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TINICUM TOWNSHIP

Bucks County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947

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Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors Continuance Meeting Minutes June 11, 2019

Supervisors Rich Rosamilia, Jim Helms and John Blanchard were present with Township Manager Teri Lewis. There were approximately 3 people in attendance.

At 7:30 pm Chairperson Richard Rosamilia continued the meeting of the Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors for the purpose of reviewing the Ottsville Park Path Project bids and such other business that had come before the Board prior to the meeting.

A. Old Business

Ottsville Park Walking Path Project

Background: The Board voted to continue the May 7th meeting review of the 2019 Ottsville Park Walking Path Project bids. The Park Path Project was advertised and bids were received on May 21st. The project will be funded by two matching grants from the PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

Rosamilia stated that Township Engineer and Project Manager, Tom Fountain, had recommended the following motion:

“The Ottsville Walking Path Project be awarded to the low bidder, Twining Construction Co. Inc. (TCCI), for a bid amount of \$147,100.00 and subject to the recommendation that Tinicum Township and TCCI would coordinate to provide value engineering modifications that may reduce the bid amount where appropriate and without substantially altering the substantial end result of the path.”

Discussion: Solicitor Harris recommended that the following language be added to the above motion for clarification purposes:

“Tinicum Township rejects TCCI’s potential addendum #1 [additional 8” stone at \$75,295.00] and addendum #2 [geofabric under the path at \$13,930.00].”

Motion: to award the Ottsville Walking Path Project to the low bidder, Twining Construction Co. Inc. (TCCI), for the bid amount of \$147,100.00 and subject to the recommendation that Tinicum Township and TCCI would coordinate to provide value engineering modifications that may reduce the bid amount where appropriate and without substantially altering the substantial end result of the path; and the Township rejects addendums #1 and #2.

Motion by: Blanchard. **Second by:** Helms.

PennDOT Herbicide Spray Program

Background: At previous meeting, Jesse Salamun, Headquarters Rd, asked if the Township would speak with PennDOT concerning their herbicide program.

Lewis said she spoke with Darren Altemose, PennDOT, on June 11th, about his conversation with the Salamuns. Lewis said Altemose said he had an extensive conversation with the Salamuns about the requirement for visibility along the right of way - not just the intersections. Lewis said that Altemose provided the following information in regard to the Salamuns concerns:

- If PennDOT had an unlimited budget they would use mechanical means alone to clear the right of way, but that is not the case, and they must control the vegetation to provide for safety purposes.
- PennDOT only uses herbicide products that have been approved and deemed safe by the federal and state government. All herbicides are applied in accordance with all federal and state regulations and in accordance with the label guidelines for each product.
- PennDOT maintains that Roundup, or the chemical version of it, has not been shown to cause cancer in neighboring areas where it has been used, but has been a problem for applicators who do not follow the proper protocol in its use. Regardless, the certified applicator chooses the best product for the vegetation type and Roundup is not always selected. The EPA has not issued a concern about neighboring properties and cancer where this is used.
- PennDOT employs only licensed certified applicators to use the herbicide products.
- When the certified applicators apply the herbicide, they have rules and protocol to follow regarding the distance from any water, including standing water, streams, and even pipes that contain water. The certified applicators know where to safely stop the spray application.
- Prior to spraying, the applicators are required to review a spreadsheet and a GIS mapping program *every morning* indicating the locations where a vegetation management contract or a hypersensitivity form has been filed by a resident.

Lewis said that Altemos said that the Salamuns were welcome to contact other property owners to discuss the possibility of filing vegetation management forms with PennDOT. However, Lewis said that Altemos stated that property owners must:

- Fill out and mail in the vegetation management form to PennDOT in order to opt out.
- Fulfill their obligation with the contract agreement by cutting back and maintaining their right-of-way according to PennDOT standards as indicated on the permit or it becomes void.

B. New Business

Ways to Protect Covered Bridges from Trucks

Background: A vehicle recently struck the Frankenfield Covered Bridge causing structural damage. The County said that they are optimistic that repairs will be completed by the end of June.

Rosamilia said that she said that the Board had received an email and phone call from residents suggesting that an I-beam be installed at either end of the covered bridge at an elevation that would prevent trucks from striking the ceiling of the covered bridges. He said that Helms was concerned that it would take away from the look of the bridge. Rosamilia said that he had asked Lewis if there was a way the County could lift the top section of the bridge an additional 2 feet while maintaining the look. Lewis said she had not yet heard back from the County, but they were working to repair the Frankenfield Bridge as quickly as possible.

Rosamilia stated that there is an intersection right before the bridge, so moving the Ibeam further down the road from the bridge would not be an option. Helms asked how the County has approached this issue in other places. Rosamilia he understands that they had raised the roof on a covered bridge in another township. Quinby said that up in Springtown they had hung tire chains before the bridge just before the entrance. Rosamilia said that some people would say the chains would say it takes away from the beauty of bridge.

Rosamilia said a laser that triggers flashing lights might work. Harris suggested a sign that says how many times the bridge has been hit, but Helms said that he has a website that shows a sign is not effective. McArthur asked what is the average height for trucks on highway. Blanchard said, typically, it is 13'6". Blanchard stated that Frankenfield is 11' 3" and that the Geigle Hill covered bridge is only 11'.

C. Monthly Business

1) Disbursements:

Motion: to approve the below listed disbursements.

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

| General Fund | Amount | Memo |
|---------------------------------|------------|---|
| Victim Passthrough | \$100.00 | Victim Passthrough - restitution |
| Harris and Harris | \$1,726.30 | Legal Services May |
| Blue360 Media | \$92.82 | Law Enforcement Handbooks |
| Allied Admin for Delta Dental | \$833.89 | Dental Insurance |
| Wehrung's | \$4.15 | Police supplies |
| YCG | \$65.00 | Calibration speed timing |
| NAPA of Ottsville | \$176.10 | Fluids and filters- police fleet |
| Holicong Locksmiths | \$245.10 | Alarm Monitoring - both buildings |
| Earth Link | \$40.95 | Web hosting |
| Ricoh Americas Corp | \$93.00 | Copier Lease |
| Met-Ed | \$110.08 | Electricity PWD |
| Met-Ed | \$31.08 | Electricity Traffic Light |
| Met-Ed | \$20.52 | Electricity Park |
| Met-Ed | \$284.09 | Electricity Admin and Police |
| Keystone Municipal Services Inc | \$1,267.50 | Bldg. inspections and reviews 5-20 through 5-31 |
| ReadyRefresh | \$58.21 | Bottled Water Meeting Room |
| Open Space Project Fund | Amount | Memo |
| Harris and Harris | \$393.75 | Legal Services May |

D. Executive Session

The Board recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session from 7:48 pm to 7:56 pm to discuss matters of land acquisition and conservation easement. There was no action to report.

The Board recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session from 8:00 pm to 8:44 pm to discuss matters of litigation and personnel. There was no action to report.

E. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

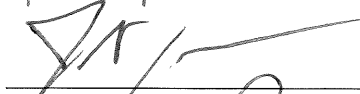
Motion by: Rosamilia. **Second by:** Helms. Voted upon and passed.

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for July 16th, 2019 at 7:30 pm.


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