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TINICUM TOWNSHIP

Bucks County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

163 Municipal Road
Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947

ELEANOR BRESLIN
JOHN COLE
TODD QUINBY

TINICUM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2026
7:00 PM
Executive Session 6PM

{In the event of inclement weather, please check the Township website for the most current update.}

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Role Call: EB YES, JC YES, TQ YES, JD YES, SH YES, CG NO

Rules of Engagement & Community Engagement Standards Apply at all Meetings.

All Public Comment should be reserved for Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Please come up to the microphone and write your name on the sign-in sheet.

In attendance: Eleanor Breslin, John Cole, Todd Quinby, Judith Danko, Township Manager, and Scott Holbert, Township Solicitor, were present at the meeting. Curt Genner, Engineer, was absent as not needed.

Chairperson Breslin called the public meeting of the Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting, held in the Tinicum Township building meeting room, was live streamed on Zoom and recorded. There were approximately 11 people present, and 6 people viewed it online.

A. Announcements

1. The Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session on 8/4, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27, 8/31.
2. The Parks and Recreation Committee has submitted its completed Future Parks Plan for "Four Brooks Park," along with a related budget request, for consideration during upcoming budget sessions. Copies of the plan will be available at the Township Building.

B. Public Hearing

1. Consideration of a Motion to adopt duly advertised ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TINICUM TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,

AMENDING SECTIONS 201, 705 AND 706A OF THE TINICUM TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, ADDING A DEFINITION OF KENNEL AND REVISING THE LOT SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR A KENNEL.

Mr. Holbert explained that the former ordinance included some discrepancies and the township wanted to bring it up to present circumstances, had it reviewed by both the Tinicum Township Planning Commission as well as the Bucks County Planning Commission and some changes were implemented from these reviews, and it is now open for public hearing. There were no public comments. Ms. Holbert added that the ordinance has been advertised twice in the Intelligencer in accordance with the requirements of the MPC.

Mr. Quinby added that these changes will not affect anything that has been decided in this realm in the past. This is to solve a problem in the future. Mr. Holbert concurred.

Motion to adopt duly advertised ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of Tinicum Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, amending sections 201, 705 and 706A of the Tinicum Township Zoning Ordinance, adding a definition of Kennel and revising the lot size requirements for a kennel, was made by John Cole and seconded by Elenor Breslin. (All in favor, 3).

C. Public Comment

Diane Alison, resident, provided a report on the successful Nest Box program at Tinicum Community Park, which resulted in 8 successful tree swallow nesting's with 40 chicks fledged and 3 successful Eastern bluebird nesting's with 11 chicks fledged.

Jim Grow, resident, asked whether there is an ordinance for leaving trash cans at the end of the driveway and how it gets enforced. The BOS said they would look into it. Mr. Grow then asked if it was allowable to build a second house on his 10-acre property. Ms. Breslin responded that, in general, a property owner can build an accessory dwelling, which needs to be smaller in size than the primary residence, there is a limitation as to who can live there, and it would be subject to all other relevant ordinances.

Daniel Albee, Operations Manager for St. Luke's, provided an update on ambulance operations. He reported that call volumes and response times have stabilized, with response times improving over the past three months. Both stations remain at a 100% in-service rate, and mutual aid needs remain minimal.

Station 142's driveway has been repaved, and Station 141 is having an exhaust fan installed to address heat issues. One ambulance is currently being repaired following an accident, with repairs expected to take 4–5 weeks. Rebranding is underway and is expected to be completed by October/November, along with updated signage and other vehicle updates.

Mr. Albee also explained the ambulance subscription program, noting that St. Luke's bills insurance and the subscriber is responsible for any remaining balance. Some Health Savings Accounts may cover these costs.

Mr. Albee added that he has taken on additional responsibilities overseeing Station 108 and Quakertown. The Board congratulated him, and Ms. Danko expressed appreciation for his updates.

Kim Rosamilia, resident, asked whether the public would have an opportunity to comment on the Park and Recreation Board's Four Brooks Park Rehabilitation and Improvement Project proposal, which was announced earlier during this meeting.

Ms. Breslin clarified that no action would be taken that evening. The proposed park plan will be discussed during upcoming budget sessions, including potential funding for improvements to either township park. Residents are encouraged to submit comments by email or during the budget sessions. Public input will be considered before any official action is taken at a public meeting.

D. Police Chief's Report

Chief Madden reported 243 incident reports for the month of August for the Tinicum Township Police Department; no breakdown was provided since the Police Department has updated their record management system and the Chief was not sure that the numbers were accurate. She said she expects this to be a one-time issue and to be able to provide the breakdown again the following month.

There was one theft report, one warrant arrest following a traffic stop. Charges were filed for resisting arrest.

There was one reportable traffic accident in August 2026. A single vehicle crashed on River Road after the driver struck tree debris in the roadway.

The average for August over the last five years is 1.6 reportable crashes.

The officers conducted 8 truck details on River Road last month. As a result, three violations were reported with two not being in violation.

Chief Madded reported on the fourth annual first responder event held at the Delaware Valley Fire Company. This was the first time trying a Friday night, and Chief Madded said it was a great success. She thanked everyone who helped with the event, including the volunteers, the Police Foundation, the donors who provided food, and the various agencies that came to support the event.

Chief Madden announced the drug take-back event on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 10AM to 2PM at Wehrung's in Ottsville.

Mr. Cole asked about the pending traffic study report for River Road/Cafferty Road. Chief Madden said the township has not made any decisions regarding the study, but bollards have been installed and the item can be removed from her report.

Ms. Breslin expressed her thanks to the Police and the Police Foundation for a very successful community event that drew out many young families.

E. Manager's Report

a. Public Work's Report

Ms. Danko reiterated the appreciation for the Police Department and everyone who helped in organizing and running the first responder's event.

The Township's tar-and-chip program has been completed. Ms. Danko said AMS did a wonderful job seal-coating several Township roads. She has also been working with the Public Works Department and Township Engineer on bridge assessments and continuing to coordinate dates for the groundwater ordinance review. The Township has closed out its ARPA funds and is awaiting a final letter.

Staff are preparing for the five-year audit of the uniform and non-uniform pension plans. Bridge 30 on Clay Ridge Road over Beaver Creek County Bridge has also been executed, including the Section 106 consulting paperwork, with an update to follow next month.

Mr. Cole raised a concern about tree maintenance, noting that the Township experienced three separate power outages within a 24-hour period the previous month, all caused by trees falling on power lines. He urged property owners to inspect and remove hazardous trees to prevent future outages. Ms. Danko added that trees located within the right-of-way are the responsibility of the property owner, not the Township. She urged residents if they

see an issue on a PennDOT road, contact them. Mr. Quinby added that if a tree falls on a power line, the power company will come out to take care of it.

Mr. Quinby provided an update on Headquarters Road Bridge, reporting that the steel beams have been set and the bridge is beginning to take shape. Work is also underway on the deck and abutment wall.

F. Engineer's Report

N/A

G. Solicitor's Report

Mr. Holbert addressed the question brought up earlier regarding public comment on the Parks and Recreation proposed budget. He said action will be taken when the budget is adopted, and costs for individual projects will be subject to public bidding. He added that residents may comment at any meeting on both agenda and non-agenda items, providing ample opportunity for public input on the proposal.

H. Consent Agenda Items for Consideration by the Board of Supervisors:

[Items of business and matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. IF discussion is desired by Board Members, that item will be identified and removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately at the appropriate place on the agenda.]

1. Board of Supervisors Monthly Business Meeting Minutes from August 4, 2026.
2. Treasurer's Report for July 2026.
3. Payroll Report for August 2026 in the amount of \$ 77,234.19.
4. Disbursements for August 2026: General Fund \$ 123,875.90, State Fund \$ 117,282.50 and Escrow Fund \$ 3,303.78.
5. Approve final payment to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions (AMS) for the successfully completed seal coat work, which was previously awarded to them as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$ 114,721.10.
6. Loftus Construction, Inc. Contractors application for Payment #8 in the amount of: \$ 356,432.43 regarding Headquarters Road Bridge rehabilitation project.

Motion to approve the consent agenda items was made by Todd Quinby and seconded by John Cole. (All in favor, 3).

I. Action Items for Consideration by the Board of Supervisors:

1. Consideration of a Motion to appointment a member to the Parks and Recreation

Committee for a term ending in 2027.

Ms. Breslin explained that a prospective volunteer withdrew their application earlier that day, leaving an opening on the Committee. An application is available on the Township's website.

2. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee Event for "Trunk or Treat" on October 24 from 4-6PM at the Ottsville Tinicum Park.

Motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee Event for "Trunk or Treat" on October 24 from 4-6PM at the Ottsville Tinicum Park, was made by John Cole and seconded by Todd Quinby. (All in favor, 3).

3. Consideration of a Motion for Parks and Recreation Committee to rent a port a potty for the Trunk or Treat event, not to exceed \$300.00.

Ms. Breslin reported that in the meantime the company Wayne Nicholas generously volunteered to donate a port a potty, which is greatly appreciated. Ms. Danko added a thank you to Kathy who helped accomplish this.

4. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Bucks County Consortium winter salt bid results and award the 2026-2027 winter salt contract to River Side Construction, the lowest responsible bidder, at a price of \$75.00 per ton, including delivery to the Township.

Ms. Danko added the price went up substantially from last year. Also, the Township did not get as many bids this year. Several companies were out of salt after the hard winter last year. She explained that the Bucks County Consortium brings together township managers from across the County for quarterly meetings to collaborate on municipal needs. By working as a group, municipalities can obtain better pricing on items such as salt, stone, and piping. The consortium also provides an opportunity to share updates and coordinate on issues affecting municipalities.

Motion to approve the Bucks County Consortium winter salt bid results and award the 2026-2027 winter salt contract to River Side Construction, the lowest responsible bidder, at a price of \$75.00 per ton, including delivery to the Township, was made by John Cole and seconded by Todd Quinby. (All in favor, 3).

5. Consideration of a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-09 A Resolution adopting the "Bucks County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Ms. Danko provided context, explaining that the County plan supplements each municipality's individual emergency management plan by providing a comprehensive plan for all Bucks County municipalities. The Township adopted its updated plan last month and is now working on the County plan.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-09 A Resolution adopting the "Bucks County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan was made by John Cole and seconded by Todd Quinby. (All in favor, 3).

6. Consideration of a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-10 Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) 3% contribution.

Ms. Danko explained that the resolution is intended to reduce the Police Department's pension contribution rate. Employees from the plan after a certain date currently are required to contribute 5%, but because the plan is performing well, the contribution rate can be reduced to 3% for all covered members.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-10 Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) 3% contribution, was made by Todd Quinby and seconded by John Cole. (All in favor, 3).

7. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Tinicum Township Non-Unifor Defined Contribution Plan for the year 2027 in the amount of \$ 38,148.00.

Ms. Danko explained that the annual filing is required to participate in the pension plan and determine the Township's pension obligation. The Township receives state aid toward the cost, although it does not cover the full amount. Completing the required paperwork helps secure that aid. The Township expects to know the amount of state aid in October or November, which will clarify the pension budget item for the upcoming budget sessions.

Motion to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Tinicum Township Non-Unifor Defined Contribution Plan for the year 2027 in the amount of \$ 38,148.00 subject to the State aid, was made by John Cole and seconded by Todd Quinby. (All in favor, 3).

8. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Tinicum Township Uniform/Police Defined Benefit Plan for the year 2027 in the

amount of \$11,775.00, with a required employee contribution of 3%.

Motion to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Tinicum Township Uniform/Police Defined Benefit Plan for the year 2027 in the amount of \$13,494.00, with a required employee contribution of 3%, was made by John Cole and seconded by Eleanor Breslin. (All in favor, 3).

9. Consideration of a Motion to authorize the advertisement of the draft Data Center Ordinance with the intent of establishing appropriate regulations that protect the health, safety, welfare, and best interests of Tinicum Township.

Ms. Breslin asked to table this agenda item and added that the BOS anticipates having this item on the agenda for October 6, 2026.

Motion to table this agenda item was made by Todd Quinby and seconded by John Cole. (All in favor, 3).

10. Consideration of a Motion to approve Fire Police assistance if available for Tinicum Civic Associations Annual Open House Event on Sunday, September 6, 2026 from 1-5PM at Stover Mill, 852 River Road in Erwinna.

Ms. Breslin urged residents to come to this wonderful community event.

Motion to approve Fire Police assistance if available for Tinicum Civic Associations Annual Open House Event on Sunday, September 6, 2026 from 1-5PM at Stover Mill, 852 River Road in Erwinna, was made by John Cole and seconded by Todd Quinby. (All in favor, 3).

J. Public Comment

Jim Blayden, committee chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, asked the residents to please read the extensive plan that Robin Lochner put together for the Four Brooks Park. A lot of work went into the plan to help the people of this township to be able to enjoy this park.

K. Supervisor Comments

Mr. Quinby reminded residents that Palisades Regional Fire and Rescue will hold its annual September 11 memorial observance commemorating the 25th anniversary of 9/11

on September 11, 2026 at 6:30PM. The event will include a flag-raising ceremony and will be held at the intersection of Routes 412 and 611.

Ms. Breslin noted that October is Fire Prevention Month and suggested inviting the fire company to the October or upcoming meeting to promote fire safety and demonstrate its work. She highlighted the volunteer firefighters' commitment, noting that they train every Tuesday evening to help keep the community safe.

Mr. Quinby suggested that the Parks and Recreation Committee also invite the fire company to participate in its Trunk or Treat event to potentially provide a fire safety demonstration.

Ms. Breslin thanked the Park and Recreation Committee for their hard work on the park improvement plan.

L. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 7:50 p.m. was made by Todd Quinby and seconded by John Cole.

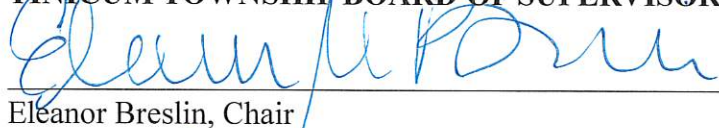
*The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 7:00 pm** at the Township Building.*

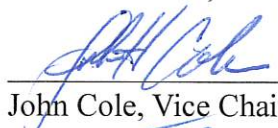
DATE: 10/06/2026

ATTEST TO:


Judith Danko, Township Manager/Secretary

TINICUM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Eleanor Breslin, Chair


John Cole, Vice Chair


Todd Quinby, Member