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TINICUM TOWNSHIP

Bucks County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

163 Municipal Road
Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947

JAMES HELMS, CHAIRPERSON
ELEANOR BRESLIN, VICE-CHAIRPERSON
RICHARD ROSAMILIA, SUPERVISOR

**Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2023**

Supervisors Eleanor Breslin, Jim Helms and Richard Rosamilia were present with Township Manager Teri Lewis. Township Solicitor Steve Harris was absent. The meeting, held in the Tinicum Township building meeting room, was live-streamed on Zoom and recorded. There were approximately 14 people present at the meeting and 7 viewed online.

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

Chairperson Helms stated that there are only two official Tinicum Township digital presences online: www.Tinicumbucks.org and the Board of Supervisor YouTube video link @tinicum163 and accessible through the website. Other sites may say Tinicum in the name, but are not run by the Township.

A. Old Business

Headquarters Bridge Update

The Board announced that just an hour before the meeting, the Township received an email regarding a potential funding opportunity with a March 15th deadline. The Board decided to continue the meeting to Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 4:00 PM to allow the Board the opportunity to review the grant application.

B. New Business

Volunteer Board Appointments

Motion to appoint Lauren Zonca to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

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

Vendor List Tinicum Earth Day Fair

Motion to appoint the additional vendor list for the Tinicum Earth Day Fair including Outside the Box Landscapers.

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

Septic Amendment Replacement/ Repair Systems

Carl Ruthardt, Planning Commission, stated that in the case of a replacement septic system that the Planning Commission was recommending that an additional reserve system area not be required.

Motion to authorize Steve Harris to amend the Sewage Ordinance to eliminate the additional reserve system area requirement when the current septic system must be replaced.

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

C. Announcements

Tinicum Earth Day Fair 10am - 2pm on April 22nd

The Environmental Advisory Ad Hoc Committee is planning an Earth Day Event on Saturday, April 22, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Tinicum Township Community Park. To volunteer, please contact Cindi Gasparre at EAC@tinicumbucks.org.

Tinicum Conservancy Amphibian Crossing

Beginning in Mid-March, small amphibians migrate from their winter burrows to their ancestral pools to breed. To volunteer to help these amphibians to safely cross Perry Auger Road, please contact the Tinicum Conservancy at www.tinicumconservancy.org.

Board of Supervisor Video Streaming Issue Suggestions

The Board stated that for those experiencing difficulty hearing the Zoom audio, to be sure that the sound is turned up on both the video and your computer or other streaming device. It was also noted that if residents do not have enough bandwidth from their service provider it may be affecting the sound and visual quality. Videos of the meeting are accessible on the Township website and may provide a better viewing experience. The Board cautioned that there is not a video production staff and to please have patience regarding the uploading of the video and approved minutes following the meeting.

Bucks County Herald Article: Tax Collector Replacement

The Board stated that an earlier Bucks County Herald online version of the Tax Collector article had incorrectly stated that there was joint tax collector and may have caused confusion. The article was corrected online and in print.

Perry Auger Road House Fire

Nearby Nockamixon residents, the Finger family, lost their home on Sunday, February 26th. If you would like to provide assistance, please contact the Palisades Regional Volunteer Fire Company.

Coalition Against Bigger Trucks re: H.R. 471

The Township received an update from the Coalition regarding opposition to items such as a 10-year pilot program proposal that would allow an increase in truck weight and greater weight allowance for battery powered trucks and trucks that carry battery powered vehicles, which are heavier.

Executive Session

The Board announced later in the meeting that an executive session had been held at 7 pm prior to the meeting to discuss personnel, the newsletter, and the grant opportunity.

D. Regular Business

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2023 as written.

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

Treasurer's Report & Budget Recap

Treasurer's Report and Budget Recap will be presented at the next meeting.

Payroll Report

Motion to accept Payroll Reports for the period ending February 24, 2023 in the amount \$34,696.71.

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

Disbursements

Motion to approve the following disbursements as written.

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

General Fund	Amount	Memo
Davidheiser's	115.00	Calibration- Speed Timing Devices
Gary Bickel's Garage	99.00	Police Vehicle Service
US Bank Equipment Finance	259.15	Copier Printer Lease 494494545
AmeriGas	3,298.22	Propane - Public Works Bldg.
Service Electric Cable TV	501.40	Telephone Service
Univest VISA	1,518.25	Police Computer and Police Supplies
Verizon Wireless	207.35	Police Wireless
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	4,672.00	Bldg. and Zoning Services
Integrity Firearms Procurement LLC	1,744.43	Ammunition
Uniform Gear	69.99	Police Uniform Supplies
Hartford Insurance	593.76	Life and Disability Insurance
Allied Administrators for Delta Dental	800.54	Dental Insurance
Merry Maids	115.00	Janitorial Service
Grim, Biehn and Thatcher	1,110.00	ZHB Legal 2022 thru Feb 2023
G2 Computers	750.00	Filemaker (TMP) license 18532
Wynn Associates Inc.	1,656.56	Engineering Services Feb 2023
Payroll Fund	Amount	Memo
SurePayroll	34,043.21	Pay Period End 2-24-23
Cap & Equipment Fund	Amount	Memo
General Code	10,232.00	Codification E-Code Project
State Fund	Amount	Memo
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Escrow Fund	Amount	Memo
Wynn Associates	3,058.15	LD and SD Escrows & Headquarters Bridge

Penn Community Bank Signature Cards

The Board announced that, due to the closure of the local Univest Bank location, the Township was in the process of setup new checking accounts at Penn Community Bank requiring the Board to sign signature cards.

G. Land Development / Conditional Use

LD 2022-3: Land Development of Tretton

CU 2022-1: Conditional Use of Tretton

31 Creamery Rd, Ottsville. TMP 44-001-022-002.

Proposes to renovate barn as a wedding venue.

Requests Conditional Use approval to construct stormwater management facilities in steep slope area and permit substantial property improvement within the Tohickon Creek Watershed overlay.

- Applications received August 16, 2022.
- 60-day waiver of the clock requested to enable the applicant to provide further information.
- Planning Commission review date to be determined upon receipt of revised plans.
- Board of Supervisors review currently scheduled for March 21, 2023.

SD 2023-1 Minor Subdivision of Luck

Vacant lots located on Headquarters and Center Roads. TMP 44-015-008 & 44-014-078.

- Planning Commission review was held on February 28, 2023.
- Board of Supervisors review currently scheduled for April 18, 2023.

H. Public Comment Session

Resident Tim Cashman asked for more information regarding the Headquarters Road grant. The Board said they have not had the opportunity to review the grant application. As the grant deadline is March 15th, the Board to continue the meeting to March 9th at 4:00 PM to allow time for review.

Cashman stated that with the temporary bridge would still have hurdles that would cause delays, such as Army Corps of Engineers filings and plan design. He noted that the Gidumal / PennDOT lawsuit was still six months out. Cashman said the weight limit on a temporary bridge would restrict EMS response vehicles. The Board stated that they are looking at structures that would allow intermittent emergency response vehicles. Cashman cautioned that a temporary bridge would not necessarily end the lawsuits.

Resident Vladimir Salamun said trees that fall in the streams cause the roads to wash out and suggested that a coalition of volunteers and Public Works be formed to work to clear the streams.

Resident Kathryn Auerbach asked about the process for notifying nearby property owners in the event of a subdivision. Lewis said that the applicant(s) or their representative(s) is/are required by ordinance to notify the property owners and a template letter that explains the process would be added. Lewis said that all of the subdivisions and land development applications are listed on the agendas with dates of scheduled review and all of the meetings are open to the public.

Resident Luke Sorensen suggested that the subdivision applicant place a public notice of subdivision placard at the site.

I. Continuance

Motion to continue the Board of Supervisors meeting to Thursday, March 9 at 4 PM to review the Headquarters Bridge temporary bridge and/or bridge repair grant opportunity.

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

This meeting of the Board of Supervisors is continued to March 9, 2023 at 4:00 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 21, 2023 at 7:30 PM.

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Jim Helms, Chairperson



Eleanor Breslin, Vice-Chairperson



Richard Rosamilia, Member