

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES—APRIL 20, 2022**

The Scott Township Board of Supervisors met on the above date in the Municipal Building, 350 Tenny Street (Espy), Bloomsburg, PA. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were Supervisors William G. Hafner, Kathleen A. Lynn, Paul R. Eyerly IV, Layne D. Kocher, and Dennis N. Wildt. Solicitor Anthony J. McDonald from Marinos, McDonald & Knecht LLP, Police Sergeant M. Joseph Grassley, Maintenance Supervisor Mark J. Koons, and Secretary/Treasurer Brittany M. Bacon were also in attendance.

BID OPENING FOR PAVING PROJECT

Ms. Bacon opened the paving bids for Beily’s Road, Central Road (3rd St. to OBR), Cherryhill Road (Treeline Dr. to pave joint), Spyglass Hill Drive, Spyglass Hill Road, and Treeline Drive as follows:

BIDDER	TOTAL
Don E. Bower, Inc.	\$232,362.20
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	\$209,672.05
H&K Group, Inc.	\$221,290.16
HRI, Inc.	\$192,066.00
Lehigh Asphalt Paving & Construction Co.	\$231,232.40
Sokol, Inc.	\$244,790.00

Mr. Wildt made a motion to award the bid to HRI, Inc., pending review and approval by the Solicitor and PennDOT. Mr. Kocher seconded; the motion carried 5-0.

BIDS FOR PARK PROJECT PHASE I

Ms. Bacon announced the results of the bid opening, which was held at 2:00 p.m., on April 13, by Joanne Conley, CPRP, of Urban Research & Development Corp.:

BIDDER	TOTAL
John Claar Excavating, Inc.	\$187,692.92
H&P Construction, Inc.	\$241,409.44
Landserv, Inc.	\$271,834.50

The Board discussed the fact that the bids came in much higher than projected. Mr. Kocher noted that much of the project work involves excavating. Mr. Eyerly recommended having the Maintenance Department review each line item to determine if they have the needed equipment and expertise so the Township could complete more of the work. Mr. Hafner made a motion to reject all bids. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The Board discussed rebidding the project in order to have results for the May meeting.

BID OPENING FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT

Ms. Bacon opened the bids for the roof replacement for the Township office building as follows:

BIDDER	TOTAL
Spotts Brothers Inc.	\$186,500.00
T-Ross Brothers Construction, Inc.	\$97,446.00
Vertex Roofing Inc.	\$151,589.00

Mr. Wildt made a motion to accept the bid from T-Ross Brothers Construction, Inc., for \$97,446.00, pending review and approval by the Township Engineer. Mr. Hafner seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None appearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the March 16, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Kocher made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The March Budget, Police, Roads, Secretary, Treasurer, Zoning Reports and the Barry Isett & Associates Report were presented for approval. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to approve the reports as presented and Mr. Kocher seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The March 17 through April 20 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as three transfers of electronic funds and check numbers 17255–17307 for \$114,950.87. In addition, Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1864–1869 for \$7,607.89. Mr. Kocher made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0, with Mr. Eyerly abstaining due to a conflict of interest regarding the Press Enterprise payment, check number 17282.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

Regarding the David A. & Penny A. Gensemer Minor Subdivision/Incorporation Plan, this proposes to combine two parcels on Beilys Road into one new tract. Township Engineer Todd R. Pysher of Pysher & Associates, Inc., reviewed the plan in a letter dated February 16, 2022. He provided an updated review in an email dated March 11, 2022, and another in an email dated April 19, 2022. The April email revised the following two General Comments:

b. The existing driveway within the 50-foot wide right-of-way that provides access to Columbia County Instrument Numbers 201608765 and 2018076121 (per Map Book 5, page 809) shall not be used for any ingress, egress, or regress purposes to the incorporated lots until the existing driveway within this right-of-way is upgraded to comply with Scott Township street standards.

c. David A. and Penny A. Gensemer must prepare a lot consolidation deed for the separate parcels described in Columbia County Instrument Numbers 201505423 and 202109269, submit same to the Township for review, and then record same immediately after recording the incorporation subdivision plan. The lot consolidation deed must include language stating that the lot consolidation deed will be recorded with the Recorder of Deeds Office of Columbia County.

The County Planning Commission reviewed the plan. The Township Planning Commission reviewed the plan and recommended approval. Mr. Kocher made a motion to provide conditional approval subject to Mr. Pysher's open review comments in his February 16 letter and his April 19 email. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Eyerly stated the applicant should provide evidence that the deed was consolidated.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the American Rescue Plan funds, Ms. Bacon drew the Board's attention to an update on the cost of the digital radio upgrades. The County received an additional grant that will be

used toward the purchase of the upgrades. This provided a discount of \$11,484.96, which now lowers the Township's obligation to \$21,486.53.

Regarding the Cinema Center Traffic Signal, Ms. Bacon stated four invoices from Grove Miller Engineering, Inc., were submitted to Developer's Realty Corp. She will review the grant paperwork for instructions on how to submit a request for reimbursement from the State. The Board directed Ms. Bacon to submit the engineering invoices to the State in order to give the Township some indication of the reimbursement timeframe.

Regarding the parks agenda item, Ms. Bacon stated the Phase II grant paperwork was submitted in two versions. One of the versions factored in possible additional funds from the County Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the Carroll Park agenda item, Mr. Koons stated his department removed the crossovers in the median on Central Avenue. However, residents continue to drive over the median. The Board discussed various options. Mr. Eyerly recommended that since crossovers were previously permitted, it should be the Township's responsibility to notify the residents that they are not to use the median as a crossover. The Board directed Ms. Bacon to draft a notification letter for the Carroll Park residents.

Regarding the service agreement for the lift on the bucket truck, Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve the Planned Maintenance Agreement with Lift, Inc. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

The Board entered into an Executive Session at 7:43 p.m., for personnel matters, and reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

Mr. Hafner made a motion to offer Thomas Lapinski, who is currently the part-time Maintenance Department employee, a full-time position with the condition that he obtains a CDL Class B license within six months. There will be no increase in the hourly rate of pay, but he will qualify for full-time benefits. There will be a performance review after six months, with a possible pay increase if Mr. Lapinski has received his Commercial Driver's License Class B certification. Mr. Kocher seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Wildt made a motion to advertise for a part-time Maintenance Department employee with no CDL requirement. Mr. Eyerly seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

Mr. Eyerly made a motion to authorize a check to Mark Koons for \$33,094.20, to be issued after his retirement date in May, as compensation for personal, sick, and vacation days. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hafner seconded. The motion carried 5-0, with adjournment at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany M. Bacon
Secretary/Treasurer