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TINICUM TOWNSHIP

Bucks County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

163 Municipal Road
Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947

JOHN BLANCHARD, CHAIRPERSON
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JIM HELMS, SUPERVISOR

Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes June 15, 2021

Supervisors John Blanchard and Richard Rosamilia were present with Manager Teri Lewis and Township Solicitor Steve Harris. Supervisor Jim Helms was absent. The meeting was held in the Tinicum Township building meeting room. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. Masks and social distancing were required.

Chairperson John Blanchard called the public meeting of the Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Announcements

Blanchard announced that the public comment period would be held at the end of the meeting.

B. Police Report

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

- 133 Incident Reports: 62 service calls, 32 traffic calls, 31 crime-related calls, 6 court and 2 training.
- 2 Reportable Traffic Accidents:
 - Two motorists collided while entering and exiting the Frenchtown Bridge.
 - A motorist lost control on Perry Auger Road and drove into a culvert.

C. New Business

Fire Police Request for Tinicum Arts Festival

Motion: Motion to authorize the Manager to send a letter to Bridgeton Township requesting assistance from the Upper Black Eddy Fire Police for the Tinicum Arts Festival on September 25th and 26th.

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

Fire Police Request for the Dublin Borough Carnival

Motion: Motion to authorize any and all Fire Police for the Dublin Borough Carnival.

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

D. Regular Business

1) Budget Recap and Treasurer's Report

The Budget Recap and Treasurer's Report for April is posted on the Bulletin Board and was provided to the Board.

2) Minutes

Motion: to approve the May 4th, 2021 minutes as written.

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

3) Payroll Reports

Motion: to accept the Payroll Report for pay period ending. May 7th in the amount of \$26,886.24; May 21th in the amount of \$26,507.39; and June 4th in the amount of 27,505.08.
Motion by: Blanchard. Second by: Rosamilia. Voted upon and passed.

4) Disbursements:

Motion: to approve the following disbursements.
Motion by: Blanchard. Second by: Rosamilia. Voted upon and passed.

General Fund	Amount	Memo
Ricoh Americas Corp	\$93.00	Ricoh Americas Corp
Campbell Durrant Beatty Palombo & Miller PC	\$8,515.00	Legal Services Inv 71197 April
Grim, Biehn and Thatcher	\$391.50	Grim, Biehn and Thatcher
Met-Ed	\$137.40	Electricity Garage
Met-Ed	\$259.44	Electricity Admin and Police
Met-Ed	\$20.36	Electricity Park
United Healthcare Insurance Company	\$11,097.96	2021 Monthly Health Insurance
Ralph H. Colflesh, Jr. ESQ	\$2,000.00	Act 111
Harris and Harris	\$2,030.00	Legal Services
Staples	\$63.39	Office Supplies
Service Electric Telephone	\$401.49	Telephone Service
Davidheiser's	\$36.00	Calibration
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	\$4,151.00	Building and Zoning Services
Help Now	\$75.00	Police IT Services
Wehrung's	\$523.37	Bldg. Repair Supplies
Allied Administrators for Delta Dental	\$761.33	Allied Admin for Delta Dental
PennTeleData	\$246.27	Internet
Aflac Business Services	\$218.46	Feb Supplement Ins withheld
ReadyRefresh	\$195.15	Water Service
Merry Maids	\$198.00	Merry Maids
Cooper Mechanical	\$315.31	Thermostat Replacement
Blum-Moore Reporting Services	\$250.00	Blum-Moore Reporting Services
Carbine, Elizabeth & Jackson, Jeffrey	\$110.00	Refund of Permit Fees (withdrawn)
VISA	\$694.33	USPS Postage Paid Envelopes
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	\$4,151.00	Building and Zoning Services
Verizon Wireless	\$215.33	Police Wireless
Met-Ed	\$60.36	Electricity Traffic Light
PennTeleData	\$245.85	Internet Service
Hartford Insurance	\$292.52	Life and STD Insurance combined
Aflac Business Services	\$218.46	Supplement Insurance withheld
Campbell Palumbo & Miller	\$4257.50	Legal Services
Tackett Planning, Inc.	\$3880.00	Zoning Services January
Tackett Planning, Inc.	\$245.00	Planning Services
WEX Fuel (Sunoco)	\$392.81	Police Fleet Fuel
Holicong Locksmiths	\$124.39	Alarm Monitoring
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Motorola	\$251.60	Police Radio Repair
PSATS	\$70.00	CDL Testing
Met-Ed	\$113.85	Electricity Garage
Met-Ed	\$266.54	Electricity Admin and Police
Met-Ed	\$21.49	Electricity Traffic Light
Ready Refresh	\$205.59	Water Service
Ricoh	\$196.39	Copier Lease
Allied Admin for Delta Dental	\$761.33	Dental Insurance
Harris and Harris	\$1,592.50	Legal Services
Staples	\$71.90	Police Office Supplies
Payroll Fund	Amount	Memo
Account Edge Payroll	\$26,886.24	Payroll for pay period ending
Account Edge Payroll	\$26,507.39	Payroll for pay period ending
Account Edge Payroll	\$27,011.25	Payroll for pay period ending

State Fund	Amount	Memo
Armour and Sons Elect	\$400.00	Traffic Light Inspection
H & K Materials	\$5,586.23	Asphalt Patch
Plumstead Materials	\$2,768.12	Stone
PPC Lubricants	\$412.10	Hydraulic Fluid and Fittings
Interstate System of Doylestown	\$169.95	Replacement Battery - Flee
Open Space	Amount	Memo
Del Val Regional Finance Assoc	\$220,916.03	Bond Payment

E. Zoning

- Zoning Hearing ZHB#2021-2 Watson will be held on July 22nd.
 The property is located at 25 Tammany Road, Upper Black Eddy, PA.
 Tax Map Parcel 44-006-017 is zoned Residential Conservation.

Applicants appeal the determination of the Zoning Officer or, in the alternative, relief to allow installation of a rain garden for Stormwater Management in the Wetland and Wetland Margin Overlay.
- Conditional Use Hearing CU#2021-2 Watson will be held on July 13th.
 The applicants seek conditional use approval to construct a single-family dwelling and a driveway in the Wetland and Wetland Margin and Riparian Buffer Overlay Districts.

Carl Ruthardt, Planning Commission, questioned having the Conditional Use Hearing take place prior to the Zoning Hearing noting that the Zoning Board's ruling would affect the review of the Conditional Use. Harris agreed and said that he would discuss with the applicant's attorney to grant an extension to allow the Zoning Hearing to take place before the Conditional Use Hearing.
- Zoning Hearing Board #ZHB 2021-3 Davidson will be held on August 12th.
 The property is located at 72 Walters Lane, Pt. Pleasant, PA.
 Tax Map Parcel 44-033-013-005 and is zoned Residential Agriculture.

The applicants seek a variance to build an elevated single-family dwelling and deck in the Floodplain Overlay District, a variance from the Riparian Corridor District to build a septic system and a variance from the side yard setback.

Motion: to refer the application of #ZHB 2021-3 Davidson to the Planning Commission for review.
 Motion by: Blanchard. Second by: Rosamilia. Voted upon and passed.
- Zoning Hearing Board #2021-4 request of DeBerardine is scheduled August 26th.
 The property is located at 6 Walters Lane, Pt. Pleasant, PA.
 Tax Map Parcel 44-34-4-2 and is zoned Residential Agriculture.

The applicants seek a variance to build a deck in the front yard setback.

Motion: to refer the application of #ZHB 2021-4 DeBeradine to the Planning Commission for review.
 Motion by: Blanchard. Second by: Rosamilia. Voted upon and passed.
- Zoning Hearing Board #2021-5 Doenges is scheduled Sept. 9th.
 The property is located at 3724 Farm School Rd, Ottsville, PA.
 Tax Map Parcel# 44-036-021 and is zoned Village Center.

The applicants seek a variance to construct a pole barn/garage in the side yard setback.

The Board determined that the application would not need Planning Commission review and would go directly to the Zoning Hearing Board.

F. Subdivision/ Land Development

The Land Development Preliminary Plan of Spinio Industrial Holding, LLC, 3632 Bedminster Rd, Ottsville (TMP #44-011-008-003) has been continued to allow for necessary Conditional Use review. The Township is awaiting the Conditional Use application.

G. Public Works

Upgrades to the Tinicum Township Building

Rosamilia noted the improvements to the Township building including painting the exterior of the building, installing railing, a paved handicap ramp and parking spot. He stated that all the improvements had been made by Public Works.

H. Public Comment

Devil's Tea Table, New Jersey Presentation

Stephen Freeman, Bridge Four Lane, stated he was representing the Devil's Tea Table Alliance, a group of concerned residents from Bucks County, PA and Hunterdon County, NJ. He said the group was concerned about the New Jersey Transportation rockfall mitigation project regarding the Devil's Tea Table, a 3-mile area along Route 29 in Kingwood, Hunterdon County, NJ. He said the project would irreversibly alter the appearance/views across the Delaware River from Tinicum. He gave a presentation to illustrate how this project would environmentally and visually impact both sides of the river.

Freeman asked the Board to take a position and pass a resolution stating their concern, asking to be included as an interested party, and be kept abreast of the project.

Rosamilia asked if the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) had been involved. Tara Mezzanotte said the NJDEP had not yet released their reports. Rosamilia asked if the NJ representatives and senators were on board. Mezzanotte read a statement and presented a packet of information regarding state representatives.

River Road Speed Limit

Cindy Gaspari, River Road, asked when PennDOT would install the lowered speed limit signs in the areas below the Golden Pheasant Bridge. Rosamilia said PennDOT had informed them that in addition to lowering the speed limit on River Road south of the Golden Pheasant Bridge, they also wanted to reduce the speed limit north of the Bridge. He said he was not comfortable with lowering the speed signs north of the bridge. Rosamilia said they had calls into PennDOT.

Headquarters Road Bridge

Tim Cashman, said that there had been two recent incidents in which emergency response had been delayed due to the Headquarters Bridge closure. He said Bruce Wallace and Maya Van Rossum of the Delaware RiverKeeper Network (DRN) were having private meetings with the Army Corp. of Engineers, further delaying the bridge project. He said he tried to attend the DRN meeting but was told it was private. Cashman said that the DRN lawsuits continue to hold up the process and asked for any update.

Rosamilia said he had spoken the previous week with Ryan Whittington, PennDOT Project Engineer, who said the permits are with the Army Corp and the PA DEP legal departments and he was awaiting word from them.

Rosamilia asked Steve Gidumal, Headquarters Road, if he had any update on his efforts to get a one-lane bridge built, as was discussed at a previous meeting. Gidumal said he had also tried to attend the DRN meeting to discuss it with them but was also turned down. He said his lawyers sent a letter to the Army Corp of Engineers asking for a one-lane bridge because the construction of the two lane-bridge would damage the creek area. Gidumal said it was the issue of a two-lane bridge that was holding up getting a bridge built.

Gidumal said PennDOT released an Area of Potential Effects (APE) report. [APE is defined as the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist.] He said the APE is larger than what was approved by the courts and he wanted to bring it to the attention of the Army Corp. Gidumal said he would sue if they followed through with the larger area.

Gidumal said that the issue of the enlarged APE would get the attention of the Army Corp of Engineers and may provide the leverage needed if PennDOT was required to do a hydrogeology study. He said if the larger APE goes back to the court, it would force PennDOT to reconsider. Rosamilia stated that it would further delay the bridge.

Rosamilia said the new American Rescue Plan Act 2021 could change the situation by potentially providing funding for an alternative bridge plan. Rosamilia proposed they sit down with PennDOT and discuss a one-lane bridge in light of this new source of funds. He asked Gidumal if he had been successful in setting up a meeting with PennDOT. Gidumal said no and asked Rosamilia if he could arrange the meeting. Rosamilia agreed and asked Gidumal if he would go with him. Gidumal said he would attend.

Anita Nolan, McCann Drive, said they would need the DRN at the meeting with PennDOT, otherwise it would be a waste of time. Rosamilia said that if a one-lane bridge or a rehab is the only way to get the bridge built, it would be worth having a meeting. He said he would ask the DRN to also attend.

Microplastics Committee

Rosamilia said he would like to develop an ad hoc committee to study microplastics in PA waterways in Upper Bucks County. He said the committee would consist of four to five volunteers and include a member of the Joint Ground Water Committee, a local hydrologist and a natural resources scientist, as well as one or two others. Rosamilia said he had materials to help the committee get started.

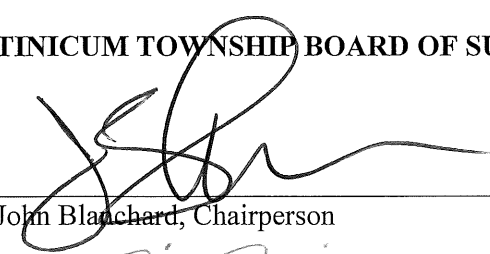
I. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

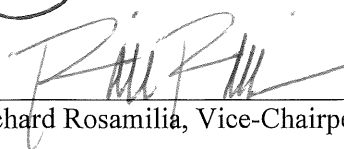
Motion by: Blanchard. Second by: Rosamilia. Voted upon and passed.

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for July 12th, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

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