

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – AUGUST 16, 2017

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 Paul R. Eyerly IV, Frederick D. Ackerman, Jr., William G. Hafner, 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

Ms. Karen DeLuca explained at length how she felt she was treated by the Zoning Officer. She requested an apology and a simpler way to receive permission from the Bloomsburg Baptist Church to place her produce business signs on its property. Mr. Eyerly explained the Zoning Officer's responsibility to enforce the Township Ordinances, including regulations for signs. Ms. DeLuca asked if she could place signs advertising her business in front of her property. Ms. Stasik stated that selling the produce from a wagon in front of Ms. DeLuca's home is considered a temporary stand and therefore she would not be required to obtain a Zoning Permit for the sign on her wagon. However, signage for the business in the barn would require following the stipulations for signs, including the number, the size of the sign, and the need to obtain a Zoning Permit. Ms. DeLuca has an approved Peddler's Permit that is valid through December 2017. Ms. Stasik summarized the reason for the delay in approving the Peddler's Permit last summer and the problem with the signage this year. Ms. DeLuca expressed an unwillingness to have any contact with the Zoning Office. Mr. Eyerly stated Ms. DeLuca could submit her Zoning Permit to any of the elected Supervisors. He explained that Ms. Stasik is the Township's appointed Zoning Officer, the one responsible to approve or deny Zoning Permits. If Ms. DeLuca is unhappy with Ms. Stasik's decision, she can appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Ms. Susan Swisher expressed concern regarding burning over the weekend at a property located along Columbia Blvd. Mr. Brian Brown, the property owner, did have an approved Burning Permit. Ms. Swisher stated the fire smoldered unattended and she felt her complaints to the Police Department went unanswered. She outlined in detail the steps she took to get her issue with the fire resolved. By Monday evening, Ms. Swisher stated the Espy Fire Company had resolved the issue and the fire was out. Next, Ms. Swisher expressed her dissatisfaction with her conversation with Ms. Stasik on Tuesday, August 15, regarding burning regulations. She stated she received conflicting answer to her questions from the Police Chief and the Code Enforcement Officer. Ms. Swisher added that she feels the Fire Company should be notified when Burning Permits are issued. Ms. Swisher asked why a permit was issued and why an official did not follow up on the problem, rather than a private citizen. Ms. Stasik apologized for incorrectly telling Ms. Swisher that all containers for burning must have a cover. She added that a cover on a container does not stop a fire from smoking. Chief Klingler stated that he has spoken to Ms. Swisher on numerous occasions. His department does what it can to respond to her complaints, but due to a variety of incidents that require a police response, the officers must prioritize handling of calls. After extensive discussion, Ms. Stasik noted that the Burning Ordinance is rather broad, but with no other complaints, the Township has not discerned a need to address the wording. Ms. Swisher stated she feels residents have gotten used to it as a way of life, but she suffers from the smoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the July 19, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The July Budget, Police, Roads, Treasurer's, Zoning, and Tri-County COG IBC Inspection Service Reports were presented for approval. The June Tri-County COG Report was also presented. Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The General Fund bills to be paid were presented as one transfer of electronic funds and check numbers 14647—14695 for \$112,756.34. Check number 14661 was voided. In addition, Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1669—1670 for \$104,993.88. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, totaling \$217,750.22. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 4-0, with Mr. Eyerly abstaining due to a conflict of interest regarding the Press Enterprise payment, check number 14679.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

Regarding the Acurlite Structural Skylights, Inc., agenda item, Ron Palombo, President, and Kyle Maylath, Sales Engineer, were present to provide an overview of the company and explain a future land development project for Lot 6 in the Columbia County Business Park.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the MS4 program, Mr. Eyerly provided background information on the Pollutant Reduction Plan, dated July 2017. Part of the criteria for approval is to allow public comments or questions. No one was in attendance to address the Plan. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the Pollutant Reduction Plan. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0, with Mr. Hafner abstaining.

Regarding the Park Grant, Ms. Stasik stated the park study committee met again with the consultants from Urban Research & Development Corporation. Next month the consultants will provide ideas for park improvements.

Regarding the flood buyout program, Mr. Eyerly provided an update on the August 9 meeting with representatives from HUD and PEMA.

Regarding the need for the municipal building roof repair, Mr. Koons requested input from the Board on the proposal sheet from three contractors. Discussion ensued regarding bidding requirements, whether the entire roof must be replaced, and the most cost effective way to remedy the problem. This matter was tabled.

Regarding the codification, Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the draft ordinance to adopt the republished code and to authorize Ms. Stasik to advertise the ordinance for adoption at the September meeting. Mr. Ackerman seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the annual Bloomsburg Public Library donation, Mr. Ackerman made a motion to approve a contribution of \$2,100.00, as listed on the invoice. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the updated fee schedule, Mr. Eyerly noted the fees are a good faith estimate to cover the Township's true costs of the services being provided. Mr. Hafner made motion to adopt Resolution Number 8-16-17. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. McDonald explained the reason for the resolution regarding Article 3 of the Township Code. After discussion, this was tabled.

Ms. Stasik explained that Township Engineer Todd Pysher, of Pysher & Associates, Inc., provided an agreement for a developer to sign, which includes formal notification that the developer is responsible to reimburse the Township for the Engineer's review fees. The Board tabled this until the September meeting.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m., to discuss ongoing contract negotiations with the Police Department. The Board reconvened at 8:39 p.m.

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ackerman seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany M. Stasik
Secretary/Treasurer