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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 20, 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 7 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:

The Board held an Executive Session prior to the start of the Board meeting to discuss matters of potential litigation. There were no actions to report.

B. Police Report

Acting Chief Nicole Madden, Tinicum Township Police Dept., gave the following report for August:

- 167 Incident Reports: 75 service calls, 35 traffic calls, 46 crime-related calls, 5 court-related and 6 training.
- Arrests:
 - Officer Compas arrested a male on a State Parole warrant following a brief foot pursuit.
 - Officer Gerding made a DUI arrest following a traffic stop on 611.
- 3 Reportable Traffic Accidents:
 - A single-vehicle motorcycle accident occurred on 611 caused by striking a pothole.
 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on River Road, as the result of a driver swerving to avoid an animal.
 - A deer strike on River Road caused substantial damage to a single vehicle.
- Police Activity:
 - Radar speed boards purchased through a grant were installed on River Road last week.
 - The rope swing on the Delaware River bank, which had caused issues over the summer, has been removed and the area cleared.

C. New Business

Land Preservation Committee recommended Conservation Easement Purchase:

Mary Pucci stated that the Land Preservation Committee (LPC) recommended the Township approval of an incentive grant for a donated conservation easement on the property of Richard Balukas, TMP 44-022-089-1; 44-022-067, located at 421 River Road, Pipersville, Pa. 18947.

Pucci said that the LPC reviewed the beautiful property earlier in the year to ascertain its conservation values following the guidelines and maps in the Open Space book. She said the property included farmland and meadows, woodlands and hedgerows, water resources adjacent to Smithtown Creek, scenic vistas, national wild

and scenic river watershed, critical treasure watershed of the Smithtown Creek, and wildlife habitat. Norman McArthur said that the land owner had an adjacent parcel of 16 acres that would also be included in the future for a total of 40+ preserved acres. He said the proposed Township incentive grant is \$19,000, plus closing costs.

The landowner, Rick Balukas, said he had lived in Tincum for nearly 30 years and thought he had very beautiful property. He said that the property is up on the hill and no one can really see it, but it has beautiful vistas. Balukas said he was pleased to preserve its beauty. Rosamilia thanked Balukas on behalf of the Board.

Motion to: open a two-week public comment period for the proposed conservation easement on 421 River Road. TMP 44-022-089-1; 44-022-067.

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

D. Regular Business

1) Announcement:

The next budget work session will be held on November 6th at 3 PM. Work sessions will be posted on the Township website at www.tinicumbucks.org.

2) Minutes:

Motion to: approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2020, 2020 meeting as written.

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

3) Treasurer’s Report & Budget Recap:

Helms stated the Treasurer’s Report and Budget Recap for September is posted on the bulletin board.

4) Payroll Report:

Motion to: accept the Payroll Reports for the period ending October 9th in the amount of \$25,502.86.

Motion by: Helms. **Second:** Rosamilia. 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
Aflac Business Services	\$ 280.04	Supplemental Insurance withheld
Allied Administrators for Delta Dental	\$ 761.33	Allied Administrators for Delta Dental
Armitage Electrical	\$ 756.00	Emergency Generator Control Board
Bill's Copier Service	\$ 250.00	Police Copier Contract
Blum-Moore Reporting Services	\$ 350.00	17233 Stenography
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Courier Times, Inc.	\$ 343.17	ZHB Hearing Legal Notice
Courier Times, Inc.	\$ 189.12	Ord and Budget Ad Legal Notices
Delaware Valley Insurance Trust	\$ 11,100.50	Commercial Insurance 4 th Qtr.
Delaware Valley Workers Comp Trust	\$ 6,384.50	Workers Compensation 4th Qtr.
DelGuerico's Disposal Service	\$ 155.00	Trash and Recycling Removal
G2 Computers	\$ 1,029.95	Server and Network Security and Repairs
Gall's Inc.	\$ 218.92	Police Supplies
Gary Bickel's Garage	\$ 97.99	State Insp 13 Interceptor (Pol)
Grim, Biehn and Thatcher	\$ 1,174.50	ZHB September Legal Services
Grim, Biehn and Thatcher	\$ 1,261.00	ZHB August Legal Services
Harris and Harris	\$ 4,053.75	Legal Services Sept
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	\$ 1,632.00	Bldg. Rev and Insp 9-8 thru 9-17 31560
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	\$ 1,394.00	31440 Bldg. Insp and Rev
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	\$ 1,411.00	Bldg. Insp and Rev 9-22 thru 10-1
Merry Maids	\$ 297.00	Janitorial (3 Cleanings)
Met-Ed	\$ 23.78	Electricity Park
Met-Ed	\$ 117.46	Electricity Garage

Met-Ed	\$	258.79	Electricity - Police and Admin
Met-Ed	\$	32.47	Electricity Traffic Light
PennTeleData	\$	180.21	Internet Modems
ReadyRefresh	\$	163.15	bottled water
Ricoh Americas Corp	\$	308.00	copier lease (2 months)
Shammy Shine	\$	240.00	Police Car Wash Membership
Tackett Planning, Inc.	\$	2,887.50	Tackett Planning, Inc.
United Healthcare Insurance Company	\$	11,077.53	2020 Monthly Health Insurance 09U9402 Nov
Wehrung's	\$	361.51	Meeting Room Imp - Paint and Supplies
Internal Rev Service	\$	1,951.01	Employer Payroll Tax
Staples	\$	503.65	Office Supplies
Service Telephone	\$	394.60	Telephone Service
Campbell Durrant Palombo	\$	300.00	Legal Matters Police

Payroll Fund	Amount	Memo
Pay period end 10/9/20	\$ 19,590.66	Paychecks
Internal Rev	\$ 4,201.50	Employee Payroll Tax
Pa Dept of Rev	\$ 782.94	Employee Payroll Tax

State Fund	Amount	Memo
Tractor Supply	\$ 94.41	Hydraulic Cylinder
Wehrung's	\$ 484.92	Supplies and Hardware
Montage Enterprises	\$ 139.37	Blades
Vanderlely's Truck Service	\$ 4,307.70	Clutch/Flywheel Repair
Suburban Propane	\$ 765.61	Diesel Fuel
NAPA of Ottsville	\$ 5.69	Parts
Michael's Garage	\$ 147.00	Semi Annual Inspection
H & K Materials	\$ 250.50	Asphalt Patch

E. Zoning:

Helms announced the following:

1) Zoning Hearing Board Application ZHB#2020-5 for John Ferrari

Request is for relief from the 1998 Zoning Hearing Board Decision (#ZHB1998-3), which granted construction of a barn in the setback for the purposes of storage, to now allow the use of the barn as an accessory dwelling. TMP #44-022-044, is a 1-acre property located at 13 Tory Road in the Residential Agriculture District. The Hearing is scheduled for December 10th at 7 PM.

Motion: to refer ZHB#2020-5 Ferrari to Planning Commission for a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

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

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

At the request of the applicant's attorney, the meeting originally scheduled for October 20th at 8:00 PM was continued to November 17th, due to a scheduling conflict. The property, TMP# 44-22-4-1, is located at 240 E. Dark Hollow Road, in the Residential Agriculture 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.

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

Helms said the Board had received the review by the Bucks County Planning Commission (BCPC). Harris said the next steps was for the Tincum Township PC to review the BCPC comments. He said

once the Township had accepted the changes, the final draft would be sent back to the BCPC for final approval, but added that Lewis could advertise the ordinance while it was with the BCPC.

Motion: to send the Bucks County Planning Commission Ordinance 252 Review Comments for review by the Tincum Township Planning Commission.

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

4) 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 October 8th] and continued to November 12th. 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.

F. Public Comment Session

Request from Bridgeton Township

Lewis said she had received a last-minute request from Bridgeton Township asking Tincum Township, along with Plumstead and Solebury Townships, to participate in a committee to address the increased truck traffic on River Road. Helms asked if Bridgeton had data/studies to show the increase in truck traffic and Rosamilia asked what was the goal(s) of the committee. Lewis said the request had not provided those details, but she would contact Bridgeton for more information.

G. Executive Session

Supervisor Helms recessed the regular meeting at 7:56 PM to discuss matters of personnel and potential litigation. Helms reconvened the meeting at 8:30 PM. There was no action to report.

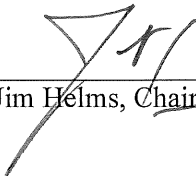
H. Continuation

Motion: to continue the meeting to November 6, 2020 at 3 PM for a work session to discuss the Township's 2021 Budget.

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

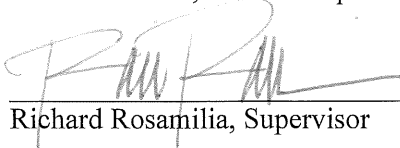
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Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors Continuance Meeting Agenda November 6, 2020

Supervisors Helms, Blanchard and Rosamilia were present with Manager Lewis and Public Works Director Skelton.

Chairperson Jim Helms called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm for the purpose of discussing the 2021 Township proposed budget.

There was one person in attendance.

The meeting of October 20th was continued for discussion of the 2021 Proposed Budget.

Public Works Director Skelton provided the quotations for the requested F350 Truck for use by his department (which will replace the 1999 F350). The quotations received were below the original estimate and included the necessary equipment to perform all functions of the Department.

Colin Aherne of Dark Hollow Road was present to request assistance from the Township for Rock Ridge Chapel. He said that the five directors were seeking financial assistance to keep the (501c-3) non-profit Chapel going as the COVID situation has impacted the rentals for weddings and services that normally help to fund the property maintenance. He said that the Civic Association also contributes to the Chapel with Arts Festival funds, but the Tinicum Arts Festival was also cancelled this year due to the pandemic.

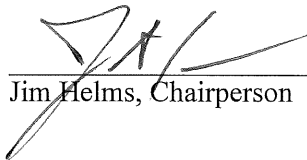
The Board said that they cannot donate tax funds to this, however, they made suggestions for possible other funding avenues for the Chapel and invited Aherne to announce this at a future meeting so that the public is made aware and interested residents could donate directly.

Lewis explained the methods used to estimate the revenue and needs for 2021. She said that she did her best, but was unsure of the how some of the revenues the township expects each year may be affected by the pandemic.

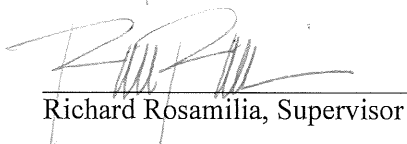
Motion by Helms, seconded by Rosamilia to authorize advertisement of the Tinicum Township 2021 Proposed Budget for potential adoption at the meeting of December 1st.
Voted upon and passed.

Adjournment: Motion by Rosamilia, seconded by Blanchard to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 pm. *The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for November 17th, 2020.*

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