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TINICUM TOWNSHIP

Bucks County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947

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Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes April 19, 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 approximately 40 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.

Rick Balukas, River Road, and Damon Aherne, River Road, announced that they were recording the meeting.

A. Announcements

The Board held an advertised work session on April 12th at 4 PM, to discuss ideas for the best use of the American Rescue Funds. The Board will continue to research the topic. No decisions were made.

B. Emergency Services

Police Report

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

- 171 Incident Reports: 81 service-related, 49 traffic, 24 investigative, 3 court appearances and 14 for training.
- Investigative Reports included: 1 criminal mischief report.
- Gas Station Break-Ins: The Gulf Station and Exxon Station were broken into and two separate suspects were arrested.
- Reportable Traffic Accident: A truck turned over after catching the edge of the road on Route 113.
- Drug Takeback Event April 30th: At Wehrungs Lumber and Home Center, 7711 Eason Road Ottsville, PA 18942, from 10 AM to 2 PM.

C. Public Comment

Tim Cashman said he was concerned if the cost of hybrid Township meetings would be worth it. Rosamilia said they have not made any decisions.

John Cole, Erwin Road, asked about the enforcement of the placement of a white vinyl fence on Durham Rd. that he noted at the last meeting. Lewis stated that the Zoning Officer had recently visited the site and is moving forward with enforcement.

Sue Walsh, asked about the junk cars on Route 113 that she noted at the last meeting. Lewis said the Zoning Officer had visited the site and enforcement is moving forward.

Damon Aherne, River Road, said he believed that the previous Zoning Officer and Floodplain Planner, Tracy Tackett, had signed off on the wrong plans for the Headquarters Bridge Project. Rosamilia said that they would look into it.

Luke Sorensen, Sherman Road, said he had submitted a petition to post the speed limit on Sherman Road. Chief Madden said she had received the petition that day and had discussed with Lewis. She said she would look into a speed study on Sherman Road. Lewis said following the study, an ordinance must be issued in order to properly enforce the speed.

John Cole, Hollow Horn Road, requested that the speed limit be lowered on Hollow Horn Road. Rosamilia said that he believed that Chief Sabath had previously done a traffic study and it did not warrant the speed limit to be lowered. He said that they would look into conducting a new study.

Richard Balukas, River Road, said that potholes were a huge problem in the Township. He said he had complained to PennDOT. Lewis said she had called, sent emails and spoken with Derek Littlejohns who said PennDOT is very short-handed and is trying to hire.

Steve Gidumal, property owner at Headquarters Road adjacent to Headquarters Bridge, said, with regards to the Headquarters Bridge Project, he was concerned that his pastures would wash away and asked the Board to thoroughly review the PennDOT designs. He said the PennDOT easements on his property are invalid. Breslin asked if Gidumal had litigation pending in connection with the right-of-way. Gidumal said, yes.

D. New Business

Fire Police Request

Motion: to authorize any available Fire Police to assist with the Steelman Triathlon on May 15, 2022 at Nockamixon State Park.

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

E. Old Business

Mark Hankin/Rolling Hills Hedgerow Request

Harris stated that Lewis had provided the list of Township-approved, native trees to Hankin. He said that Hankin said his landscaper would be providing an updated plan with native species. Harris said he would present the new plan upon receipt.

F. Regular Business

1. Minutes

Breslin said she would second it, but had a question. Rosamilia said he would second it then. Lewis said that Tanner had made the minor change. Breslin asked if she did make that minor change. Lewis said, yes. Breslin said, Okay, I'll second it. Lewis said they did not bother as everyone was emailing to death. Breslin said, okay. Rosamilia said, well. . . Lewis said is it was a very, very minor change – so minor they did not bother emailing – it was just language. [Note: Change was under the topic of hybrid meetings, change from “tabled for the next meeting” to “tabled for future consideration”.]

Motion: to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2022 meeting as written.

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

2. Budget Recap and Treasurer's Report

The Budget Recap and Treasurer's Reports March 2022 was provided to the Board and posted on the bulletin board.

3. Payroll Reports

Motion: to accept the Payroll Report for the period ending April 8th in the amount of \$28,341.53.

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

4. Disbursements

Rosamilia said he and Breslin had questioned the increase in the cost of Keystone Municipal Services over the past several months and asked Lewis about the increase. Lewis said that in addition to an increase in permit applications, there is an increase in Zoning Hearing and Land Development

application reviews, enforcement (for example, the Zoning Hearing Board fence enforcement and junk cars noted earlier in the meeting), reports of demolition that required the Zoning Officer and Code Official to visit the site multiple times, and people who request research or need repeated guidance. She said some things are reimbursable, but some are not and are just part of living in a Zoned Community. Rosamilia said he understood that the Zoning Officer is working an extra day a week to get caught up. Breslin said she would be interested in seeing how much time is spent on enforcement over a period of months. Lewis said that she could try to have the Zoning Officer track it, but the nature of the job is that his work is often interrupted by phone calls or people coming to the township.

Motion: to approve the following disbursements.

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

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Memo</u>
United Healthcare	\$11,568.22	Employee Healthcare
Vigr Training	\$1,000.00	Firearms Training
G2 Computers	\$3,815.00	FileMaker Adobe licenses and server
Harris and Harris	\$3,485.82	Legal Services
Wynn Associates	\$3,535.06	Engineering Services
Cooper Mechanical	\$139.00	AC Service
Leaf	\$237.25	Police Copier/Printer
Hutchinson Gillahan and Freeh	\$6,400.00	Audit Services
Petty Cash	\$92.14	Replenish Postage
Keystone Municipal Services Inc	\$4,811.50	Zoning and Bldg. 3-22 thru 3-31
Ricoh Americas Corp	\$154.00	Copier/Printer Lease
Safeguard Business Systems	\$340.65	Gen Fund Checks
Staples Credit Plan	\$2,387.67	Printing and Scanning Ordinance Books
Courier Times, Inc.	\$725.40	Employment Ad - Police
Allied Admin for Delta Dental	\$556.98	Allied Administrators for Delta Dental
ReadyRefresh	\$157.23	Bottled Water
Eagle Point Gun / T J Morris & Son	\$1,056.44	PD Ammunition
Help Now	\$75.00	Police IT
Blue360 Media	\$98.35	Law Updates
Met-Ed	\$28.59	Electricity Traffic Light
Met-Ed	\$17.34	Electricity Park
Met-Ed	\$227.07	Electricity Public Works
DelGuerico's Disposal Service	\$155.00	Trash and Recycle Removal
Ricoh Americas Corp	\$93.00	Copier Service Contract
Payroll Fund	Amount	Memo
Account Edge Payroll	\$27,856.57	Pay period ending 4-6-22

G. Zoning:

Sorbello Settlement Discussion

Harris stated that following the meeting with the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB), the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions were modified and agreed to. Harris read excerpts of the agreement. Harris stated that the actions taken and agreed to by the ZHB were undertaken in the settlement agreement. He said revisions from the meeting were made and the ZHB attorney agreed. Harris noted that there would be no further subdivision of the property. He said that the restrictions would be recorded against the property.

Motion: to approve the Sorbello Settlement Agreement.

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

Motion: to authorize Chairperson Richard Rosamilia to sign on behalf of the Board.

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

H. Subdivision and Land Development

Preliminary Plan Minor Subdivision: Three Horse, LLC, 38 Center Road, TMP# 44-14-76-2 & 44-15-1

- The application is for a 2-lot subdivision. There are existing dwellings on each lot. No new development is proposed.
- The Bucks County Planning Commission review was received on March 17.
- The Tincum Planning Commission reviewed the application on March 22.
- The applicant has requested an extension in order to relocate the septic.

Land Development Waiver Request of M & W Concrete, 210 Durham Road, TMP 44-001-041-007

- The applicant requests a waiver of Land Development.
- This request is currently under review by the Township Engineer.
- The Tincum Planning Commission will review on April 26.
- Engineer and Planning Commission comments/recommendations expected at May 3rd BOS meeting.

I. Zoning Hearing Board

ZHB 2022-1 Mojjis and Trifiro / Centennial Barn Condo, 26 Cafferty TMP # 44-30-8-2 and 45 River Road TMP # 44-30-8-3 and 44-30-8.

- The applicants request relief from minimum lot requirements, impervious surface regulations, and setback requirements to split condominium use of the property into two separate properties as part of a multi-step process to dissolve the condominium agreement. A lot line change was previously approved.
- The Tincum Planning Commission review scheduled on April 26.
- The Board of Supervisors will review the application on May 3.
- The Zoning Hearing Board will review the application on May 26.

J. Agenda Addition

Christopher Young, 278 Headquarters, Stormwater Facility Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement

Harris stated that he had just received the standard, stormwater facility maintenance and monitoring agreement for 278 Headquarters Road signed by Christopher Young. He said this document is the standard agreement required for all properties on which a stormwater facility is constructed. Harris requested a motion to amend the agenda to include the approval of the Young Stormwater Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement. Rosamilia asked Harris, if a motion was needed to amend the agenda to include it. Harris said, yes, and the reason was that he because he had just received it.

Breslin asked why it needed to be on tonight's agenda, instead of the next agenda. Harris stated that Young's building permit application saga had gone on for four or five months and they finally had everything done and are very anxious to get started. He said he thought it appropriate to get this done as it was one of the last few things outstanding. He said this is the standard agreement, they are routinely approved, and so it seemed appropriate to do it tonight.

Breslin asked Harris if he wanted to amend the agenda so they could then vote on approving it. Harris said, that is right. Breslin asked Rosamilia if he had seen the document. Rosamilia said they were about to get it and talk about it in a moment, but it is a standard document. Breslin said she had never seen it. Harris said that he did not have a dog in this fight and if they would prefer to put it off until the next meeting that would be fine with him. Rosamilia said, okay. Breslin said she never heard of it. Rosamilia said if they need more time to look at it, noting that he knew that it was a standard agreement but that Breslin had probably never seen one before and may be Helms had not either. Helms said he had seen the standard agreement before but if they wanted to hold off until Breslin was good that was be fine. Breslin asked Helms if he was sure. Helms said they have waited four or five months, so it is okay.

Breslin asked, so all of this language is identical for every parcel that has a stormwater maintenance and monitoring agreement. Harris said, yes. Rosamilia said, except for the identification of the property, yes. Breslin said, okay. Breslin asked if all the time frames listed under paragraph six are all the same. Harris said, yes. Helms said, yes, if it is part of the standard form used for that. Breslin said, okay. Breslin asked Rosamilia and Helms if they had seen this particular document. Harris said no. Helms

said, no, like Harris said, he just got it. Breslin said, okay, we can add it. Breslin said she would second it. Rosamilia said it was already seconded. Rosamilia asked Breslin if it was okay to add it to the agenda. Breslin said sure.

Motion: to include the Stormwater Facility Maintenance Agreement for 278 Headquarters on the April 19 agenda.

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

Rosamilia asked if there was any further discussion on it. Breslin said that other than just making sure that this is the standard and asked if Helms and Rosamilia wanted to see it to make sure it is the standard. Helms said he believed Harris. Harris said, thank you. Breslin said, okay.

Motion: to approve the Stormwater Facility Maintenance Agreement for 278 Headquarters and authorize Chairperson Rosamilia to sign on behalf of the Board and Manager Lewis to attest to the signature.

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

K. Miscellaneous

Petition for Township Hybrid Meeting

Cindi Gasparre presented a petition of 180 signatures requesting that part of the American Rescue plan funds be used for the equipment for the Township incorporate hybrid (Zoom) meetings of all Township Supervisor and committee meetings. Discussion followed.

L. Executive Session

Rosamilia recessed the regular meeting at 8:35 PM to discuss personnel. Rosamilia reconvened the meeting at 8:51 PM. No action to report.


M. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at PM.

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

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for May 3, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

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Eleanor Breslin, Member