

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES—FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

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, William G. Hafner, Kathleen A. Lynn, Lanny R. Sheehan and Dennis N. Wildt. Solicitor Anthony J. McDonald from Marinos, McDonald & Knecht LLP, Police Sergeant M. Joseph Grassley, Maintenance Supervisor Mark J. Koons, and Secretary/Treasurer Brittany M. Stasik were also in attendance.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None appearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January 17, 2018 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 January Budget, Police, Roads, Treasurer's, Zoning, and Tri-County COG IBC Inspection Service Reports were presented for approval. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Mr. Hafner seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The General Fund bills to be paid were presented as two transfers of electronic funds and check numbers 14926—14985 for \$69,265.83. In addition, Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1684—1685 for \$6,799.86. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, totaling \$76,065.69. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 3-0, with Mr. Eyerly abstaining due to a conflict of interest regarding the Press Enterprise payment, check number 14970, and Mr. Wildt abstaining due to a conflict of interest regarding the electronic funds payment for his registration for the April PSATS Convention.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

Regarding the Sheetz Land Development Plan, Grant Shaffer, P.E., Construction Manager for Sheetz, Inc., provided an overview of the project. In a letter dated January 16, 2018, Andrew Maass, Vice-President of BRR Architecture, Inc., requested a waiver of the financial security because there will minimal non-building site improvements. Township Engineer Todd R. Pysher of Pysher & Associates, Inc., reviewed the plan in a letter dated January 24, 2018, and recommended granting the requested waiver and approving the plan with no conditions. The Columbia County Planning Commission has reviewed the plan. The Township Planning Commission has reviewed the plan and recommended that the Board of Supervisors grant the waiver for financial security and that they approve the plans with no conditions. Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve the Land Development Plan with no conditions and to grant the waiver request for financial security. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the Lots 1, 2 and 7 Land Development Plan in the County Business Park, Ms. Stasik stated Mr. Pysker recommended that the Board wait to sign the Plan until he has double-checked the required changes.

Regarding the Lion's Gate Flex Community Developer's Agreement, Mr. Eyerly provided background information. Mr. Hafner made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Township. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

Regarding the Dillon Townhouses project, Mr. Eyerly again provided background information. The developer did not develop the project within the timeframe outlined in the Developer's Agreement. The agreement stipulates that Part 2 cannot be completed before Part 1. The cost estimate for the financial security will likely need to be revised and the completion dates must be updated. The Board decided they would prefer if the developer attends the next meeting to provide an update and explain what their plans are.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the Scott Township Parks Master Plan, Leonard J. Policelli and Ashley Eichlin, Landscape Architects from Urban Research & Development Corp., gave an overview of the concept for each of the three parks. Mr. Policelli stated that in order to develop the parks with grant funding, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources looks for a well-rounded project which includes several types of features. With that in mind, the Park Committee has endeavored to prioritize projects, which are then further broken down into phases of construction. DCNR must review the report to ensure that it meets their guidelines before the Township could move forward and accept the Master Plan. Part of URDC's proposal included providing their expertise to help write the grant for the first round. The deadline for DCNR grants is in April. These grants require the Township to match the funds. The Township could also apply for a Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund grant, which has a funding split of 85/15, so it is much more competitive. The Township's obligation for the list prepared for this round would be \$88,000.00. The Township match can include in-kind services, donated funds, and donated in-kind services. Regarding the DCNR grants, Mr. Policelli stated although the grant must be submitted by April, DCNR will make their decision by December. The Township would receive the contract early in 2019 for 2018, and then would have three years (2018, 2019, and 2020) to actually complete the project. So the Township's matching funds could be budgeted over three years. Mr. Eyerly expressed concern over the short timeline to submit the DCNR grant application. The Legacy Fund grant is administered by the Department of Community & Economic Development, and the deadline is later in the spring than the DCNR grant. Because the applications are evaluated on a competitive basis, positive input from the State Congressmen may be helpful. Ms. Lynn recommended moving forward with at least one grant this year. She added that there is an Atlantic Sunrise Community Grant, with awards up to \$10,000.00. Discussion ensued regarding options for generating donations. The Township must pass a resolution as part of the DCNR application. After discussion, the majority of the Board opted to wait until they have time to review the Master Plan.

Regarding the amendment to the land development ordinance, Ms. Lynn made a motion to authorize Ms. Stasik to advertise the amended ordinance for adoption at the March 21 meeting. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Hafner asked whether the long-distance phone service issue is resolved. Mr. Eyerly and Ms. Stasik explained what Windstream Communication offers. The Board directed Ms. Stasik to change the phone service from Verizon to Windstream, unless Windstream is a wireless service.

Mr. Koons announced that the contractor has finished repairing the municipal building roof.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Koons stated he is obtaining quotes to replace the Police Department's furnace.

Ms. Stasik noted that the Scott Township Authority has provided a copy of their audit.

Ms. Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hafner seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Stasik
Secretary/Treasurer