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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 December 15, 2020

Supervisors Jim Helms, John Blanchard and Richard Rosamilia were present with Manager Teri Lewis. The meeting was held in the Township building meeting room. Masks and social distancing were required. There were approximately 5 people in attendance.

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 that the Board held an executive session prior to the start of the Board meeting to discuss matters of land acquisition and personnel.

B. Public Comment Session

1) Land Preservation Committee

Rob Galdo, Land Preservation Committee (LPC), said that the LPC would like to have Norman McArthur [who has moved out of the Township] continue to work with them as a consultant and requested that the Board consider providing insurance for him. He said he thought McArthur was a very valuable part of the committee.

Helms noted there had been a similar situation on another committee. He said that the Board had started to discuss the issue, but then received McArthur's resignation letter and had not continued the conversation. Helms said that if McArthur expressed interest, they could continue the conversation. Galdo asked if the Board could look into the costs. He said McArthur would not be covered if the committee were sued. Helms said it would also place the Township at risk, as well.

Helms explained that the Township ordinance prohibits appointing a nonresident as a volunteer to the LCP committee and subsequently insure them. Lewis noted it was part of the Ordinance that created the LPC. Helms said the rule was designed to have the people on the Township committees reside in the Township. He said it made sense that people who reside outside of the Township were not making decisions for those who reside within the Township.

Blanchard said, while he recognized McArthur's contributions to the LPC for many years, he was very reluctant to take on insurance policies for consultants who lived outside the Township. He noted they cannot pick and choose, so the policy would have to apply to everyone. Blanchard stated that they could not just make the exception for McArthur, it would also have to be applied to the situation on the other committee. He was concerned the end result would be that the Township would have to insure volunteer consultants no matter where they lived. Blanchard said he would be willing to discuss it further, but as Helms had explained, there were reasons the rules were in place and he wanted to be clear as to his point of view. Galdo asked that the Board consider the request.

2) Rock Ridge Chapel

Colin Aherne, Rock Ridge Chapel Chairperson, made a request for donations to the nondenominational, nonprofit Rock Ridge Church. [Located on Geigel Hill Road, Upper Black Eddy.] He said that the building and the grounds were open to the community. Aherne said that funds were very low and given the pandemic they were assessing their 2021 strategic plan. Aherne said that they were considering selling the property or making it a depository for local artifacts, documents, and records. Blanchard asked what was the annual budget number. Aherne said approximately \$3,000 and that the insurance was a large component. Blanchard said a friend of his had gotten married in the chapel. Helms noted that there are local Facebook pages that could be of benefit to the venture. Aherne said donations can be mailed to Rock Ridge Chapel, PO Box 35, Erwinna, PA 18972.

3) Tinicum Conservancy

Karen Budd, on behalf of the Tinicum Conservancy, thanked the Township for the completion of the Balukas easement. She noted that with this addition, over 5,000 acres have been protected, mostly in Tinicum, as well Nockamixon and Bridgeton. Budd said it helped to maintain the Township’s rural character and natural resources.

C. New Business

1) Appointment of Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh, PC to examine the books and perform the annual audit of Tinicum Township for the fiscal year 2020

Motion: to appoint Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh, PC to perform the annual audit of Tinicum Township for the fiscal year 2020.

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

D. Regular Business

1) Minutes:

Motion: to approve the Minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting as written.

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

2) Treasurer’s Report & Budget Recap:

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

3) Payroll Report:

Motion: to accept the Payroll Reports for the periods ending Dec 4th in the amount of \$24,487.40 and Dec 11th in the amount of \$5,436.34.

Motion by: Helms. **Second:** Blanchard. 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
PennTeleData	\$180.21	Internet Modems
Staples Credit Plan	\$85.75	Police Supplies
AmeriGas	\$31.48	Propane
Point Pleasant Fire Company	\$11,536.26	2020 Fire Contribution
Upper Black Eddy Fire Company	\$6,542.89	2020 Contribution
Delaware Valley Volunteer Fire Co.	\$48,056.56	2020 Contribution
Ottsville Volunteer Fire Co.	\$30,079.49	2020 Contribution
Point Pleasant Plumstead EMS	\$21,673.78	2020 Contribution
Upper Bucks Regional EMS, Inc	\$29,326.22	2020 Contribution
Comm of Pa - Bureau of Dog Law Enf.	\$25.00	2021 Pol Kennel License Renewal

Aflac Business Services	\$420.06	Supplement Insurance withheld
All Traffic Solutions Inc	\$1,500.00	Mobile Traffic Reporting 2021
Intelligencer	\$299.20	Six Month Subscription
Grim, Biehn and Thatcher	\$1,305.00	Zoning Hearing Legal
Met-Ed	\$255.87	Electricity Police and Admin Bldg.
Met-Ed	\$143.19	Electricity PWD
Met-Ed	\$23.78	Electricity Park
Met-Ed	\$31.80	Electricity Traffic Light
Eagle Point Gun / T J Morris & Son	\$190.00	Ammunition
Cooper Mechanical	\$139.00	Police - Annual Maint. Contract
Wehrung's	\$147.42	Motion Light - Admin Bldg.
Courier Times, Inc.	\$237.85	Public Notices
Holicong Locksmiths	\$122.55	Holicong Locksmiths
Postmaster	\$110.00	Stamps/Postage
Internal Revenue	\$1,873.30	Employer Payroll Tax
J. Tanner	\$18.17	Reimbursement- Postage
GT Services	\$830.00	Remove and Replace Police Markings
Tackett Planning	\$3,193.75	Zoning and Planning Services Nov
PSATS	\$1,445.00	2021 Annual Dues and Support
Earthlink	\$37.44	Webhosting
Allied Admin for Delta Dental	\$761.33	Emp Dental Insurance
Blum Moore Reporting	\$250.00	Stenography – Hearing
Internal Revenue Service	\$415.87	Employer FICA Tax
United Healthcare	\$11,460.58	Health Insurance
Keystone Municipal Services	\$1,445.00	Bldg. Inspection and Review Services
Ready Refresh	\$98.50	Bottled Water
Merry Maids	\$198.00	Janitorial Service December
Payroll Fund	Amount	Memo
Pay period ending 12/4/20	\$18,637.69	Paychecks
Internal Revenue Service	\$4,166.04	Employee Payroll Tax
Pa Dept of Revenue	\$751.77	Employee Payroll Tax
Pay Period end 12/11/20	\$4,301.91	Paychecks
Internal Revenue Service	\$880.08	Employee Payroll Tax
Pa Dept of Revenue	\$166.89	Employee Payroll Tax
Capital and Equipment	Amount	Memo
County of Bucks	\$8,172.53	Radio Payment
GT Services	\$590.00	Marking of new police fleet vehicle
State Fund	Amount	Memo
H&K Materials	\$1,497.00	Asphalt
Vanderlely's Truck Sale and Service	\$39.14	Fleet parts
ATCO International	\$315.75	Hydraulic fluids and fittings
George's Tool Rental	\$318.06	concrete/paving saw Durham Road
Wehrung's	\$67.67	Hardware and shop supplies
Plumstead Materials	\$521.16	Patch Oil
Groundwater Fund		
Eagle Industrial Hygiene Assoc.	\$425.00	Data Collection BNT App Consultant
Mary Lennon	\$125.48	Lithium batteries (loggers)

E. Zoning:

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

Helms stated that the Ordinance was reviewed twice by both the Tinicum Township Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission. Lewis said that both recommended approval of the Ordinance.

Motion: to approve Ordinance 252: Zoning Ordinance Clean Up for Zoning Codification.

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

F. Executive Session

Supervisor Helms recessed the regular meeting at 7:40 pm to discuss matters of land acquisition. Helms reconvened the meeting at 8:31 pm. There was no action to report.

G. Adjournment:

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM.

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

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for January 4, 2021.

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