

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES—DECEMBER 18, 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 William G. Hafner, 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. James DiFebo expressed concern regarding the condition of the property next door to his house on Tower Road. He also noted a concern with repetitive barking from dogs on that property. In addition, there is a drainage issue with a pipe that was recently damaged by a utility company working in the area. Now the stormwater pools in front of Mr. DiFebo's property. Mr. Koons had told him that drain pipe maintenance is the property owner's responsibility. Mr. DiFebo requested an update about his concerns. Mr. Koons stated he has not been able to contact the property owners, Nelson and Donna Gross, to explain it is their responsibility to repair the pipe. Ms. Stasik outlined the steps she has taken to deal with the property maintenance issues. Mr. Hafner stated the Township will follow up on his concerns.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the November 4, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

The November Budget, Police, Roads, Treasurer's, and Zoning Reports were presented for approval. The October and November Tri-County COG IBC Inspection Service Reports were also presented for approval. Mr. Eyerly 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 three transfers of electronic funds and check numbers 15920—15946 and 15983—16054 for \$224,671.72. In addition, Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1754, and 1756—1758 for \$4,828.50. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, totaling \$229,500.22, with a correction on the memo for check 16040 to list the Windstream usage from 12/4/19 to 1/03/20. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 4-0, with Mr. Eyerly abstaining due to a conflict of interest regarding two Press Enterprise payments, check numbers 15926 and 16031.

**SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT**

The Nautilus Development Letter of Credit release request was presented. Ms. Stasik stated that Engineer Todd Pysher of Pysher & Associates, Inc., inspected the project and recommended releasing \$125,603.73. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to release \$125,603.73 of the financial security, with \$230,389.05 remaining. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the Lion's Gate project, Ms. Stasik stated the developer submitted a letter, dated December 6, 2019, granting the Township a 100-day extension for review. This would extend the review period from January 7, 2020, to April 16, 2020. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to accept the extension request. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The 2020 Final Budget was presented for approval. Mr. Hafner recommended changes to the Street & Roads Salaries line item, due to an additional raise for one of the employees. Increasing Douglas Kashner's rate an additional \$0.54 per hour would increase the line item by approximately \$1,000.00. This would change the Street & Roads Salaries line item from \$218,500 to \$219,500. Mr. Eyerly noted that legally the Township must adopt a balanced budget. Therefore, the Surplus Forward line item was increased from \$56,000 to \$57,000. The requirements for advertising have been met. [According to the Second Class Township Code, because the amendment to the Budget does not exceed aggregate expenditures by more than ten percent or any individual item by more than 25 percent, the Budget does not need to be re-advertised.] Ms. Lynn made a motion to adopt the 2020 Final Budget with the two line item amendments. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Wildt made a motion to increase the hourly pay rate of Maintenance Department employee, Darren Shaffer, by fifty cents to \$18.00, for completing his six-month probationary period. The increase would be retroactive to November 15. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Regarding the park grant, Ms. Stasik stated DCNR approved a grant amount of \$53,000. This would require a matching fund by the Township. Ms. Lynn made a motion to continue working with the consultants from Urban Research & Development Corporation in renovating the parks. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the PA Municipal Retirement System Ordinance, Mr. Eyerly made a motion to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise the Ordinance for adoption. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The separate contract contains one change, which permits increasing non-uniform member withholding from up to 10% to a maximum of 20%.

Mr. Koons gave an update on the progress for applying for the PennDOT Green Light—Go Program grant. He requested permission to continue moving forward. Gregory Creasy, P.E., of Grove Miller Engineering, Inc., provided an estimate of \$277,500.00 for upgrades to the Route 11/Cinema Center traffic signal. Of the four traffic signals along the Route 11 corridor, this is the least costly to repair because it is only three sided and does not have a railroad crossing. The requested funding is for \$222,000, with the Township required to guarantee its share, which is \$55,500. Mr. Koons stated this would be funded from the Liquid Fuels account. After discussion, Mr. Wildt made a motion to authorize Mr. Koons to continue with the grant application to update the traffic signal at the intersection of Route 11 and the Cinema Center. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the 1999 leaf vacuum trailer, Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the sale to the Town of Bloomsburg for \$6,000.00. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion ensued regarding candidates to fill vacancies on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Koons stated that after Township Engineer Todd Pyscher inspected Pine Hollow Road, he offered suggestions for guiderail replacement. Discussion ensued regarding viable options.

Regarding the Scott Township Authority rental lease, Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the lease. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Wildt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brittany M. Stasik  
Secretary/Treasurer