

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES—FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

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 6:34 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.

**MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASE CONTROL PRESENTATION**

Brandon Ball, Mosquito-borne Disease Control Coordinator for the Northumberland County Conservation District, provided information about the program the NCCD has implemented in a five-county area, which includes Columbia County. He outlined four components: public education, larval and adult mosquito surveillance, source reduction, and control measures. This program is funded by a grant from PA DEP. DEP oversees the surveillance and control for mosquitoes in the State, the Department of Health oversees cases of people infected with mosquito-borne diseases, and the Department of Agriculture handles pesticide applicator licensing and incidents of animals who contract the diseases. Mr. Ball requested that the Township consider adopting a standing water ordinance. In his opinion, the universal property maintenance codes do not go into enough specifics for properly defining stagnant or standing water as a public health risk or a nuisance.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None appearing.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

The January Budget, Police, Roads, Treasurer's, Tri-County COG IBC Inspection Service Reports and Zoning Reports were presented for approval. Ms. Lynn 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 16099–16138 for \$63,552.66. Mr. Sheehan 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 16121.

In addition, a Liquid Fuels Fund bill to be paid was presented as check number 1761 for \$3,172.84. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to approve the bill to be paid. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Hafner asked audience members, Nelson and Donna Gross, if any progress has been made to rectify conditions on their property at 2625 Tower Road. Stephen Bielskie, Sr., a Building Code Official with the Tri-County COG IBC Inspection Service, notified Mr. and Mrs. Gross in a letter, dated December 23, 2019, of violations of the Uniform Construction Code. He declared the property unfit for human habitation. Mr. Gross explained why he does not feel the property is in violation. He added that no one

has lived there for years, and he uses the mobile home for storage. Ms. Stasik explained that a storage building is classed as an accessory structure and that a lot cannot have an accessory structure without a primary residence. Mr. McDonald explained that under the Code of the Township, their property is considered an unsafe property, and the Township has the authority to condemn the structure and order it to be torn down. Mr. Gross stated he cannot afford to tear it down. Mrs. Gross asked that Mr. Bielskie meet them at the property and explain what must be improved to make the structure livable. Mr. Hafner recommended having Mr. Bielskie prepare an itemized list of what must be addressed. Mr. Gross agreed to the suggestion that he will be allowed two months from the day he receives that list to correct the deficiencies.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Stasik drew the Board's attention to the MS-965 annual report of the Liquid Fuels monies.

Regarding the PennDOT resolution, this is an agreement to authorize electronic access to PennDOT systems and is part of the requirement of the Green Light—Go Program traffic signal grant. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to adopt Resolution 2-19-20, pending review and approval by the Township Solicitor. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the Workers' Compensation Insurance site visit report, the Board discussed the findings. Mr. Hafner recommended prohibiting smoking on all Township properties. Mr. McDonald stated for employees the Township could enact a policy. He added that the Township must pass an ordinance to make the rule enforceable for the public. Mr. Eyerly asked if this would be extended to vaping and the use of smokeless tobacco. Regarding smoking at the parks, discussion ensued about the information provided for the Young Lungs at Play! program administered by the PA Department of Health. Mr. Hafner suggested posting signs in the park to see if the public willingly complies. Regarding employees, Ms. Stasik noted that a section of the personnel policy prohibits the use of tobacco products within Township facilities. Mr. McDonald recommended that tobacco use in vehicles and on Township grounds should be addressed. Another finding of the WC report concerned reporting injuries promptly. The Board advised that department heads should make sure this is addressed. Ms. Stasik stated she must respond to the report informing AmTrust of the actions taken to comply with the findings. The Board directed that Ms. Stasik report that the Maintenance Department head will ensure that no smoking takes place in the maintenance building, that the Township will post Young Lungs at Play! signs in the parks, and that a memo will be distributed to all employees notifying them that workplace injuries are to be reported immediately.

Ms. Lynn made a motion to appoint Ms. Greta Rosler to the Township Planning Commission to complete the remaining three years of Mr. Richard Heim's term. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the building inspectors agenda item, the Board discussed enforcement issues and how these might be rectified. Ms. Stasik will do additional research and provide information for next month's meeting.

Mr. Wildt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Stasik  
Secretary/Treasurer