regional Finance	\$217,323.30	Open Space Bond Principle
Harris and Harris	\$218.75	Legal Fees Land Preservation

**D. Zoning**

Helms announced the following:

- 1) Zoning Hearing Board #2020-02: David Hughs, agent for property owners Todd Ruback and Suzanne Schecter, requests relief from section 401.3 (side yard setback) to construct a deck over an existing flagstone patio and steps. The property is located at 47 Uhlerstown Hill Road. Tax Parcel #44-019-002-001. Hearing is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) Zoning Hearing Board #2020-03: Prime Development Group LP requests relief from Sections 804.01 Floodplain Overlay District and 806.C.3 Riparian Corridor and Section 806.J Delaware River Wild and Scenic Height Restriction to construct a single-family dwelling. The property is also located in the floodplain. The property is located at 37 Byram Road. Tax Parcel # 44-031-006. Hearing is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Helms said that these hearings will be held remotely by the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor, Mary Eberle. He said that interested parties wishing to attend should email Eberle at [meberle@grimlaw.com](mailto:meberle@grimlaw.com) prior to noon the day of the hearing. A notice has been posted on the Township website.

**E. Executive Sessions**

Supervisor Helms recessed the regular meeting at 7:50 pm to discuss matters of potential litigation and personnel. Helms reconvened the meeting at 8:57 pm. There was no action to report.

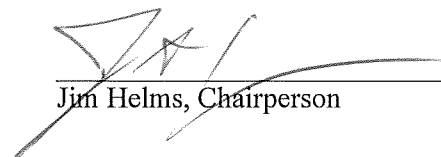
**F. Adjournment:**

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.


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

*The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for July 14, 2020 at 7:30 pm.*

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