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TINICUM TOWNSHIP

Bucks County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

163 Municipal Road
Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947

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

Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes October 6, 2020

Supervisors Jim Helms, John Blanchard and Richard Rosamilia were present with Manager Teri Lewis and Township Solicitor Steve Harris. The meeting was held in the Tinicum Township building meeting room. There were approximately 8 people in attendance. Masks and social distancing were required.

Chairperson Jim 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. Announcements

Helms announced the following:

- 1) The Board thanked Sue Bunkin and Garden Club helper, Joan, for the lovely, autumn decorations at the front of the Township Building.
- 2) The Board wanted to clarify for the record that the only Facebook page associated with Tinicum Township, Bucks County, is the Tinicum Township Police Crimewatch Facebook page. All others, despite having Tinicum Township in their name, are NOT affiliated with the Township in any way, shape or form.

B. Public Comment Session

Headquarters Bridge

Tim Cashman, Quail Lane, asked the Board for an update on the Headquarters Bridge. He said he had gone down to the bridge and there had been people filming the area and someone was cutting down trees near the bridge. He said he had spoken with Bruce Wallace who was present and he said he was cleaning up things around the bridge. Cashman said he was concerned about that because the property lines were unclear.

Rosamilia said each Board member had unofficially met with Bruce Wallace at his request. Rosamilia said that Wallace wanted to show him where it was eroding along the creek above the abutment and asked for suggestions. Rosamilia asked Cashman about his interaction with the National Park Service (NPS).

Cashman said he contacted the president of the NPS. Cashman said the NPS president told him they had been asked to install a system above, at, and below the bridge to monitor the water flow after the bridge was built. Cashman said that when he spoke with PennDOT they did not want to agree to that because there is no record of prior or current measurements for comparison.

Cashman said that the judge had ruled to allow the bridge replacement to move forward and now the National Park Service was holding it up with the Army Corp of Engineers. Rosamilia said he did not disagree, but if they wanted some type of monitoring to see if the water flow begins to erode people's property, he did not see the issue with that, but noted that there may be more to it. Cashman said he asked PennDOT how many other bridges they have done this for in Pennsylvania and PennDOT said none.

Rosamilia said he would like to understand PennDOT’s objections and he would call Ryan Whittington to discuss the matter. He said if the Park Service does not give their okay, the Army Corp of Engineers can overrule it. Rosamilia said they may currently be in discussions with the Park Service.

Helms asked Harris how long the Riverkeeper had to file an appeal. Harris said 60 days from the ruling. Cashman noted the danger and difficulties of the school buses having to turn around on Headquarters Road four times a day would begin again soon and that the 911 delayed response time issue was ongoing.

D. Old Business

Amendment to the Agreement of Sale for the Conservation Easement of Frances. J Nowicki Trust, Tax Parcel 44-005-070, 35 Clay Ridge Road, Ottsville, PA.

Harris stated when the agreement was originally signed when Rosamilia was chairperson. Harris said he amended it to say “Rich Rosamilia on behalf of the Board” could sign the amendment to the agreement of sale for the conservation easement which extends the date of settlement to 30 days after the receipt of the order from the Orphans Court approving the sale of the conservation easement to the buyer. He asked Lewis to witness the Board signing.

E. New Business

Consideration of Installation and Maintenance Agreement: Bedminster Building Group, Tax Parcel 44-036-027, 113 Durham Road, Ottsville, PA

Harris said they had received Construction Escrow and the Operation and Maintenance Agreement Escrow necessary for Board approval.

Motion to: approve the Bedminster Building Group Installation and Maintenance Agreement.

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

F. Regular Business

1) Minutes:

Motion to: approve the Minutes of the September 15th, 2020 meeting as written.

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

2) Treasurer’s Report & Budget Recap:

Helms stated the Treasurer’s Report and Budget Recap for September would be available at the next meeting.

3) Payroll Report:

Motion to: accept the Payroll Reports for the period ending September 11th in the amount of \$24,177.63 and September 25th in the amount of \$24,949.21

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

4) Disbursements:

Motion to: approve the below listed disbursements.

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

General Fund	Amount	Memo
Grim, Biehn and Thatcher	\$1,595.00	June 2020 Gen/ Ruback/Prime Dev/Tretton
Verizon Wireless	\$215.01	Police Wireless
Pt Pleasant Fire Relief Association	\$4,658.96	2020 Foreign Fire
Upper Black Eddy Fire Company	\$2,642.37	2020 Foreign Fire Relief
Delaware Valley Fire Co. Relief	\$24,072.10	2020 Foreign Fire Relief
Ottsville Fire Company Relief Assoc.	\$16,867.93	2020 Foreign Fire Relief
Keystone Municipal Engineering	\$827.70	Engineer Services and Grading Permits
Keystone Municipal Engineering	\$2,855.10	Engineer Services and Grading Permits
Keystone Municipal Engineering	\$139.50	Engineer Services and Grading Permits

Davidheiser's	\$70.00	Calibration/ Speed Timing
MAGLOCLN	\$400.00	User Fees Membership 2020-2021
Hartford Insurance	\$292.52	Life and STD combined
United Healthcare Insurance	\$11,077.53	2020 Monthly Health Insurance 09U9402
VISA	\$68.47	Police Supplies
Service Electric Telephone	\$400.26	Telephone Service
PMRS	\$5,886.56	Pension St Aid Non-uniform 3rd Qtr.
PMRS	\$5,886.56	Pension St Non-Uniform Estimated 4th Qtr.
PMRS	\$2,230.01	Member Contribution 3rd Qtr.
PMRS	\$23,393.76	Pension Uniform MMO Invoice
Internal Revenue Service	\$1,849.60	Payroll Tax Deposit
Internal Revenue Service	\$1908.60	Payroll Tax Deposit
Del Val Worker's Comp Trust	\$6,384.50	4th Qtr. Worker's Comp Insurance
Keystone Municipal Services	\$1,632.00	Bldg. Insp and Reviews
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Gall's Inc.	\$218.92	Police Uniform Supplies
Blum-Moore Reporting	\$350.00	Stenography Services
Aflac Insurance	\$280.04	Supplemental Insurance
Met-Ed	\$23.78	Electricity Park
Met-Ed	\$117.46	Electricity PWD
Met-Ed	\$280.04	Electricity Police & Admin
Met-Ed	\$32.47	Electricity Traffic Light
Merry Maids	\$297.00	Janitorial Services (3)
PennTeleData	\$180.21	Internet Modems
Del Val Insurance Trust	\$11,100.50	Property and Liability Insurance
Payroll Fund	Amount	Memo
Pay period ending 9/11/20	\$18,361.94	Paychecks
Internal Revenue Service	\$4,161.41	Payroll Fed Tax Deposit
PA Dept of Revenue	\$742.26	Pa Tax Deposit
Pay period ending 9/25/20	\$19,098.05	Paychecks
Internal Revenue Service	\$4,265.62	Payroll Fed Tax Deposit PA
Dept of Revenue	\$765.94	Pa Tax Deposit
State Fund	Amount	Memo
Eagle Power & Equip	\$254.50	PWD Supplies
Sands Ford of Red Hill	\$1,027.92	F550 Insp Repair Parts
Vanderlely's Truck Sales and Service	\$1,463.87	Turbo and Switch
Garden State Highway Products	\$244.00	
Open Space Fund	Amount	Memo
Del Valley Regional Finance	\$11,916.03	Open Space Bond Payment
Groundwater Fund	Amount	Memo
Xylem	\$446.00	Logger Repair
Mary Lennon	\$67.12	Reimb for Shipping of Logger

5) PMRS Uniform Pension Plan

Helms said a resolution was required to waive member contributions of 3% to the Tinicum Township Police Pension plan for the 4th quarter as State Aid was sufficient to cover the municipal obligation.

Blanchard said the Township was currently in contract negotiations with the police department and one of the police requests was to lower the retirement age by five years. Blanchard noted that request, if granted, could financially impact the decision to waive the contributions. Lewis said that she believed it was contract requirement if State Aid was sufficient. Rosamilia suggested the Board postpone the decision to a future Board meeting.

Motion to: postpone the resolution to Waive Member Contributions of 3% to the Tinicum Township Police Pension plan for the 4th quarter as State Aid was sufficient to cover the municipal obligation, to a future Board of Supervisors meeting.

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

F. Zoning:

Helms announced the following:

1) Ordinance 252: Zoning Ordinance Clean Up for Zoning Codification

Helms said the Ordinance was still under review by the Bucks County Planning Commission and stated the ordinance would be postponed until the next meeting. He said that purpose of the ordinance was to clarify and correct inconsistencies within the ordinance and move forward with Codification.

2) Zoning Hearing Board Application ZHB#2020-4 The Tretton Farmstead

Request is for relief from various sections of the ordinance to allow the use of a barn for a wedding/event venue. The property, TMP# 44-001-022-002, is located at 31 Creamery Road, Ottsville, in the Commercial District. The hearing was held remotely on September 24th and continued to October 8th. Interested parties wishing to attend must email the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor, Mary Eberle, at meberle@grimlaw.com, prior to noon the day of the hearing, to request an invitation to the remote meeting. Updates regarding the application would be posted on the website.

3) Conditional Use Application CU#2020-1 for Ronald Christman

At the request of the applicant's attorney due to a scheduling conflict, the meeting originally scheduled for October 20th at 8:00 pm was continued to November 17th. The property, TMP# 44-22-4-1, is located at 240 E. Dark Hollow Road, in the RA District. The Applicant seeks approval to install a deer fence for a non-agricultural use in the front yard setback. This application will be reviewed at the Planning Commission work session on October 13th.

Motion to: continue the Conditional Use Hearing for Application CU#2020-1 Ronald Christman to the Board of Supervisors Meeting on November 17th at 8:00 PM.

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

I. Public Comment Session

Headquarters Bridge

Tim Cashman, Quail Lane, asked the Board for an update on the repairs taking place on Geigel Hill Road. Lewis said that PennDOT was milling and patching the road, but had been temporarily called away to another job. She said PennDOT would be returning to complete the job in the near future. Lewis also stated that PennDOT has Geigel Hill Road scheduled to be paved next year.

J. Upcoming 2021 Budget Work Session

The Board scheduled the next 2021 Budget Work Session for November 6th at 3:00 PM to take place at the Township Building at 163 Municipal Road, Pipersville, PA.

K. Executive Session

Supervisor Helms recessed the regular meeting at 7:53 PM to discuss matters of personnel and potential litigation. Helms reconvened the meeting at 8:35 PM. There was no action to report.

L. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.


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

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for October 13th.

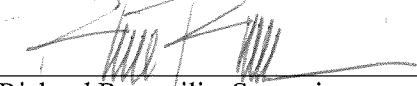
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