

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES—FEBRUARY 16, 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 6:31 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 (via videoconferencing), Layne D. Kocher, 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. Bacon were also in attendance.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None appearing.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

The January Budget, Police, Roads, Secretary, Treasurer, Zoning Reports and the Tri-County COG IBC Inspection Service Report and Barry Isett & Associates Report were presented for approval. Ms. Lynn 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 January 20 through February 16 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as two transfers of electronic funds and check numbers 17162–17211 for \$131,184.99. In addition, Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1856–1859 for \$19,006.16. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 4-0, with Mr. Eyerly abstaining due to a conflict of interest regarding the Press Enterprise payment, check number 17197.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Regarding the American Rescue Plan funds, Chief Klingler presented a list of items he is requesting for his department. He explained that he included a vehicle request because the amount allocated in the General Fund for a vehicle was reduced in this year's budget. Therefore, he would not have the funds to order a vehicle until next year although two of the vehicles are over 100,000 miles. The Chief also stated the need for a generator, which was estimated to cost approximately \$12,000 a few years ago. Discussion ensued regarding why the Chief is requesting ARP funds for other items on his list. Mr. Kocher asked how much of the remaining \$229,000 from the first half is already allotted. Ms. Bacon listed \$53,000 for the parks, \$36,000 for the digital radios, \$100,000 estimated for an HVAC system, and possibly the cost for a new municipal building roof. Mr. Koons requested that the Board consider using ARP funds for the Brentwood Estates pipe repair, approximately \$51,000, and the repair of the White Birch Lane pipe. He added that the routing of the White Birch Lane pipe is not finalized because the Township Engineer has not finished his calculations. A 30-inch pipe would cost \$30,000, but if the routing is longer, the cost will be higher. There would be additional expenses for such things

as stone and installation. Ms. Bacon stated the park consultant informed her that a new matching grant would be available soon. In addition, Ms. Bacon received a quote of \$8,490.25 for a meeting room AV system. Mr. Kocher recommended starting the bid process for the roof and HVAC because of contractors already filling their schedules for the year. Mr. Eyerly recommended contacting the Township Engineer regarding expenses related to the MS4 requirements. Ms. Bacon will compile a list for ARP funding decisions at the next meeting.

Regarding the Cinema Center traffic signal replacement Green Light-Go grant, Mr. Koons stated PennDOT has scheduled a site meeting with Township representatives and Gregory Creasy, P.E., of Grove Miller Engineering, Inc. Mr. McDonald stated he has not sent a letter to the owners of the Cinema Center.

Regarding the new round of park grants, Ms. Bacon stated the Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources application must be submitted in April. The park consultant at URDC and the DCNR representative both recommend applying for funds for only one of the parks. Mr. Hafner and Ms. Lynn stated they would prefer to see improvements at the three parks. Ms. Bacon noted that to help with the Township's matching portion of the grant, she could ask the County for additional funds, as well as requesting help from the state legislators. Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve applying for the next round of park grants, with a cap of \$100,000, of which the Township would be responsible for 50%. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Ms. Bacon requested that the Board grant permission to advertise for a general contractor to implement the projects earmarked in the last grant.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Regarding the Brentwood Circle pipe repair, Mr. Koons stated he has a quote from National Gunite, which is a supplier authorized by the PA Cooperative Purchasing Program (COSTARS). Discussion ensued regarding what monies should fund this. Mr. Kocher suggested contacting the company to see if they will guarantee the price through March 31 so this can be included in the ARP funds discussion at the March meeting.

Regarding the Edgar Avenue pipe, Mr. Koons stated the headwalls are deteriorating. He met with Mark Young, President of R. C. Young, Inc., who outlined repair options. The Board tabled this.

Regarding the White Birch Lane project, Mr. Koons stated the Township Engineer has not yet determined the best option. Mr. Koons should have more information by the March meeting.

Regarding the skid-steer bucket replacement. Mr. Koons presented the following quotes:

Berks Attachments, LLC	\$950
Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co.	\$1900
Medico Construction Equipment, Inc.	\$2200

Mr. Kocher made a motion to purchase a skid-steer heavy-duty bucket, with 84-inch HD smooth edge, from Berks Attachments for \$950, to be paid with Liquid Fuels funds. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the annual paving project, Mr. Koons presented his recommended list. Discussion ensued about the best way to bid the project. Mr. Kocher made a motion to bid the 2022 paving package with a base bid, and with Alternate A to include Beilys Road and Alternate B to include Central Road in Espy from Third Street to Old Berwick Road. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the fire company financials, Mr. Kocher stated he reviewed the information and from his perspective both companies have provided adequate evidence that the companies are solvent and are using the funds provided by the Township in a financially responsible way. Ms. Bacon will send letters to the fire companies notifying them of that and requesting that the Township annually receive the previous year's financial information by September 1.

Regarding the HMGP demolition payment, Ms. Bacon stated the invoice is for two of the three properties. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve payment to G&M Crawford, Inc., for \$25,768.51. Mr. Kocher seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the Memorandum of Understanding provided by the Columbia County Conservation District, Mr. Eyerly made a motion to enter into the agreement, subject to the Township Engineer's review and approval. Mr. Kocher seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the PMRS agenda item, Ms. Bacon explained PMRS is now requiring this annually, in conjunction with the resolution that the Board passes each year at the reorganization meeting. That resolution waives required member contributions to the police pension plan. Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve the Adoption Agreement Amendment to the PA Municipal Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan for the police. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session for personnel reasons. Mr. Kocher seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. Mr. Kocher made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and Mr. Wildt seconded. The motion carried 5-0, with adjournment at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brittany M. Bacon  
Secretary/Treasurer