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TINICUM TOWNSHIP

Bucks County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

163 Municipal Road
Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947

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JIM HELMS, SUPERVISOR

Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes February 16, 2021

Supervisors John Blanchard, Richard Rosamilia and Jim Helms were present with Manager Teri Lewis and Township Solicitor Steve Harris. The meeting was held in the Tinicum Township building meeting room. There were 3 people in attendance. Masks and social distancing were required.

Chairperson John Blanchard 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

Blanchard announced that earlier that day, from 7:00 to 7:20 PM, the Board met for an executive session to discuss personnel. There was no action to report.

B. Police Report

Chief Madden, Tinicum Township Police Dept., gave the following report for January:

- 120 Incident Reports: 60 service calls, 18 traffic calls, 37 crime-related calls, 4 court-related and 1 training.
- 3 Reportable Traffic Accidents:
 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on E. Dark Hollow Road due to slippery conditions following a snowstorm. The driver lost control of the vehicle and struck a fence and a utility pole.
 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on Route 611 due to a mechanical failure. The operator was unable to steer his truck and struck a tree.
 - A two-vehicle accident occurred on E. Dark Hollow and River Roads during a snowstorm. The driver of the vehicle travelling on E. Dark Hollow Road was unable to stop at the intersection at River Road (Route 32) and struck a second vehicle that was traveling on River Road. The accident resulted in injuries and major damage to both vehicles.
- DUI Arrest: Officer Gerding arrested a subject for DUI following a traffic stop.

C. Emergency Services

Request of Plumstead Township for Fire Police to assist with traffic control for the Plumstead Township Blaze of Glory 5K Run on March 27th between the hours of 8:30 am and 11:00 am. CDC guidelines will be followed.

Motion to: authorize any and all Fire Police to assist with traffic control for the Plumstead Township Blaze of Glory 5K Run on March 27th between the hours of 8:30 am and 11:00 am.

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

D. Old Business

Headquarters Road Bridge Update

Rosamilia said that he was advised by Ryan Whittington, PennDOT Project Engineer, that the National Park Service will issue an approval letter to the Army Corp of Engineers and the DEP for the construction of the new Headquarters Road Bridge. He noted that the Park Service was the last agency approval required and Whittington was anticipating that construction could begin this summer.

Rosamilia said Whittington stated that additional monitoring would take place before, during, and after construction so that any changes could be immediately addressed. Rosamilia commended resident Tim Cashman, Quail Lane, among others, for his continuous efforts to get an answer as to the status of the approval letter from the National Park Service.

E. New Business

Land Preservation Committee (LPC)

Rosamilia said that Land Preservation Conservation Easement point system property evaluation criteria, procedure guidelines, etc. are periodically updated to ensure the most efficient use of taxpayer funds and gave the following examples of current revisions:

- Reduction of points for conditions such as certain site or geological constraints, which would inherently limit the development of a property.
- Discontinue the use of Bucks County Map 19 (woodlands) in conjunction with Township Open Space Map 13 (woodlands and hedgerows). Rosamilia said the County map was more restrictive than the Township map and that the differences between the maps could be confusing for the LPC members who were evaluating proposed properties. He recommended using only the Township Map 13, which had been paid for by a grant as part of the Open Space initiative, for evaluations.
- Additional points for properties with conserved properties adjoined on two sides.
- Reimbursement of the appraisal fee by the Township to the property owner at settlement. Consequently, if the property owner chooses not to pursue the easement, they will be responsible for the costs of appraisal. Rosamilia noted that there have been incidents where the Township has paid \$2,000 to \$3,000 for an appraisal only to have the property owner(s) change their mind.

Rob Galdo, LPC member, requested that the Board meet with the LPC to review the changes. He said there was confusion regarding some of the changes and gave the following examples:

- The fully-donated conservation easement procedures form was missing. Rosamilia said that the procedures form had not been changed. Lewis noted that the fully-donated conservation easement application had only been reformatted to improve its appearance and make it consistent with other Township application forms, but no changes were made. She said the partially-donated conservation easement application was the only form that had been revised.
- Property valuation form, item "C" under "deductions" had been added. Rosamilia said it had always been on the valuation form. Galdo rechecked and noted that Rosamilia was correct.
- The appraisals would be reduced from two appraisals to one. Rosamilia said that was also unchanged. He said one appraisal was paid for by the Township and the applicant always had the option to get a second appraisal at their own cost.

Blanchard said only items that had been revised/reformatted had been given to the LPC. He suggested that the LPC review the materials, have a work session, prepare a list of concerns and solutions, and send the list to the Board prior to the March 2nd Supervisors Meeting. He this would enable both the Board and the LPC to address any issues prior to discussion at the March 2nd meeting.

Rosamilia noted that most of the LPC members were relatively new and he would be available to answer any questions about the revisions. Harris stated that if an application was received in the interim the applicant should be advised that no action would take place until the forms were finalized.

Blanchard said they would plan to revisit the topic at the next Board meeting on March 2nd.

F. Regular Business

1) Minutes

Motion to: approve the February 2nd, 2021 minutes as written.
Motion by Rosamilia. Second by: Blanchard. Voted upon and passed.

2) Treasurer's Report and Budget Recap for January 2021 was posted on the bulletin board.

3) Payroll Reports

Motion to: accept the Payroll Reports for the periods ending February 12th in the amount of \$29,441.00

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

4) Disbursements:

Motion to: approve the following disbursements.

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

General Fund	Amount	Memo
DelGuerico's Disposal Service	\$155.00	Trash Removal
Bucks County Consortium	\$150.00	2021 Membership Dues
Met-Ed	\$324.74	Electricity Police and Admin
Met-Ed	\$44.99	Electricity Park
Met-Ed	\$213.95	Electricity PWD
Staples Credit Plan	\$526.55	Office Supplies - Admin and PWD
PennTeleData	\$180.21	Internet Modems
ReadyRefresh	\$104.30	Bottled Water - all buildings
Merry Maids	\$198.00	January Janitorial
SIRCHIE Finger Print Laboratory	\$64.15	Police Supplies
Ricoh Americas Corp	\$161.70	Ricoh Americas Corp
Grim, Biehn and Thatcher	\$609.00	Legal Services ZHB
Harris and Harris	\$2,835.00	Legal Services
Courier Times, Inc.	\$1,180.01	Legal Notices -ZHB; CU; Pol; Zoning; Mtg dates
Blum-Moore Reporting Services	\$250.00	Stenography 17338
Allied Admin for Delta Dental	\$761.33	Allied Administrators for Delta Dental
Gary Bickel's Garage	\$295.95	2016 F150 labor-tires & battery
Ricoh Americas Corp	\$93.00	Copier lease
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	\$1,785.00	Building Inspection and Review 1-12 - 1-21
Met-Ed	\$29.37	Electricity Traffic Light
Madden	\$40.24	Reimbursement / police fuel
Payroll Fund	Amount	Memo
Payroll for Pay period ending 2-12-21	\$29,441.00	Paychecks and appl tax payments
State Fund	Amount	Memo
Garden State Products	\$467.00	Sign Supplies
Swamp's Auto Parts	\$424.00	F550 Parts
Suburban Propane	\$1400.22	Diesel Fuel
Triad Truck Equip	\$1177.50	Snowplow Parts
Vanderlely's Truck Service	\$150.00	PWD Fleet Parts
BNT Joint Groundwater Fund	Amount	Memo
Xylem Corp	\$873.50	Data Logger/ Conduct Repair
Nockamixon Township	\$13,884.99	Transfer of Admin for Joint Account

G. Conditional Use CU#2020-02 MacPherson / Schubert Granted

Blanchard announced that at the February 2nd meeting the Board of the Supervisors heard the Conditional Use CU#2020-02 request from Applicant, Kerrie MacPherson and owners, Bonnie MacPherson and Richard Schubert. The Board granted approval for a sewage holding tank at 225 River Road, Bucks County, Tax Map Parcel No. 44-032-011 subject to Installation and Maintenance (I&M) and Holding Tank Agreements.

H. Planning Commission Appointment

Motion to: appoint Terry Johnston to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy left by MJ Frumin's appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board.

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

I. Executive Session

Blanchard recessed the regular meeting at 8:00 pm to discuss personnel matters. Blanchard reconvened the meeting at 9:46. There was no action to report.

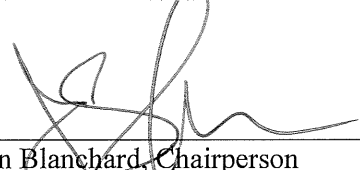
J. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 pm.


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

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for March 2, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

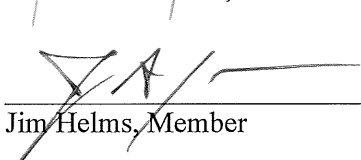
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