

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES—AUGUST 21, 2019**

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 Kathleen A. Lynn, Paul R. Eyerly IV, Lanny R. Sheehan, and Dennis N. Wildt. Solicitor Anthony J. McDonald from Marinos, McDonald & Knecht LLP, Police Chief Raymond J. Klingler, Maintenance Supervisor Mark J. Koons, and Secretary/Treasurer Brittany M. Stasik were also in attendance.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Bill Walters requested confirmation of a rumor that the Township would like to vacate Fenstermacher Alley in Lightstreet. The Board stated that the Township has no plans to do that. Mr. McDonald explained that a municipality cannot vacate a road, alley, or lane without notifying the adjoining property owners in writing and holding a public hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the July 17, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The July Budget, Police, Roads, Treasurer's, Zoning, and Tri-County COG IBC Inspection Service Reports were presented for approval. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The General Fund bills to be paid were presented as one transfer of electronic funds and check numbers 15784—15835 for \$202,459.80. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 3-0, with Mr. Eyerly abstaining due to a conflict of interest regarding the Press Enterprise payment, check number 15814. A Liquid Fuels Fund bill to be paid was presented as check number 1749 for \$844.33. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the Liquid Fuels Fund bill to be paid and Mr. Wildt seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

Regarding the Dollar General Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan, Jason L. Lang, P.E., Northeast Engineering and Project Manager with Capital Growth Buchalter, which is the engineering firm representing the developer, Bloomsburg (Columbia) DG, LLC, explained the Plan. Township Engineer Todd Pysher of Pysher & Associates, Inc., provided a review letter, dated July 24, 2019. The County Planning Commission reviewed the Plan. The Township Planning Commission reviewed the Plan and recommended that the Board approve it with the condition that all of Mr. Pysher's review comments are satisfied. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to approve the Plan with the following conditions:

1. Provide a copy of the NPDES permit from the County Conservation District,

2. Provide financial security in an amount acceptable to the Township Engineer, and in a form acceptable to the Township Solicitor,

3. Provide a Developer Agreement,

4. Provide a completed stormwater drainage facilities maintenance and operations agreement between the developer and the Township, which may be included with the Developer Agreement,

5. Satisfy all the Township Engineer's review comments.

All conditions must be met by the November 20, 2019 meeting, or the Board will withdraw approval and the Plans must be resubmitted. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Regarding the Final Land Development Plan for Lot 1 in the Columbia County Business Park, the 90-day approval period will end before the September meeting and there are still some issues with the Plan that must be resolved. Rather than have the Board deny the Plan, the engineer for Marr Development, Joshua D. Hoagland of The Crossroads Group, LLC, in an email dated August 20, 2019, granted the Township an extension of time until the December 18, 2019 meeting. Mr. Wildt made a motion to accept that extension and Mr. Sheehan seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the solar panel/wind turbine ordinance, Mr. Eyerly suggested some revisions and corrections. Discussion ensued about some adjustments to the requirements. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to authorize the Secretary to advertise the adoption hearing for the September 18, 2019 meeting, subject to the changes and additions as discussed. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Regarding property maintenance issues at 93 Brentwood Circle, Ms. Stasik stated the agency in charge of the estate reimbursed the Township for the all costs associated with the Maintenance Department mowing the lawn.

Regarding the Paul and Joan Shymansky property at 2673 Old Berwick Road, Mr. Koons stated the demolition project is completed. He asked if the Township is responsible to mow the grass. Ms. Stasik advised not making a decision until the grass grows high enough to be in violation.

Regarding the municipal building space formerly used as the police station, Ms. Stasik stated Jon Benfield, Manager of the Scott Township Authority, provided a letter dated August 21, 2019, stating that the Authority accepts the offer of the additional 286 square feet of office space for a total monthly rental fee of \$700.00 plus 40% of the utility bills. Ms. Stasik stated the cost of the cleaning service will also be added. Mr. Eyerly asked if there is a term limit on the agreement. Discussion ensued regarding whether there should be an escalator clause in the agreement. Ms. Stasik stated there is a signed lease [a 25-year lease which will expire June 30, 2031] without an escalator clause for the existing office space but no lease was prepared for this additional area. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to rent the additional 286 square feet of space for a total \$700.00 monthly fee and 40% of the utility costs, including cleaning service costs, until such time as either party decides to change it. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion, which carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the building inspections agenda item, Ms. Stasik and Mr. McDonald outlined the difficulty in resolving problems with the properties at 2908 and 2386 Old Berwick Road. The Board discussed various options. Ms. Stasik explained how informative Mr. Larry Frace was when she met with him to discuss his services. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to hire the services of Larry C. Frace Inspections, LLC, pending approval of his quote to deal with the two Old Berwick Road properties. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Regarding the Planning Commission meetings for the rest of the year, Ms. Stasik stated there is only one month with no conflict with the scheduled date. She requested permission to advertise rescheduling the Planning Commission meetings to the third Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for the rest of 2019. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to change the Planning Commission meeting to the third Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for the rest of the year, with the strict understanding that all subdivision and land development plans considered at that meeting will not be presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting that follows. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Chief Klingler requested permission to advertise for part-time officers. After discussion regarding the difficulty of finding and keeping part-time officers, the Board discussed that it may be more advantageous to hire another full-time officer. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to hire one additional full-time officer. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion, which carried 4-0.

Mr. Wildt made a motion authorizing submitting an application to PennDOT for two signs along Route 11 identifying the location of the police station. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany M. Stasik
Secretary/Treasurer