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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 April 4, 2023**

Supervisors Eleanor Breslin, Jim Helms and Richard Rosamilia were present with Township Manager Teri Lewis, Police Chief Nicole Madden and Township Solicitor Steve Harris. The meeting, held in the Tinicum Township building meeting room, was live-streamed on Zoom and recorded. There were approximately 10 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.

#### **A. Emergency Services**

Chief Madden, Tinicum Township Police Dept., presented the following report for March 2023:

- 189 Incident Reports: 49 service-related, 33 crime/investigative (including 1 fraud report), 90 traffic, 10 training, & 7 court.
- 2 Reportable Traffic Accidents:
  - 1- vehicle crash due to vehicle failure.
  - 1-vehicle accident due to environmental issue.
- 5-Year Reportable Accident Average: Over the past 5 years for the month of March, there was an average of 1.2 reportable accidents.
- River Road Stationary Patrols  
Stationary Patrols are being conducted on River Road to determine the best locations to handle speeding concerns. Two trial locations have been added. Safety concerns are being documented and adjustments will be made as needed.
- State Grant Funding for Aggressive Driving  
Grant funding was been secured to combat aggressive driving, primarily on River Road, by paying for additional overtime for officers.
- Drug Take Back at Wehrungs Home Center scheduled for April 22, 10 AM to 2 PM

#### **B. Old Business**

##### Headquarters Bridge Update

The Board provided the following updates:

- The Township recently received a letter from PennDOT, as part of the Delaware Riverkeepers Network versus the National Park Service lawsuit negotiations, issuing a deadline of June 30, 2023 for the Township to issue a resolution to take over the Headquarters Road Bridge, at which time PennDOT may choose to not accept the resolution. The Township had submitted an Economic Development Initiative Grant application, however the date to learn if funding will be awarded is unknown at this time. The Board noted that the Township cannot accept ownership of the bridge without adequate funding, but is continuing to investigate a temporary bridge and/or bridge rehabilitation. The Township is not a party to the lawsuit.

- Griffin Engineering, which was recommended by Doug Bond, engineer for the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, was not able to provide an updated estimate for the Economic Development Initiative Grant prior to submission, but the Township did increase the grant amount request by \$500,000 to cover the part of the roadway adjacent to the Headquarters Bridge. The Board instructed Lewis to contact Woodtiger Fund to ascertain if the cost for obtaining the estimate from Griffin Engineering would be covered by the Woodtiger Fund escrow.

The Board noted that they continue to investigate funding opportunities for the bridge, however it was essential that the studies to determine the feasibility of the bridge rehabilitation be completed in order to apply for grant funding. The Board explained that the Economic Development Initiative Grant is an appropriations grant, not a competitive grant.

Resident Kathy Auerbach encouraged the Board to continue to consider taking ownership of the bridge without funding in hand to encourage contributions. The Board stated that they are unable to take ownership of the bridge without funding.

Resident Tim Cashman inquired as to the status of PennDOT with regards to building the bridge. The Board stated that PennDOT issued a contract last year, but has not issued a notice for the contractor to proceed, due to ongoing lawsuits. The Township Solicitor continues to monitor the lawsuit situation.

Property owner Steve Gidumal reviewed the details of his two lawsuits against PennDOT with regards to ownership of the Headquarters Bridge. He suggested a setting up a private, joint corporation that would own the bridge and fundraise. The Board stated it was open to any idea submissions.

#### C. New Business

##### Volunteer Board Appointments

**Motion to appoint Carol Ann Kell to the Park and Recreation Board, term expiring 2028.**

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

##### Bucks County Dept. of Health West Nile Virus Mosquito Control Program Request

**Motion to authorize Manager Lewis to send a letter to the Bucks County Health Dept. granting permission to treat municipal properties for mosquitos.**

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

##### Tinicum Earth Day Fair: April 22, 10 AM - 2 PM

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. Rain date is Sunday, April 23.

**Motion to approve two additional vendors at the Earth Day Event.**

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

#### D. Announcements

##### Executive Session

The Board announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss potential litigation.

##### Tinicum Township Community Park Clean Up Day: April 15, 9 AM - Noon

The Park and Recreation Board will be hosting a clean-up day at the Tinicum Township Community Park. Terry Johnson, Park and Recreation chairperson, stated that they will be doing some planting, painting and general clean-up. He stated they would love to have volunteers – please bring rakes.

PennDOT Transportation Survey

PennDOT has an online public opinion transportation survey. A link was setup on the Township website. Comments will be accepted through April.

**E. Regular Business**

Minutes

**Motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2023.**

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

Treasurer’s Report & Budget Recap

Treasurer’s Report and Budget Recap will be made available at the next meeting.

Payroll Report

**Motion to accept Payroll Reports for the period ending March 24, 2023 in the amount \$41,107.13.**

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.

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Memo</b>
United Healthcare Insurance Co.	\$12,884.91	Monthly Healthcare Premium
Bucks County Association	\$300.00	Membership Dues
Verizon Wireless	\$414.68	Police Wireless
U.S. Bank Equipment Finance	\$541.80	Sharp Lease
VISA	\$235.93	Misc. flowers and Adobe membership
Merry Maids	\$115.00	Janitorial Service
Aflac Business Services	\$145.64	Supplemental Insurance
Ricoh Americas Corp	\$649.96	Prior year printer lease (reimbursed by Centric /Sharp)
Merry Maids	\$230.00	Janitorial
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	\$3,633.50	Bldg. & Zoning Services
PennTeleData	\$381.85	Internet modems
Service Electric Cable TV	\$23.97	Public Works Telephone
Wehrung's	\$66.54	Police Supplies
Wehrung's	\$493.96	Park Rallings
PSATS	\$60.00	CDL Testing
Suburban Propane	\$831.82	Heating Oil
Allied Admin for Delta Dental	\$800.54	Dental Insurance
Hartford Insurance	\$593.76	Life and Disability Ins
Wynn Associates	\$2,082.09	Engineering Services March
Vizi	\$1,161.02	Bulk Mail Postage / Newsletter
<b>Payroll Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Memo</b>
Account Edge Payroll	\$40,450.05	Pay period ending March 24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Escrow Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Memo</b>
Wynn Assoc	\$1,392.30	Engineering Services March
<b>Capital &amp; Eq Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Memo</b>
Collinson Inc	\$15,125.00	Guiderail installation Hollow Horn Rd
<b>Open Space Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Memo</b>
Del Val Regional Finance	\$11,073.68	Open Space Bond Payment

**F. Public Works**

Annual Seal Coat Maintenance Bid

The Board announced that the 2023 bid for annual seal coat maintenance Sector 1 will be awarded at the April 18, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

**G. Land Development / Conditional Use / Minor Subdivision**

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 the 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 **April 18, 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 Kathleen Auerbach inquired about the Creamery Road Bridge closure. Lewis said that the bridge is closed for PennDOT repairs.

Resident Tim Cashman cautioned the Board about working with Steve Gidumal on the bridge, noting that the incident that transpired between Cashman and Gidumal during the meeting that evening was the second occurrence.

**I. Executive Session**

Helms recessed the regular meeting at 8:05 PM for the Manager Lewis to ask for guidance from the Township Solicitor. No action to report.

**J. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.**

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

*The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for April 18, 2023 at 7:30 PM.*

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Jim Helms, Chairperson




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Eleanor Breslin, Vice-Chairperson




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Richard Rosamilia, Member