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TINICUM TOWNSHIP
Bucks County
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2022

Supervisors Jim Helms and Richard Rosamilia were present with Township Manager Teri Lewis and Township Solicitor Steve Harris. Supervisor Eleanor Breslin participated by phone. The meeting was held in the Tinicum Township building meeting room. There were approximately 24 people in attendance.

Chairperson 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. Emergency Services

Chief Madden, Tinicum Township Police Dept., presented the following report for February 2022:

- 148 Service Call Reports: 57 service-related, 59 traffic, 24 investigative including 1 theft, 1 unemployment fraud, and 1 drug arrest, 3 court appearances and 5 training.
- No Reportable Traffic Accidents in February 2022.
- April 23rd Shred Event sponsored by Judge Gary Gambardella to be held at Bedminster Municipal, 432 Elephant Road, from noon to 2 PM. Limit of 4 file size boxes of documents per household.

B. Public Comment

Board Work Sessions

Larry Brandt, River Road, said he was disappointed the work session was cancelled last week and asked if the work sessions would be remote access in future. Rosamilia said the last work session was cancelled because two supervisors could not attend, but they plan to have work sessions in the future. Rosamilia said to clarify, the public work sessions were going to be geared towards planning for future Township needs. He said that if the public had specific topics to discuss with the Board, those items should be addressed at the regular public meetings. Breslin said that there may be instances of overlap, but the primary objective of the work sessions was for strategic planning. Rosamilia said the next work session is scheduled for April 12th and an agenda will be posted on the website.

Tretton Farm Activities and Agreement

Bill Hastings, Park Road, asked about the Tretton Farm removing asbestos shingles an out building without a demo permit. Lewis said she was unaware of any asbestos shingles, but the Building Code Official (BCO) had gone out to the farm last week and the building had not been demoed. Hastings asked if the BCO had noted a large hole on one side of the barn. Lewis said that the Zoning Officer had previously noted that the building was dilapidated so it was unclear if the damage was recent. Rosamilia recommended that in the future Hastings contact the Zoning Officer directly rather than waiting for a Board meeting.

Hastings asked Solicitor Harris if he had signed the Tretton settlement agreement prior to the Board meeting. Harris said his recollection was that he did not sign the agreement until the Board approved it. Hastings questioned if there were other variances agreed upon in the settlement agreement besides the loading dock. Harris stated that the only variance approved under the settlement agreement was that

there would be only one loading area instead of two. He said the Trettons had amended the other variances to be in compliance.

Hastings questioned the impervious amount in the agreement. Harris said the section referenced that, prior to the ZHB Hearing, the Trettons had amended the ZHB application reducing the number of variance requests to six. He said three variances were granted and three were denied including the impervious. Harris said that the plans were revised and the impervious amount was brought into compliance. He said the plan attached to the settlement that was approved had 18.75 impervious surface coverage and was in compliance.

Hastings said he did not understand how the Trettons could apply for a holding tank since holding tanks are not allowed for new structures and as a last resort for pre-existing. Harris said the Township Engineer had advised that if the applicant can demonstrate to the Dept. of Health (DOH) and Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) that the daily flow is less than 800 gallons a day for a commercial use, the DOH and DEP will approve a holding tank without further question.

Hastings and John Cole, Ervin Road, said they had pictures of the shingles. Lewis asked them to email the pictures to the Zoning Officer. Lewis noted that siding and roofing replacements do not require township permits, but residents and their contractors must adhere to Environmental Protection Dept. requirements. Rosamilia asked Lewis to send out the Building Code Official to inspect the site.

Status of Proposed Local Traffic Advisory Board

Cindi Gasparee, River Road, asked the Board if there was an update regarding the formation of a Local Traffic Advisory Board. Rosamilia said it was still under consideration and later in the meeting said it would be discussed at the April 12th work session.

Gasparee asked when PennDOT would be installing the 25 mph signs on River Road. Rosamilia said that they were waiting for PennDOT to mark where the signs would go on River Road. Lewis said that PennDOT was still dealing with Hurricane damage and were short staffed, but she would call again.

C. New Business

Resolution 03142022.1 Enabling Municipal Police to use Radar

A resolution of the Board of Supervisors in support of House Bill 606 enabling all Municipal Police to use the same motor vehicle speed timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police. Rosamilia read the resolution aloud.

Motion: to sign Resolution 03142022.01 Municipal Police Radar Use.
Motion by: Helms. Second by: Breslin. Voted upon and passed.

Bucks County Dept. of Health Mosquito Control Program Participation

The Bucks County Health Department annual request for Tinicum Township to participate in the Mosquito Control Program to treat municipal properties to help reduce the spread of West Nile disease.

Motion: to authorize the Manager Lewis to send a letter granting permission to the Bucks County Dept. of Health to treat municipal properties to help reduce the spread of West Nile disease.
Motion by: Rosamilia. Second by: Breslin. Voted upon and passed.

Mayors' Monarch Butterfly Pledge

The National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge urges communities to take action to help save the monarch butterfly through resident education and habitat creation efforts. The Environmental Advisory Committee and/or another committee will undertake meeting the required Pledge commitment to at least (3) three Action Items from the Pledge list. Lewis noted that projects regarding lighting and establishing milkweed in the parks were already underway.

Motion: to participate in the Mayor's Monarch Butterfly Pledge.
Motion by: Helms. Second by: Breslin. Voted upon and passed.

Authorization to Begin Hiring Process for a New Police Officer

Rosamilia stated that an officer has resigned due to personal reasons to take a position in a different field and the Board must authorize the search for a replacement.

Motion: to authorize Chief Madden to begin the hiring process for a replacement officer.
Motion by: Rosamilia. Second by: Breslin. Voted upon and passed.

D. Regular Business

1. Minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2022 meeting as written.
Motion by: Helms. Second by: Rosamilia. Voted upon and passed.

2. Budget Recap and Treasurer's Report

The Budget Recap and Treasurer's Reports February 2022 were provided to the Board and posted on the bulletin board in the meeting room.

3. Payroll Reports

Motion: to accept the Payroll Report for the period ending March 1st in the amount of \$29,556.82.
Motion by: Rosamilia. Second by: Helms. Voted upon and passed.

4. Disbursements

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

General Fund	Amount	Memo
AON Risk Services Companies Inc.	\$320.00	Tax Collector Bond Clement
Wehrung's	\$379.40	Police Bldg. & Supplies
Grim, Biehn and Thatcher	\$3,240.00	Legal Services
ReadyRefresh	\$190.34	Bottled Water
Holicong Locksmiths	\$245.10	Alarm Monitoring
Ricoh Americas Corp	\$93.00	Copier Lease
Allied Administrators for Delta Dental	\$800.54	Allied Administrators for Delta Dental
Met-Ed	\$17.32	Electricity Park
Met-Ed	\$525.97	Electricity Police and Admin
Met-Ed	\$274.53	Electricity garage
Staples Credit Plan	\$261.92	Police Supplies
Met-Ed	\$28.73	Electricity-traffic light
Help Now	\$75.00	Police IT
Ricoh	\$154.00	Scanner
Courier Times	\$1127.04	Public Notices
DelGuerico's	\$155.00	Trash and Recycling
Keystone Municipal Services	\$4,530.50	Building Rev Insp and Zoning Services
Staples Credit Plan	\$422.76	Office Supplies and RTK copies
NAPA of Ottsville	\$18.99	Police fleet parts
Payroll Fund	Amount	Memo
Account Edge Payroll	\$29,078.47	Pay period ending 3-1-22
State Fund	Amount	Memo
Suburban Propane	\$2,511.75	Diesel
NYCO Corp	\$378.42	fleet Hydraulic Parts
Plumstead Materials	\$1,286.41	Stone
NAPA of Ottsville	\$611.62	Fleet parts

E. Zoning:

Ordinance 254 Deer Fence Amendment

As the result of a miscommunication, Ordinance number 254 (Deer Fence Ordinance Amendment) was adopted incorrectly. The Ordinance has been readvertised and will return to the Board’s April 5th agenda. Rosamilia said that amendment corrects the setback measurement from the center line of road to the ultimate right-of-way as was recommended by the Planning Commission.

F. Public Works

Authorization for Public Works to Advertise Annual Seal Coat Bids (Sector 6)

Motion: to authorize Public Works to advertise for the Annual Seal Coat Bids (Sector 6).

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

Tim Cashman, Quail Lane, asked if the Public Works would steamroll after seal coating. Rosamilia said they would look into it with Public Works.

G. Announcements

Rosamilia announced that the Board met with a candidate for the remaining Environmental Advisory Ad Hoc Committee volunteer position and a candidate for Parks and Rec Board.

Motion: to appoint Claudia Cummings to the Environmental Advisory Ad Hoc Committee and Michael Bernstein to the Parks and Rec Board.

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

H. Executive Session

Rosamilia recessed the regular meeting at 8:05 PM to discuss matters of litigation. Rosamilia reconvened the meeting at 9:20 PM. There was no action to report.


I. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM.

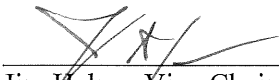
Motion by: Rosamilia. Second by: Helms. Voted upon and passed.

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for April 5, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

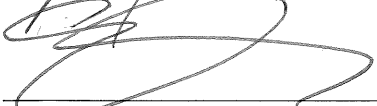
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