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TINICUM TOWNSHIP

Bucks County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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TINICUM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
October 6, 2026
7:00 PM

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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 5 persons viewed it online.

A. Announcements

1. The Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session on 9/1, 9/3, 9/10, 9/11, 9/17, 9/28. With the exception of the 9/28 meeting, all other meetings dealt with the Headquarters Road bridge project, relating to legal and property matters. Ms. Breslin added that the BOS meets every Thursday with the project manager, the contractor, our engineer, to ensure the project remains on track, and everyone is aware of the issues in connection with the project. The meeting on 9/28 was related to personnel matters.

2. The Board of Supervisors recognizes Tom Marden of Van Sant Airfield in Erwinna for for winning the Championship Biplane Race at the National Air Races in Roswell in September. Congratulations to Mr. Marden on this outstanding achievement.

Ms. Breslin invited Chief Hayes Hissim of the Palisades Regional Fire and Rescue Organization to provide a report. Chief Hissim, who assumed the role in January, explained that the organization implemented a new reporting system, First Due, to consolidate reporting and comply with updated federal requirements. The transition has required more than 400 staff hours and numerous meetings. Monthly reports will be distributed at the beginning of each month, with quarterly year-to-date reports provided to all municipalities. Ms. Breslin noted that the report showed 43 calls in Tinicum Township year to date. Chief Hissim confirmed the total but said he did not know how it compared with the previous year.

B. Public Hearing

1. Conditional Use Hearing on conditional use application for 54 Red Hill Road, TMP No. 44-11-90, related to Sewage Management.

Mr. Keightly, attorney for Adrian Brian Wilkins and Ava Wilkins Living Trust, explained that the conditional use application seeks approval for a replacement septic system that has already installed based on Bucks County Department of Health approval. The applicants were unaware that separate Township permits, and conditional use approval were required. The system's drain field encroaches into the side-yard setback. Mr. Keightly explained that the applicants must demonstrate that the replacement was necessary to address a health and safety concern, that no conforming location was suitable, and that the setback encroachment was minimized as much as practical. Mr. Valentine, the soil engineer, would explain why steep slopes, well locations, and soil conditions limited the available locations. The applicants also requested a waiver of the buffering requirement because the system is not visible from neighboring properties or the road. Finally, they must demonstrate that the system will not accommodate expansion beyond four bedrooms. Although the property currently has two bedrooms, the applicants seek the ability to expand to a maximum of four, consistent with the previous house and system's capacity.

Mr. Adrian Wilkins was sworn in and testified that the trust purchased the property from an estate in summer 2024 without receiving disclosures. After moving in, the owners noticed an odor when flushing the toilets and called a septic company, which determined the property had an unsanitary cesspool with a pipe discharging into the backyard. Concerned about the health risks, they moved back to their home in New Hope and

consulted Mr. Valentine. The Bucks County Department of Health conducted tests and helped determine a suitable system location. Approximately six acres of the 9.6-acre property are under a conservation easement, with steep slopes leading toward a watercourse connected to Tinicum Creek. Two wells located approximately 300–400 feet apart, further limited the available locations. Much of the property has slopes exceeding 15 percent.

Mr. Wilkins explained that the main stone house has two bedrooms and a library that may previously have served as a bedroom. The property also formerly included a cottage that had been converted from a chicken coop and an apartment in the barn, bringing the total to four bedrooms. The cottage has since collapsed, and the barn apartment was converted into an office and gym, with the kitchen removed. The property currently has two bedrooms, but the owners plan to add two more for their college-age children.

Mr. Wilkins acknowledged that he misunderstood the permitting requirements, believing that Bucks County approval was sufficient to proceed. He stated that he had no intention of bypassing Township requirements and would have applied earlier had he understood the process. He confirmed receiving the review letters from Wynn & Associates and the zoning officer, had no concerns about their conditions, and agreed to comply. Mr. Keightly submitted the Township review letter, which Mr. Holbert accepted.

Mr. Cole asked about the number of rooms on the second floor. Mr. Wilkins identified six rooms, although their intended uses were unclear; one had been converted into a laundry room. Mr. Cole noted that the property was previously recorded as a four-bedroom house with the Department of Health and that rooms could readily be converted back into bedrooms, potentially complicating the claim that the house currently has only two bedrooms.

Replying to Ms. Breslin's question, Mr. Wilkins clarified that the former cottage had been removed and that the barn space previously used as an apartment was now a gym. Mr. Holbert reviewed a 2025 plan showing these changes.

Mr. Keightly asked about the conservation easement. Mr. Wilkins confirmed that approximately six of the property's 9.6 acres are protected by an existing easement, which was one reason the owners purchased the property and which they intend to maintain. The conservancy conducted a monitoring visit the previous week, although the results were not yet available. Mr. Keightly submitted a prior-year conservancy letter, which showed the property as being in compliance, as Exhibit 3, which was accepted.

Mr. Keightly reiterated that the applicants were seeking conditional use approval for the existing system, a waiver of the buffering requirement, and permission for the operation and maintenance agreement to allow a maximum of four bedrooms. Mr. Wilkins reported that the system had been inspected twice so far; a minor warranty issue was corrected after the first inspection, and the second found no issues.

Mr. Valentine was sworn in as a witness, and his qualifications were presented for recognition as an expert. He testified that the owners contacted him in the fall of 2024 to evaluate septic system options. He visited the property, provided the forms needed to arrange testing with the Health Department, and conducted soil tests to assess permeability and system suitability. Because sand mounds are restricted on slopes exceeding 12 percent, he identified two potential areas with less severe slopes. Based on the soil conditions and test-pit depths, he selected the location used for the system. An at-grade system was considered to reduce the system's height but requiring pretreatment of the sewage. Mr. Valentine acknowledged that the Township's preferred-system hierarchy ranks an elevated sand mound above an at-grade system.

Using the site plan, Mr. Valentine identified the two existing wells and explained that a septic system must be at least 100 feet from them. Areas south and north of the house were unsuitable because of steep slopes. Two locations were feasible, but the alternative was closer to the property lines and would also have required a setback exception. He concluded that the selected location was the most suitable available option for the septic system.

Mr. Valentine confirmed that Mr. Wilkins had received the Bucks County permit, which was submitted as Exhibit 1/A. In response to Mr. Quinby's question about future permitting, Mr. Valentine acknowledged that he could have made the Township requirements clearer. He stated that he had advised Mr. Wilkins of the need for an operation and maintenance agreement and compliance with the Township ordinance.

Mr. Holbert asked for public comment, there was none.

Motion to approve the conditional use application for 54 Red Hill Road, TMP No. 44-11-90, related to Sewage Management, subject to the conditions outlined in the August 10th letter from Wynn & Associates, as well as granting the waiver from the buffering requirement, was made by John Cole and seconded by Todd Quinby. All in favor (3).

C. Public Comment

Mr. Robin Lochner, resident, reported that he met with the Township Manager on Friday to discuss research he had conducted on website management firms specializing in small municipalities, also gathering marketing materials and pricing for potential website improvements. He noted that the current township website, built in 2002, has file size and reliability issues and is neither visually appealing nor easy to navigate compared with neighboring townships' websites.

Mr. Lochner emphasized that the need for a new website is also driven by a DOJ accessibility compliance deadline in April 2028, requiring municipalities with populations under 50,000 to make their websites and documents ADA-accessible. The current website lacks this capability. With approximately 16,000 townships nationwide facing the same challenge, demand for assistance is expected to be significant. He explained that enforcement may be triggered by complaints from residents or advocacy groups, potentially leading to investigations or civil lawsuits. State audits and grant-related compliance measures are also possible. Mr. Lochner concluded that the Township Manager is now addressing the issue and expressed hope that the Township would have an improved website within a year.

Kathryn Auerbach, resident, reminded the township of the upcoming Lenape Chamber Orchestra performances on October 9 and 10, and of the Baroque Concert in November.

Ms. Corinne Blaydon, resident, expressed disappointment that the Township building and utility truck application had been denied for the second time. She suggested reconsidering the approach or waiting a year before reapplying and asked whether another building, potentially across from the fire station, could be used for the Police Department. Mr. Cole clarified that the building across from the fire station is occupied.

Ms. Blaydon also asked whether the Board had considered creating an ordinance that would address squatters in vacant homes. Drawing on her own experience, she described concerns about burning plastic, animals on the property, and potential physical hazards, including a dog she was warned could attack her while she was walking nearby. She said the situation was resolved only after the property was purchased and appropriate measures were implemented. She suggested that an ordinance could help address similar situations and protect residents from environmental and physical hazards.

Ms. Kim Rosamilia, resident, said she has been involved with community service for the township for more than 30 years, including work on the Open Space Committee and the

Township's 2015 Comprehensive Plan, expressed concerns about the process behind the Four Brooks Park proposal. Given her background including a doctorate in environmental science, she emphasized that she supports park improvements and grant funding when properly considered and authorized. Her concerns centered on transparency, accountability, and whether established Board procedures were followed.

She questioned who authorized the public release of a professionally prepared $90,000 grant proposal before the Board formally considered it. The proposal was posted on Facebook, displayed the Township seal and supervisors' contact information but omitted an index containing contractor pricing, potentially giving the impression it had been officially reviewed or approved. She noted that the Board's July directive called for short- and long-term improvement plans, preferably three contractor estimates, and coordination of the grant process through Township Manager and Grant Coordinator Judith Danko. She also questioned whether contacts with DCNR, the state representative, and state senator were properly authorized and communicated to the Board and manager.

Ms. Rosamilia questioned whether the proposed improvements reflect documented community priorities. She said the May 2026 survey had only 320 respondents, did not adequately verify residency or prevent duplicate responses, and addressed both township parks rather than Four Brooks Park specifically. She cautioned that the results might not reliably represent township-wide priorities and that the proposed improvements were drawn from free-form comments by an unknown number of respondents, which she did not consider sufficient evidence of community support.

She also described procedural concerns surrounding the survey and Parks and Recreation Committee. A survey drafted in 2024 was shelved amid substantial committee turnover and a lack of meeting minutes for two years, contributing to uncertainty about the committee's activities and decision-making. When the survey resurfaced in late 2025, there was confusion about whether it was needed or had already been completed. The 2026 survey was essentially unchanged from the 2024 draft and omitted recommended residency information. She added that a Right-to-Know request produced no official record showing Board approval of the May 2026 survey.

Ms. Rosamilia offered several alternatives for the Board to consider: 1) Seek donated materials or services from local businesses and residents, 2) Explore Bucks County support for tennis, basketball, or pickleball facilities at Cafferty Park, which serves Tinicum residents, 3) Investigate whether county ownership of Four Brooks Park is feasible, potentially placing long-term maintenance within a larger tax base, 4) If DCNR funding is

awarded, consider using the Township's Open Space Fund for matching funds rather than the general fund, and 5) Phase the project, beginning with clearly documented needs most likely to qualify for grants while minimizing or eliminating the Township's required match.

Ms. Breslin agreed with Ms. Rosamilia's concerns, noting that the park improvement proposal was released without a draft watermark and displayed the Township seal, making it appear official. She acknowledged that the resulting confusion prompted emails and direct concerns from residents and said the situation could have been avoided.

Ms. Corrinne Blaydon said Ms. Rosamilia should have attended a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting to offer her recommendations rather than raising concerns before the Board. She stated that the committee followed the Board's direction to conduct a survey and believed it had done nothing wrong. She did not know who posted the proposal on Facebook and questioned why Ms. Rosamilia had not contacted her directly with concerns. Ms. Blaydon emphasized that the committee had followed the Board's instructions and was seeking public input, but residents had offered little feedback while readily criticizing the proposal. She invited Ms. Rosamilia and other residents to attend committee meetings and share suggestions, noting that the committee was funding much of the project itself.

Ms. Breslin expressed support for the Parks and Recreation Committee but said the events of the past few months highlighted the need for better communication between the Board and its volunteers.

Ms. Blaydon stated that the survey was completed by Tinicum Township residents, with opportunities to participate at polling places, on the Township website, and through the Township's Facebook page. She expressed resentment over the criticism, adding that she needed to present her own perspective.

Mr. Lochner disputed the characterization of events, explaining that, except for one member, the Parks and Recreation Committee's membership had changed by 2025. He said the committee sought Board approval before conducting a survey, submitted the questions for review, and collected responses at polling locations and through SurveyMonkey. After submitting the results, the committee was told it needed a plan, which Ms. Danko suggested the committee develop for consideration during budget season.

Mr. Lochner said the committee developed a proposal and requested that it be posted on the Township website but was told the website could not accommodate uploads. The proposal was therefore made available at the Township building for people to come see in person, and

it was posted on Facebook because it was not possible to upload it to the township website. He maintained that it was clearly labeled a proposal, not an approved Township project. He also reminded supervisors that their publicly listed email addresses were intended to facilitate communication with constituents so they can reach out to them directly with any concerns.

Mr. Cole said his concern was that the Board had not seen the proposal before residents began questioning the nearly $100,000 in proposed park improvements. After reviewing it on Facebook, he had to explain to residents that it was only a proposal, had not been considered by the Board, and would be evaluated during the budget process. He emphasized that proposals must first be submitted to the Township Manager, placed on the Board's agenda, and reviewed before being shared publicly. He acknowledged Ms. Rosamilia's concerns about SurveyMonkey's inability to verify respondents' residency or prevent multiple responses and called for clearer communication about procedures.

Mr. Locher noted that the earlier criticism involved more than the order in which the proposal was shared. Mr. Cole rejected the suggestion that supervisors were unwilling to hear from residents, emphasizing that public communication was welcome. Ms. Breslin agreed that the concern was not public feedback but that the proposal's official appearance led residents to believe the Township had approved it, causing unnecessary alarm.

Mr. Steven Gidumal, resident, alleged that Loftus Construction Company trespassed on his property and destroyed 12–20 trees outside the permitted work area. He said video showed Loftus discussing the removal of trees with the Chief of Police, who allegedly ignored his concerns. He also cited disputed temporary easements, unauthorized surveying using cameras, and electrical work performed on a Sunday. He warned that these matters, along with documented creek damage that could involve substantial costs, could expose the Township to significant liability. He urged the Board to consider the potential financial and legal consequences before releasing payment.

D. Police Chief's Report

Chief Madden reported 395 incident reports for the month of September for the Tinicum Township Police Department; 68 were service related, 93 were criminal or investigative, including three fraud reports, two thefts, one burglary at a vacant home, two DUI arrests, and one warrant arrest. 220 were for traffic, and 14 were for training and court.

There were two reportable traffic accidents in September 2026. A two-vehicle crash on River Road was due to a vehicle obstructing the roadway, and a two-vehicle crash on River Road was the result of impaired driving.

The average for September over the last five years is 2.2 reportable crashes.

The officers conducted 16 truck details on River Road last month. No bridge strikes and no truck violations were reported.

The Police Foundation will be funding our internet connectivity upgrade to the department's patrol vehicles. Currently, our patrol vehicles rely on air cards to provide internet access for essential systems including our mobile data terminals, citation issuance, and other critical applications. Limited cellular reception has recently created connectivity challenges for officers, particularly during several major events. To improve reliability and coverage, cradle point devices with external antennas have been installed on patrol vehicles as of last week. This technology is expected to significantly enhance cellular reception and provide more reliability and connectivity throughout the service area. The total cost of the project is $8,970.39, which has been fully funded from donations made to the Police Foundation. Chief Madden thanked everyone who has been making donations over the years.

October 24, 2026, is drug take-back day, which will be held at Wehrungs from 10AM – 2PM.

Ms. Breslin asked whether Chief Madden is aware of any municipalities that have ordinances addressing squatters. Chief Madden responded that none were known and that removing squatters can be difficult because property owners must pursue eviction through a lengthy legal process; law enforcement cannot directly evict them.

E. Manager's Report

a. Public Work's Report

Ms. Danko expressed a giant thank you to the Police Foundation for their donation to fund the internet connectivity upgrade for the Police Department. She announced that the township has completed the ARPA funds final closeout. This took place during Covid times where some funds had been received, and now they were able to close out the award notice, which was received from the US Department of Treasury. After two years of hard work, this process has been certified and closed out.

The Public Works department have just completed their flagger training requirements. Training is vital for the public safety of the Public Works department, as they are working on the roads where drivers are going by, sometimes at high speeds.

Ms. Danko reported that they are working with the Groundwater Committee, Board of Supervisors, and township engineer to finalize the groundwater ordinance review. They are also working with a state auditor on the five-year audit of the uniform and non-uniform pension plans. The Zoning Department has processed 159 permits to date, compared with nearly 300 for all of last year. She noted that despite its small population, the township has many properties and operates at the capacity of a much larger municipality.

Ms. Danko thanked Robin Lochner for researching the township website, Carl Ruthardt for gathering pricing and information on establishing a township water system, and Mr. Cole for helping secure better water prices. She expressed appreciation for all the volunteers' efforts.

Ms. Danko praised the Public Works Department for its diligent efforts to maintain aging equipment, including the 1995 800 dump truck, which required brake repairs and other work. Because the vehicle is too old to obtain certain parts, employees have been repairing and fabricating replacements. She emphasized the importance of helping residents understand the challenges the department faces and the employees' commitment, using their own tools. She praised Kathy for stepping up and noted that the Supervisors are always willing to help, demonstrating a level of teamwork not found everywhere.

Ms. Danko also reported that several township roadways have deteriorating pipes. The department has identified these locations and allocated funding in the budget for repairs. Work will continue this year and next.

F. Engineer's Report

Ms. Danko reported that several land development matters remain ongoing and that they are conducting several truck studies.

G. Solicitor's Report

N/A

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 September 1, 2026.
2. Treasurer's Report for August 2026.
3. Payroll Report for September 2026 in the amount of $ 71,241.50 .

4. Disbursements for September 2026: General Fund $ 94,406.82, State Fund $ 13,861.73 and Escrow Fund $ 21,404.21.
5. Loftus Construction, Inc. Contractors application for Payment #9 in the amount of: $ 306,883.52 regarding Headquarters Road Bridge rehabilitation project.
6. Loftus Construction Inc. Contractors Change Order #5 in the amount of: $ 14,877.86 for Electrical Conduit.

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

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

1. Consideration of a Motion to accept David Upmalis' resignation from the planning Commission and to extend the Board's sincere appreciation for his dedicated service and contributions to the Township.

Ms. Breslin added that the township is sad to see Mr. Upmalis go and he has been the Chair of the Planning commission for several years, he has been masterful in this role and will be dearly missed. He resigned because he is moving to a different township. Mr. Cole echoed these sentiments and added that the township appreciated his service.

Motion to accept David Upmalis' resignation from the planning Commission and to extend the Board's sincere appreciation for his dedicated service and contributions to the Township, was made by John Cole and seconded by Todd Quinby. (All in favor, 3).

2. Consideration of a Motion to approve the "Dark Skies" flyer prepared by the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) to be placed on the Township website for educational and public awareness purposes.

Ms. Breslin added that alongside that flyer, the township will put their lighting ordinance to remind residents that this is regulated and to ensure everybody is aware of the rules. She thanked Corinne and the EAC for preparing that flyer.

Motion to approve the "Dark Skies" flyer prepared by the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) to be placed on the Township website for educational and public awareness purposes, was made by John Cole and seconded by Todd Quinby. (All in favor, 3).

3. Consideration of a Motion to approve Parks & Recreation Committee to place a "Little Free Library" at the Tinicum Township Community Park.

Motion to approve Parks & Recreation Committee to place a "Little Free Library" at the Tinicum Township Community Park, was made by Todd Quinby and seconded by John Cole. (All in favor, 3).

4. Consideration of a Motion to approve sending a letter in support of a grant application to be submitted by Palisades Regional Fire Rescue Volunteer Fire Company (PRFR) for the purchase of emergency radios and equipment.

   Motion to approve sending a letter in support of a grant application to be submitted by Palisades Regional Fire Rescue Volunteer Fire Company (PRFR) for the purchase of emergency radios and equipment, was made by Todd Quinby and seconded by John Cole. (All in favor, 3).

5. Consideration of a Motion to execute the Installation and Maintenance Agreement (O&M) for Fox Run Lane Lot #46, TMP No. 44-15-54-8.

   Mr. Holbert explained that his office prepared a standard agreement requiring the property owner to install and maintain the system according to township specifications. If the owner fails to do so, the township may address the problems and place a lien on the property to recover costs. The agreement is also required by the Health Department and DEP. He confirmed that everything was in order.

   Motion to execute the Installation and Maintenance Agreement (O&M) for Fox Run Lane Lot #46, TMP No. 44-15-54-8, was made by Todd Quinby and seconded by John Cole. (All in favor, 3).

6. Consideration of a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-11 for Local Share Account Grant Application for an Emergency Vehicle for Public Works Department outfitted with plow and salt spreader in the amount of $ 294,599.

   Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-11 for Local Share Account Grant Application for an Emergency Vehicle for Public Works Department outfitted with plow and salt spreader in the amount of $ 294,599, was made by John Cole and seconded by Todd Quinby. (All in favor, 3).

7. Consideration of a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-12 for Local Share Account Grant Application for Municipal building Addition/renovations in the amount up to $1,000,000.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-12 for Local Share Account Grant Application for Municipal building Addition/renovations in the amount up to $1,000,000, was made by John Cole and seconded by Eleanor Breslin. (All in favor, 3).

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

Mr. Holbert said the draft data center ordinance is complete and ready for review by the Tinicum and Bucks County Planning Commissions. It is based on ordinances adopted by other county municipalities. His office has been developing data center ordinances for at least five municipalities over the past six months. Although no data center is currently proposed in Tinicum, adopting an ordinance would help the township address potential challenges arising in neighboring areas.

Motion authorizing the advertisement of the draft Data Center Ordinance with the intent to establish appropriate regulations that protect the health, safety, welfare, and best interests of Tinicum Township, was made by John Cole and seconded by Todd Quinby. (All in favor, 3).

9. Consideration of a Motion authorizing the advertisement of the draft Ground Water Ordinance, creating a new unified ground water ordinance ensuring the availability, safe, and adequate water supply.

Ms. Breslin said this is the draft ordinance prepared with the support and based on data from the Bridgeton, Nockamixon, Tinicum Groundwater Management Committee, which has already been adopted by Nockamixon Township. Ms. Danko added that there was a meeting with the Groundwater Management Committee two Thursday ago, and both the township solicitor and the assistant solicitor reviewed the ordinance. Mr. Holbert added that it still needs to go through the full review process.

Mr. Cashman, resident, asked where the ordinance would be advertised. Ms. Danko replied that it would be advertised in the Intelligencer.

Motion authorizing the advertisement of the draft Ground Water Ordinance, creating a new unified ground water ordinance ensuring the availability, safe, and adequate water supply, was made by John Cole and seconded by Eleanor Breslin. (All in favor, 3).

10. Consideration of a Motion to authorize the advertisement and posting of notice of an amendment to the Agricultural Security Area (ASA) to include TMP No. 44-014-065 TMP No. and 44-014-065-005.

    Motion to authorize the advertisement and posting of notice of an amendment to the Agricultural Security Area (ASA) to include TMP No. 44-014-065 TMP No. and 44-014-065-005, was made by Todd Quinby and seconded by John Cole. (All in favor, 3).

Mr. Holbert said Van Sant Airport contacted Ms. Danko that morning to request Fire Police support for an event. Under the Sunshine Act, agendas must be posted 24 hours in advance, and additions are generally limited to specific exceptions, including minor, non-contractual matters received within 24 hours of the meeting. Since the request is de minimis and involves no expenditure or contractual obligation, it qualifies for an exception.
Ms. Breslin explained that the request was for the Wings and Wheels event on October 18, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This event is expected to have a large number of spectators, given that the Fire Department's event was canceled due to bad weather.

Motion to amend the agenda to include a consideration of a motion to authorize our fire police to provide support to the Wings and Wheel event on October 18, 2026, at Van Sant Airport, if they are available, of was made by Todd Quinby and seconded by John Cole. (All in favor, 3).

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J. Public Comment

Mr. Lochner announced that the Tinicum Conservancy's annual Fall Community Celebration will be held Sunday, October 18, at Plowshare Farms on Stover Park Road. All Tinicum residents are welcome, regardless of membership. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board.
He also announced that the Pipersville Library on Old Easton Road, which serves Tinicum residents, has reopened at its original location following renovations. The library, housed in a

small, former one-room chapel, serves as a gateway to the Bucks County library system. Renovations were completed largely through volunteer efforts, and residents are encouraged to visit. The library will hold a used book sale at Christ Church on Dark Hollow Road on October 16, 17, 23, and 24. Mr. Cole added that homemade soup and baked goods would also be available for purchase.

Mr. Jason Flax, resident, said he wanted to raise awareness as a concerned parent, that the Palisades School District is considering a reorganization plan that could include closing Tinicum Elementary School and moving fifth graders to middle school and eighth graders to high school. He also expressed concern that the Bucks County Intermediate Unit might purchase a closed school and lease it as a backup facility. He asked whether the Township could comment on or oppose the proposal, particularly the grade-level changes, which he considers unacceptable.
Ms. Breslin said she attended the school board's meeting at Palisades High School, where several options were presented. She regularly receives updates from the board's Buildings and Grounds Committee and noted that residents have raised concerns about closing Tinicum Elementary, particularly the potentially excessive bus rides for children living in the southeastern part of the Township. She believes the school board is aware of these concerns and expressed confidence in its decision-making process, which includes opportunities for public comment.
Ms. Breslin questioned whether the Township Board of Supervisors could formally comment on educational and child-development matters. Mr. Holbert agreed that the Township's authority to do so was uncertain. Mr. Quinby suggested conveying residents' concerns to the school board.
Ms. Breslin added that the process is still in its early stages, with opportunities for residents to comment and contact their school directors as the options are further evaluated.

K. Supervisor Comments

Mr. Quinby said he wanted to thank David Upmalis for his services. He announced that the annual Trunk or Treat event will be held on October 24, 2026, from 4-6PM.

Mr. Cole reported that he met with Sean O'Connor, an assistant in Representative Shelby Labs' office, to discuss ways the Township could secure needed grants. He noted that Plumstead Township had received grants from the same funding source for less pressing needs, while Tinicum's Public Works vehicles are nearly 30 years old, deteriorating, and difficult to repair due to unavailable parts. He emphasized that Public Works employees should be maintaining roads rather than acting as mechanics.
Mr. Cole also reported that work on the Headquarters Road Bridge is progressing well. Nearly all the beams are in place, and workers are assembling the forms for the deck, which will be 16

feet wide from curb to curb, making it technically a one-lane bridge. He praised the stonework and said the bridge is on track to reopen soon.

Ms. Breslin thanked Mr. Lochner for the research he did on the website. She also wanted to acknowledge the Police Foundation and the residents in the township who support the foundation's work, because it directly impacts the bottom line of the township. They are very generous, and she encouraged all residents to support the foundation.

L. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 8:58 p.m. was made by John Cole and seconded by Todd Quinby.

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for ***Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 7:00 pm*** *at the Township Building.*

DATE: 11/17/2026

ATTEST TO:

Judith A. Danko, Township Manager/Secretary

TINICUM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Eleanor Breslin, Chair

John Cole, Vice Chair

ABSENT AT 11/17/26 MTG

Todd Quinby, Member