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# TINICUM TOWNSHIP

*Bucks County*

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

163 Municipal Road  
Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947

RICHARD ROSAMILIA, CHAIRPERSON  
JIM HELMS, VICE-CHAIRPERSON  
ELEANOR BRESLIN, SUPERVISOR

### **Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes February 15, 2022**

Supervisors Eleanor Breslin, Jim Helms and Richard Rosamilia were present with Township Manager Teri Lewis and Township Solicitor Steve Harris. The meeting was held in the Tinicum Township building meeting room. There were 25 people in attendance.

Chairperson Rosamilia called the public meeting of the Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **A. Emergency Services**

##### Chief Madden Completes Northwestern School of Police Staff & Command

The Board congratulated Police Chief Nicole Madden for successfully completing the Northwestern School of Police Staff & Command program. The School of Police Staff & Command is a 10-week intensive leadership and management education program that helps prepare experienced law enforcement professionals for success in senior command positions through an innovative combination of academic principles with practical applications on critical command-level topics such as planning and policies, media relations, organizational behavior, budgeting and resource allocation, and contemporary policing.

The Board also thanked the Bucks County Police Chief's Association for generously providing the \$4,200.00 program tuition and the Bucks County Police Training Center for hosting.

##### Police Report

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

- 83 Calls for Service: 40 service-related, 18 traffic, 20 investigative, 1 court appearances and 4 for training.
- Investigative Reports included: 3 thefts and 1 arrest for discharge of fire arm into an occupied structure, recklessly endangering another person.
- Reportable Traffic Accident: Single vehicle struck a utility pole after swerving to miss an animal on River Road.
- Drug Takeback Event April 30<sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 2 PM: At Wehrungs Lumber and Home Center, 7711 Eason Road Ottsville, PA 18942.

##### Fire Company Reports

- Delaware Valley Volunteer Fire Company: Chief Rick Armitage provided the Dec. 2021 report to the Board. There were 7 calls.
- Pt Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company: Chief Scott Fleisher provided the Jan. 2022 report to the Board. There was 1 call in Tinicum.
- Ottsville Volunteer Fire Company: Chief Schick was present. He stated the following:
  - The Ottsville Volunteer Fire Company year-end report would be forthcoming.
  - In 2021 there were 694 dispatches, which was approximately 20 more than the preceding year. Approximately one-third of the calls were in Tinicum.

- Merger with the Reigelsville Volunteer Fire Company continues to move forward. They have been operating as one company since October.
- Equipment placement was reorganized with Reigelsville to provide faster response.
- 2 new tankers will be ordered 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2022 for delivery in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023.

**B. Public Comment**

Board Work Session Topic Request

Jesse Salamun, Headquarters Road, requested that the Board add the topic of removing debris from the creek and maintaining the creeks along the roads and on private property to their work session.

**C. Announcements**

Rosamilia announced the following:

- The Board held a Work Session on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 5 PM to discuss meetings.
- An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting from 6:00 to 7:00 PM to interview potential committee volunteers.

**D. Old Business**

Environmental Advisory Ad Hoc Committee (EAC)

**Motion:** to appoint Mikayla Fasone, Cindi Gasparre, Sasha Hall, Martie Kyde, Riley Murphy, and Kim Rosamilia to the Ad Hoc Environmental Advisory Committee terms ending 12/31/22.

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

Communication Ad Hoc Committee

**Motion:** to appoint Anita Nolan to the Communication Ad Hoc Committee term ending 12/31/22.

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

Bridgeton-Nockamixon-Tinicum Joint Groundwater Management Committee

**Motion:** to appoint Carrie Manfrino to the BNT Joint Groundwater Management Committee term ending 12/31/22.

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

Park and Rec Committee

**Motion:** to appoint Philip Kain to the Park and Rec Committee term ending 12/31/27.

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

**E. New Business**

Fire Police Request for Dublin Day on June 4, 2022

**Motion:** to authorize any available fire police personnel to assist with traffic control duties at the Dublin Community Day on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 4-8 pm.

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

Fire Police Request for Plumstead Township “Blaze of Glory” Event on March 26, 2022

**Motion:** to authorize of any available fire police personnel to assist with traffic control on Saturday, March 26, 2022, for the Plumstead Township “Blaze of Glory” event.

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

**F. Regular Business**

1. Minutes

**Motion:** to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2022 meeting as written.

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

**Motion:** to amend the minutes of January 18<sup>th</sup>, page 2, paragraph 9 line 1: Motion was “to establish an ad hoc Township Newsletter Committee” and should have been written as “to establish an ad hoc Communications Committee to focus on a newsletter.”

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

2. Budget Recap and Treasurer’s Report

The Budget Recap and Treasurer’s Reports for January 2022 were provided to the Board and posted on the bulletin board in the meeting room.

3. Payroll Reports

**Motion:** to accept the Payroll Report for the period ending February 11<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$29,334.29.

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

4. Disbursements

**Motion:** to approve the following disbursements.

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

General Fund	Amount	Memo
WEX, Inc	\$1,369.77	Police Fleet Fuel
Wynn Associates Inc.	\$2,593.28	January Engineering
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	\$7,336.50	Bldg and Zoning Services
PenTeleData	\$633.10	Internet Modems - two months
Met-Ed	\$28.65	Electricity Traffic Light
Help Now	\$122.50	Police IT Services
Central Bucks Special Response Team	3,000.00	Central Bucks Special Response Team
Uniform Gear	\$526.41	Police Uniform Supplies
Crime Watch	\$552.00	Police Mobile Integration
Baxter	\$623.04	Reimbursement for Uniform Supplies & pre-empl exam
Aflac Business Services	\$145.64	Supplemental Insurance withheld
Davidheiser's	\$76.00	Calibration
Wehrung's	\$66.55	Police Supplies
Suburban Propane	\$826.15	Heating Oil
Jesse Heacock	\$360.00	refund of unused escrow (balance applied to permit)
Hartford Insurance	\$493.35	Life and STD Insurance combined
Swamps Auto Body	\$3,574.65	Swamps Auto Body
Merry Maids	\$115.00	Janitorial Services 2-7-22
Interstate Battery Systems	\$278.90	batteries - Police Fleet
Wehrung's	\$68.56	Bldg Maint Supplies
Staples Credit Plan	\$90.30	Police Supplies
Met-Ed	\$333.69	Electricity PWD
Met-Ed	\$569.22	Electricity Police and Admin
Met-Ed	\$17.95	Electricity Park
Ricoh Americas Corp	\$93.00	Copier Printer Lease
B. Jeannie Kauffman	\$250.00	Stenography Johnston
Courier Times, Inc.	\$402.27	Advertising- Public Notices
Grim, Biehn and Thatcher	\$803.50	Zoning Hearing Board Legal
Petty Cash	\$101.67	Replenish Petty Cash (postage)
Michael Frankenfield	\$446.04	Contracted Snow Removal
Harris and Harris	\$3,373.85	Legal Services
<b>Payroll Fund</b>		
Account Edge	\$ 28,847.35	Pay Period ending 2-11-22
<b>State Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Memo</b>
Suburban Propane	\$1,329.70	diesel fuel
Plumstead Materials	\$5,129.83	Stone
Hale Built	\$4,500.00	Rental of Roller Nov 5 - Nov 24
Wehrung's	\$147.10	PWD Supplies
Cargill	\$5,641.55	Cargill
Callahan Bearings	\$511.60	PWD Fleet Parts

M & W Communications	\$2,537.10	M & W Communications
<b>Capital and Equipment</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Memo</b>
Balascio Excavating	\$1,173.60	Hauling – PWD New Roller
<b>Open Space Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Memo</b>
Del Val Regional Finance Auth	\$11,500.81	Open Space Bond Payment

**G. Zoning:**

Proposed Draft Solar Ordinance

Lewis stated there had not been an official Solar Ordinance and the Planning Commission (PC) recommended the proposed solar ordinance draft, which was based on the PC review of other township solar ordinances. Harris stated this ordinance would regulate solar array for individual use and for commercial use.

The Board discussed the section pertaining to an individual being limited to 110% power storage and/or selling back to the grid. Harris noted that existing systems would be grandfathered.

**Motion:** to send the draft Solar Ordinance to the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Tincum Planning Commission for 30-day review with the recommendation both Commissions consider the appropriateness of the 110% limit to power storage for an individual/residential and/or selling back to the grid.

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

**I. Adjournment**


**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM.

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

*The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for March 1, 2022 at 7:30 PM.*

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