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# TINICUM TOWNSHIP

*Bucks County*

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

163 Municipal Road  
Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947

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

### Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes April 20, 2021

Supervisors John Blanchard, Richard Rosamilia and Jim Helms were present with Manager Teri Lewis and Township Solicitor Steve Harris. The meeting was held in the Tinicum Township building meeting room. There were approximately 16 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 the following:

- The public comment period would be held at the end of the meeting.
- The Board thanked Senator Bob Mensch for his efforts to enact over a dozen items of legislation to support Volunteer Fire Companies and EMS providers.

#### B. Police Report

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

- 152 Incident Reports: 79 service calls, 38 traffic calls, 31 crime-related calls, 2 court, and 2 training.
- 1 Reportable Traffic Accident: A vehicle hit a tree on Boulder Road while trying to avoid a deer.
- Medication Collection is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th 10 am-2 pm @ Wehrung's Home Center. Drive in and drop off at 7711 Easton Rd, Ottsville.

#### C. Regular Business

##### 1) Minutes

**Motion:** to approve the April 6, 2021 minutes as written.

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

##### 2) Payroll Reports

**Motion:** to accept the Payroll Reports for pay period ending April 9, 2021 in the amount of \$27,318.99.

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

##### 3) Disbursements:

**Motion:** to approve the following disbursements.

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

General Fund	Amount	Memo
Hartford Insurance	\$292.52	Empl Life and STD Insurance
Allied Administrators for Delta Dental	\$761.33	Allied Admin for Delta Dental
Help Now	\$75.00	Police IT Services
Met-Ed	\$30.79	Electricity Traffic Light
Met-Ed	\$296.79	Electricity Pol and Admin

Met-Ed	\$21.80	Electricity Park
Met-Ed	\$200.80	Electricity Garage
Merry Maids	\$198.00	Cleanings April
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	\$4,287.00	Bldg. and Zoning 32380
PennTeleData	\$246.27	Internet Modems All
Delaware Valley Workers Compensation Trust	\$5,835.75	Workers Comp
Delaware Valley Insurance Trust	\$10,499.50	2021 Commercial Insurance
United Healthcare Insurance Company	\$11,097.96	Health Insurance
Aflac Business Services	\$145.64	February Supplement
Harris and Harris	\$2,975.00	Legal Services March
Campbell Durrant Beatty Palombo & Miller PC	\$300.00	Legal Fees
Ricoh Americas Corp	\$93.00	Copier Lease
Staples Credit Plan	\$113.67	6035 5178 2066 2210
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	\$4,607.00	Bldg. and Zoning Services
ReadyRefresh	\$195.15	ReadyRefresh
Earth Link	\$49.41	Webhosting April & May
DelGuericó's Disposal Service	\$155.00	Trash & Recycling
Holicong Locksmiths	\$150.95	Alarm Repairs - PWD
Grim, Biehn and Thatcher	\$29.00	ZHB Legal Services
Courier Times, Inc.	\$58.68	Public Notices
NAPA of Ottsville	\$100.56	Police Fleet - Oil
Postmaster	\$115.40	Postage
Wehrungs	\$21.33	Rope (Flag)
Thomson Reuters West	\$238.00	Law Updates
R. Margot	\$269.60	Reimbursement (Aflac)
PMRS	\$2,132.09	Qtr. 1
PMRS	\$6,615.99	Qtr. 1
<b><u>Payroll Fund</u></b>		
Account Edge Payroll	\$26,756.05	Pay period ending 4-9-21
<b><u>Escrow Fund</u></b>		
Joseph & Jennie Medvic	\$4,600.10	Escrow Reimbursement
<b><u>State Fund</u></b>		
Allan Myers	\$20.00	Balance on stone invoice
Suburban Propane	\$902.89	Diesel Fuel
Hoover Steel	\$239.11	Steel for repairs
NAPA of Ottsville	\$76.19	Fleet parts
Wehrungs	\$ 749.70	Parts and Supplies PWD
Morton Salt	\$3,162.05	Road Salt
<b><u>Capital and Equipment</u></b>		
Eagle Power Turf and Tractor	\$15,464.20	Mower
Cotner Trailer	\$2,050.00	Trailer
<b><u>Open Space Fund</u></b>		
Delaware Valley Regional Finance Assoc	\$11,916.03	Open Space Bond

## E. Zoning

Zoning Hearing Application 2021-01 Jesse Heacock, 4 Park Road, Ottsville TMP# 44-001-018-003  
The Applicant seeks variance relief from the Zoning Ordinance in order to allow a 400 square foot expansion of an existing garage located within the front yard setback. The Hearing is tentatively scheduled for May 13.

## F. Subdivision/ Land Development

The Land Development Preliminary Plan of Spinio Industrial Holding, LLC 3632 Bedminster Rd, Ottsville, TMP #4-011-008-003 has been continued indefinitely to allow for necessary Conditional Use review. The Township is awaiting the Conditional Use Application.

## G. Public Works

### Authorization of the Public Works Director to submit the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement

Lewis said PennDOT Board approval for the Director of Public Works to sign a traffic signal maintenance agreement for the traffic light at Routes 113 and 611.

**Motion:** to authorize the Public Works Director, Doug Skelton, to submit the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement.

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

### Announcement: Public Works annual seal coat bid package

Blanchard announced the Public Works annual seal coat bid package is complete and will be awarded at the May 4<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisor meeting.

## H. Public Comment

### Headquarters Bridge Project Status Update

Blanchard said there have been no additional updates to the Headquarters. Blanchard asked Steve Gidumal, who was present in the audience, if he had an update regarding the meeting. [At the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting Gidumal said he would arrange a meeting with the historical, environmental, anti-bridge, and two-lane bridge groups, as well as Rosamilia, to work out a strategic plan to bring to PennDOT]. Gidumal said that he was progressing, but there were new issues and he needed more time.

Anita Nolan, McCann Dr., she said the Headquarters Bridge is not listed as an historic bridge as part of the National Historic Places register. She the historic nature of the bridge is determined by the super structure, not the substructure, and it not considered an old bridge because it has old piers. Nolan said the Sheephole Bridge was on the National Historic Places and that information showed the piers were unstable. She was concerned that the traffic from Headquarters was being diverted onto a the unstable Sheephole Bridge.

Blanchard said that the Headquarters was considered a contributing factor to the Historical District. Kathryn Auerbach, Center Road, said there is 2005 letter from the National Historic Places Keeper stating the bridge's historical significance.

Rosamilia asked Auerbach about the Delaware RiverKeeper Network (DRN) release dated 4/1/2021 that quoted Maya van Rossum as saying "despite information from several experts, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, saying PennDOT's re-alignment plan for a new bridge would have catastrophic effects on the downstream riparian corridor." He said he could not find any document from the Army Corps that discussed "catastrophic effects." Rosamilia said the DRN had not returned his call and asked Auerbach if she knew where he could find the document. Auerbach said she would try to help locate it.

John Cole, Hollow Horn Road, said that they need a bridge and rehabbing the existing bridge would accommodate the necessary vehicle size and weight. He said if they cannot get funding from the Township or the State, then it needed to come from private sources. Cole asked why all the money spent on lawsuits and the DRN, was not put toward building the bridge if everyone was that passionate about the bridge. Blanchard said that private funding had never gained any momentum.

Tim Cashman, said that the Tincum Conservancy could purchase some of the property upstream and put in step pools to prevent bank erosion. Cashman asked why the DRN did not take the 7 million they spent on litigation and help the community? Gidumal said the DRN might be more willing to work with rehabilitation now.

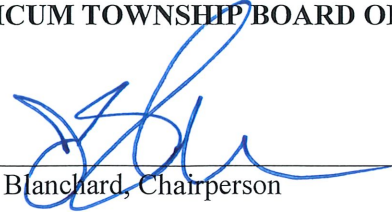
## I. Adjournment

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm.

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

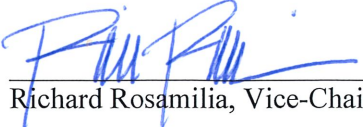
*The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for May 4, 2021 at 7:30 PM.*

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John Blanchard, Chairperson



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Richard Rosamilia, Vice-Chairperson



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Jim Helms, Member