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# TINICUM TOWNSHIP

*Bucks County*

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

163 Municipal Road  
Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947

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

### **Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes December 17, 2019**

Supervisors Rich Rosamilia, Jim Helms and John Blanchard were present with Township Manager Teri Lewis. There were approximately 5 people in attendance.

Chairperson Richard Rosamilia called the public meeting of the Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Rosamilia announced that the Board held an executive session at 6:45 pm to meet with potential candidates for board and committee positions.

#### **A. Police**

Chief Phelan, Tinicum Township Police Dept., gave the following report for November:

- 170 Incident Reports: 54% service calls, 22% traffic-related, 18% crimes/suspicious occurrence investigation, 6% court and/or training.
- Arrests:
  - In October fuel lines were cut on vehicles causing over \$3,000 in damages. Officer Compas used surveillance video and put out a statewide bulletin on the vehicle. An officer in another township recognized the vehicle and they worked with detectives in Warwick to make the arrest.
  - A Christmas tree lot was repeatedly turfed. Surveillance video was used to identify vehicle and charges were filed.
- Accidents: 4 reportable crash accidents, 3 deer related and one fatality on Route 113, when the vehicle went off the road.
- Road Improvements: Chief Phelan worked with PennDOT and the homeowner to have a large tree removed near the intersection of E. Dark Hollow and Cafferty Roads, which greatly improved sight lines and safety at the intersection.
- School Safety: An emergency response drill was conducted at the Tinicum Elementary.
- Tinicum Police Foundation: Two additional dashcams were purchased through the Foundation. Next year all marked vehicles will have dashcams for a total of four. Phelan thanked the Foundation.

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

##### Tinicum Community Park Walking Path Officially Opens

Rosamilia announced that the Tinicum Community Park walking path is officially open. He encouraged the public to visit the new park located off Route 611 on Tohickon Valley Road.

##### River Road Safety Meeting Update

Rosamilia said a tentative January meeting date had been set with PennDOT, Representative Ullman, Senator Mensch and Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed work to slow down the speed on River Road.

Land Preservation Point System Evaluation Form Approval

Rosamilia said there was some confusion regarding the point distribution system used by the Land Preservation Committee (LPC), but it had been clarified as follows: 10 points are awarded if the property is adjacent to a conserved property. 15 points are awarded if the property is adjacent on two sides to conserved property. Rosamilia stated that it would be one or the other, but not both.

**Motion:** to approve the Land Preservation Evaluation form.

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

**C. New Business**

Board of Auditors Appointment

**Motion:** to appoint Robert Ferrari to the Board of Auditors vacancy position created by the resignation of Jerome Becker. His term will extend until the next municipal election.

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

**D. Regular Business**

Minutes:

**Motion:** to approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2019 Board of Supervisor meeting as written.

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

Treasurer’s Report & Budget Recap:

Rosamilia stated that the Treasurer’s Report and Budget Recap for November have been presented to the Board and are posted on the bulletin board.

Payroll Report:

**Motion:** to accept the Payroll Reports for the period ending December 6<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$34,617.14.

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

Disbursements:

**Motion:** to accept the disbursements as listed below.

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

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Memo</b>
PSATS	\$1,435.00	2020 Membership and Dues
AmeriGas	\$265.00	Propane
Harris and Harris	\$306.25	Professional Services
J. Tanner	\$23.20	Mileage Reimbursement
M. Phelan	\$470.40	Uniform Cleaning Reimbursement
Upper Black Eddy Fire Co	\$4,714.96	Replacement of-voided check
Harris and Harris	\$11,722.81	Legal Services November 2019
Tackett Planning, Inc.	\$3,727.50	Zoning Services Nov
Courier Times, Inc.	\$319.68	Legal Notices Cond Use & Sewage Mgt.
ReadyRefresh	\$118.40	Bottled Water
Wehrung's	\$120.86	Bldg. Supplies/Repairs
Keystone Municipal Services	\$1,170.00	Bldg. insp. and review 11-18 - 11-27
Holicong Locksmiths	\$245.10	Alarm Monitoring
Earth Link	\$53.90	Web Hosting
Allied Admin/Delta Dental	\$833.89	Dental Insurance
Met-Ed	\$161.88	Electricity Garage
Met-Ed	\$298.44	Electricity Pol & Admin
Met-Ed	\$20.99	Electricity Park
Consolidated Plastics	\$97.57	Bldg. Supplies/ Maintenance
DelGuerico's Disposal	\$157.83	Trash and Recycle Removal
Ricoh Americas Corp	\$138.74	Copier Lease Payment
PennTeleData	\$180.21	Internet Modems

Upper Bucks Regional EMS	\$25,848.52	2019 Contribution
Pt Pleasant Plumstead EMS	\$25,151.48	2019 Contribution
Internal Revenue Service	\$2,648.20	Employer FICA tax
Commonwealth of PA	\$25.00	Police Kennel License
Commonwealth of PA	\$50.00	Fuel Tank Registration
Blum Moore Stenography	\$250.00	Condition Use Stenography
Gall's Inc	\$83.51	Police Uniform Supplies
PA Chiefs of Police Assoc.	\$150.00	2020 Membership
Wehrung's	\$37.33	Police Supplies
Cooper Mechanical	\$139.00	Police Heat and AC Contract
Barbara Quinby	\$24.50	Refund - Permit app withdrawn
Grim Biehn and Thatcher	\$252.00L	Legal Services ZHB
Keystone Engineering	\$1985.50	Grading and Septic Permits
Keystone Engineering	\$418.50	Park Project
Keystone Engineering	\$232.50	Engineering Services
<b>Payroll Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Memo</b>
Pay period ending 12-6-19	\$26,722.43	Paychecks
Internal Revenue Service	\$6,004.89	Employee FICA tax
Pa Dept of Revenue	\$1,062.73	PA Wage tax
<b>State Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Memo</b>
Suburban Propane	613.38	Diesel Fuel
Tractor Supply	\$564.40	PWD Supplies
H & K Materials	\$660.18	Asphalt for patching
New Pig	\$201.02	PWD Supplies
Michael's Garage	\$133.00	F350 Inspection
Plumstead Materials	\$1860.74	Stone
Wehrung's	\$345.99	PWD Supplies
<b>Escrow Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Memo</b>
Tackett Planning	\$510.00	Sketch Plan Review
Keystone Engineering	\$279.00	Professional Services
Keystone Engineering	\$604.50	Professional Services
<b>Open Space Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Memo</b>
Del Val Regional Finance	\$12,323.30	Open Space Bond Payment
<b>Park Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Memo</b>
Twining Construction	\$16,622.50	Tinicum Comm. Park Walking Path

#### E. Ordinances

##### Adoption of Ordinance 247: Critical Recharge Amendment

**Motion:** to adopt Ordinance 247: Critical Recharge Amendment.

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

##### Adoption of Ordinance 248: Site Capacity Amendment

Rosamilia said the amendment corrects a discrepancy in the Zoning Ordinance language replacing "Base Site Area" with "Net Site Area" with regard to Site Capacity calculations.

**Motion:** to adopt Ordinance 246: Sewage Amendment.

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

##### Advertisement of Proposed Draft Ordinance 249: Comcast Cable Franchise

Rosamilia said Ordinance 249 renews the Comcast Franchise Agreement. [Comcast is the cable provider for the southernmost portion of the Township, including Point Pleasant and a small geographical area of Pipersville.]

**Motion to:** authorize to advertise the Ordinance 249: Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement.  
**Motion by:** Rosamilia. **Second by:** Blanchard. Voted upon and passed.

Proposed Draft Ordinance 250: Group Home

Harris explained that a Group Home is a broad term that can encompass a group of unrelated people living together in a private home for a number of reasons, such as disabilities, halfway houses, and “Sober Homes” for people recovering from alcohol or substance abuse. He said the Township did not have an ordinance that appropriately addressed these types of homes with regard to the Fair Housing Act. Harris said that the proposed ordinance would address group homes in the community. The Board and Harris discussed details and definitions of the Ordinance, including waste disposal, overcrowding, parking, and issues involving neighbors.

The Board directed Harris to make revisions as discussed and a revised draft would be reviewed at the next meeting of the Board.

**F. Announcement**

Rosamilia announced that the Tincum Township Administrative Offices will be closed between Christmas and New Year's Day. A notice was posted on the website.

**G. Executive Session**

Supervisor Rosamilia recessed the regular meeting at 7:59 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters. Rosamilia called the meeting back to order at 8:13 pm. There was no action to report.

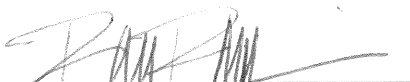
**H. Adjournment**


**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm.

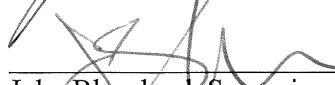
**Motion by:** Rosamilia. **Second by:** Blanchard. Voted upon and passed.

*The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 pm.*

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