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TINICUM TOWNSHIP

Bucks County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

163 Municipal Road
Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947

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TINICUM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES OF THE MEETING APRIL 16, 2013

Chairperson Nick Forte called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Vice Chairperson Vincent Dotti was in attendance with Supervisor Gary Pearson, Solicitor Stephen Harris and Manager Linda McNeill. There were approximately ten persons in the audience including Chris Ruvo of the Intelligencer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Forte led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC SESSION:

A. Old Business:

Tinicum Township Historic Commission re: Founding Families Day

Janine Black, Stephen Victor and Ethan Perry were present to give the Board an update on Founding Families Day scheduled for June 9, 2013. Perry said that the Historical Commission had been researching the families that settled in Tinicum and talking to people who were descendants of Colonel Ervin. He said that many families from the 1700's and 1800's had descendants that were still here. He said that the Commission was hosting the event at two churches, on East Dark Hollow Road, the Brick Church UCC and Lutheran Church. He said that the Historic Commission had been forming ideas as they came along in speaking with a number of founding families. He said that this would be a 250th birthday celebration of Tinicum Township as well as a celebration of its founders. He said that they were trying to locate more families and had consulted old Civic Association bulletins and other leads. Perry said that the day would begin at 1:00 p.m. and would cover historic preservation, genealogy, cemetery tours, schoolhouses and cultural history, with a panel discussion by founding families. Janine Black said that Jeffrey Marshall from Heritage Conservancy was scheduled to speak on historic barns and that there would be a number of displays including Bob Anderson's Native American artifacts.

Black said that Arthur Ritter was preparing a postcard and that mailing would cost approximately \$920. She said that they were making a banner (donated by the churches) to advertise the event and were looking for a tent. Forte asked if the Commission had looked for sponsors to help with the expenses. Perry said they had not.

Dotti said that the Board would have a better sense of budget once it knew of any sponsorship and this could come to a resolution at the next meeting.

Settlement Agreement Tinicum Township v. Szwarc:

Pearson asked that the Agreement be revised to make a reference to Hurricane Sandy, as this was the impetus for the proposed settlement. Motion by Pearson, seconded by Dotti, to approve the amendment to the proposed settlement due to hurricane Sandy and authorize Forte and McNeill to sign on the Township's behalf. Voted upon and passed.

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B. Reports from Police, Emergency Services & Public Works:

Chief Sabath announced that the drug take-back program would be held at Wehrung's home center on April 27th from 10 am to 2 pm.

C. New Business:

Jack Thompson re: 901 River Road, Erwinna, PA:

John Bean and Graham Feralio were present for Jack Thompson to give the Board an update on 901 River Road. Bean said that they have been cleaning up the property, removing hazardous trees and downed trees from hurricane Sandy. He said that the buildings were in very bad shape with a lot of rotten wood and they had been working with Zoning Officer, Shawn McGlynn. He said that they were currently taking the buildings apart to determine condition and would apply for the necessary permits when they determined how much work would be necessary to restore the barn.

Bean said that the house was in poor condition as well and will need major construction but right now, they were just taking things apart and visiting the township three times per week to work with the zoning office.

Forte asked if the building were salvageable. Bean said yes. He said some structural members were bad and they will need to redo timber frame and do some major construction to make the house and barn whole again. He said that Graham Feralio was the main contractor and that he had done the Black Bass and the Mountainside. Bean said that they needed cooperation from the Township to rehabilitate the buildings. He provided photos of bad wood that needed replacement.

Bean said that Jack Thompson wanted to know if the Township Supervisors had something they wanted, or any ideas they had for the property. He said that they were very interested in any input.

Feralio said that this would probably be a long project as they intended to restore the property to what it looked like 150 years ago.

Dotti suggested that the land could return to the original agricultural use and the buildings could be food related retail.

Creamery Road Speed Limit:

Forte provided history on the Creamery Road Bridge project. McNeill said that PennDOT was proposing a bridge replacement that was being designed to be a minimum of 26 feet in width because Creamery Road was presumed to have a 55 mph speed limit, as it was currently not posted. Motion by Dotti, seconded by Pearson to authorize a speed limit study on Creamery Road. Voted upon and passed.

1) MINUTES:

Motion by Forte, seconded by Dotti, to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of April 2, 2013 as written.

2) TREASURER'S REPORT & BUDGET RECAP:

Motion by Forte, seconded by Dotti, to accept the Treasurer's Report and Budget Recap for March 2013.

3) PAYROLL REPORT:

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to approve the Payroll Report for the period of March 23, 2013 and ending April 5, 2013.

4) DISBURSEMENTS:

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to approve the below listed disbursements:
General Fund: PA Dept. of Labor and Industry \$135.91; PSATS UC GROUP TRUST \$9,298.20; Staples Contract and Commercial \$75.92; Swamps Auto Works \$103.55; Farm & Home Oil Co. \$547.69; Merry Maids \$94.34; Verizonwireless \$238.01; Keystone Municipal Services Inc. \$2,580.00; PA Dept. of Labor and Industry \$44.00;

Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. \$250.28; Harris and Harris \$2,118.96; DCED \$96.00; SWAMPS AUTO WORKS \$37.10; Met-Ed \$19.69; Met-Ed \$376.43; Gary Bickel's Garage \$236.34; Harris and Harris \$2,118.96; Bee Bergvall & Co PC \$4,800.00; McNeill \$25.99; Merry Maids \$94.34; Skelton \$88.80; Keystone Municipal Engineering \$1,941.20; PMRS \$6,828.08; PMRS \$2,713.02; Earth Link \$43.90; efts \$ 2104.58

Payroll Fund: Payroll for period ending 4/5/13; efts Fed \$5622.47; State \$844.58.

Escrow Fund: Blum Moore \$250.00.

State Fund: Reading Equipment \$159.39; GTS Welco \$23.55; Farm & Home Company \$2858.87; Plumstead Materials \$52.60.

Groundwater Mgt Fund: Lennon's Small Jobs 813.95; Global Water \$1112.28.

5) A. PLANNING:

B. SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT:

6) ZONING:

7) POLICE:

8) PUBLIC WORKS:

9) ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS:

Forte announced the following:

#1-2013 ZHB Hearing on April 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for Property Owners Jonathon and Madeline Weisgal: Request a variance from Article VIII, Section 802.03 to construct an in-ground swimming pool within the required 50 foot steep slope buffer. This property is identified as Tax Parcel #44-22-97-18 with an address of 178 Cafferty Road, Pipersville, PA and is a 24.43 acre tract in the Residential Agricultural (RA) Zoning District. The Planning Commission will review this application during their meeting on April 9, 2013.

#2-2013 ZHB Hearing on May 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for Property Owners William Mandell and Lee Ann Jaffee: Request a Variance from Article IV, Section 401.2 (a) to allow a guest house. This property is identified as Tax Parcel # 44-22-41-1 with an address of 91 Smithtown Road, Pipersville, PA and is a 4.46 acre tract in the Residential Agricultural (RA) Zoning District. The Planning Commission will review this application during their meeting on April 23, 2013.

10) MISCELLANEOUS:

Forte announced the passing of Mitch Bunkin, Chairman of the Vacancy Board. Dotti said that the Board sends condolences to Mitch's wife, Susan and the family. He said that Bunkin was one of the founders of the Tinicum Conservancy and has done much for the community.

Forte recessed the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m. for an executive session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel.

Forte reconvened the meeting at 9:22 pm. He announced that the Board discussed matters of litigation and personnel.

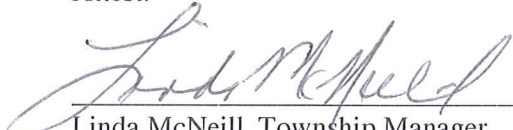
Motion by Dotti, seconded by Forte, to extend the deadline for removal of all material and restoration of the property in the Nowicki matter from the current deadline of May 15 to allow grinding and processing of material through May 15, 2013 with cessation of mulch sales to end on July 15th. No new materials can be brought on site and all other conditions remain the same. Voted upon and passed.

11) ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Voted upon and passed. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building.

TINICUM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Attest:


Linda McNeill, Township Manager


Nicholas C. Forte, Chairperson


Vincent J. Dotti, Vice Chairperson


Gary Pearson, Supervisor