

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES—JANUARY 17, 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, 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

Mr. Todd Thomas enumerated three concerns regarding the in-barn produce stand located next to his home at 2407 Old Berwick Road. Mr. Thomas stated that he feels the increased traffic from customers presents a safety issue for children playing nearby. Also, he has concerns regarding visibility issues for vehicles entering Old Berwick Road from Central Road. Customers' vehicles blocking the entrance to his garage and blocking the alley have also been a problem. He requested that the Township take his concerns into consideration if the business owner applies for a Peddler's Permit this year. Mr. Eyerly assured Mr. Thomas that any business in the Township must comply with the Code of the Township and if it does not, it will be dealt with accordingly.

OLD BUSINESS: ACT 537 PLAN

Regarding the Act 537 Plan, Steven Siegfried, Senior Engineer at RETTEW Associates, Inc., attended to represent the Municipal Authority of the Town of Bloomsburg. Douglas Sitler, Chairman, Layne Kocher, Treasurer, and Jon Benfield, Manager, attended to represent the Scott Township Authority. Dan Knorr, Director of External and Government Relations for Bloomsburg University, also attended. Mr. Kocher noted that the resolution was revised to remove the general language regarding rates, so the monthly fee information in the resolution just applies to the Town of Bloomsburg. He stated the Authority is taking a neutral position regarding the necessity for the upgrade. The STA's opinion is that sometime in the foreseeable future the project will happen because the wastewater treatment plant process is not the current process. There will be some efficiency gains as a result of an upgrade. In addition, eventually the current equipment would become obsolete. Mr. Kocher stated the STA anticipates the cost/benefit would be insignificant to the Township and that the Authority can absorb its share of the cost as part of the normal process. The STA expects that in the short-term the upgrade will not have a significant impact on sewer rates. Mr. Sitler noted that if an upgrade must eventually happen, it would be less expensive now than in the future. Mr. Benfield provided additional information on the benefit of an upgrade, especially from a mechanical standpoint. Mr. Knorr stated that as a funding partner, the University has no objection to the proposed upgrade plan. Mr. Eyerly stated he spoke with a representative from DEP, who explained the resolution is necessary because the Township will help to pay for the project, but the project itself is the responsibility of the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority. Mr. Kocher added that when the Township initially constructed its sewer system the Board of Supervisors approved the Act 537 Plan and went through a similar process. So this is not the first time the Township has been asked to approve this as part of the overall planning for Bloomsburg. This is a necessary step because the Township did not construct its own wastewater treatment plant when it installed the sewer system in the early 1990s, but contracted with Bloomsburg to accept and treat the Township's sewage. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1-17-2018, adopting the revised Facility Plan. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the December 20, 2017 meeting and January 2, 2018 reorganization meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the December 20, 2017 minutes as presented. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion, which carried 4-0. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the January 2, 2018 reorganization meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion, which carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The December Budget, Police, Roads, Treasurer's, Zoning, and Tri-County COG IBC Inspection Service Reports were presented for approval. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The General Fund bills to be paid were presented as one transfer of electronic funds and check numbers 14877—14925 for \$95,153.18. In addition, Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1681—1683 for \$2,488.47. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, totaling \$97,641.65. 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 14908.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

Regarding the Lots 1, 2 and 7 Land Development Plan in the County Business Park, Ms. Stasik stated the Township should have all necessary paperwork before the deadline of January 31, 2018. Therefore, the Board would be able to consider the Plan at the February 21 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the flood buyouts, Mr. Eyerly provided an extensive update on the January 10 meeting that he, Ms. Lynn, and Ms. Stasik had with Donna Enrico, Community Development Specialist with PA DCED, David Grey, Economic Development Analyst with DCED, Gerald Burke, HMGP Coordinator with PEMA, and Eric Stahley, Columbia County Resiliency Officer. Thomas Hughes, State Hazard Mitigation Officer with PEMA, attended by telephone. The requirements for the buyout have been adjusted. Therefore, seven properties would now qualify, rather than two. Ms. Enrico eventually provided a list of 76 line items, most with sub-parts, of required Federal regulations and policies that the Township must enact and comply with in order to receive CDBG funds. There are also two State requirements. Mr. Eyerly noted that Mr. Hughes is attempting to locate alternative funding for the project. After discussion, Ms. Lynn made a motion to withdraw the Township's application. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Regarding the developer's agreement and cover letter, Mr. Eyerly noted this is a document for new development that the Township Engineer helped to draft. The Board approved this developer's agreement and letter.

Regarding the amendment to the land development ordinance, Township Engineer Todd Pysher has recommended an adjustment to the definition of a land development. Mr. McDonald will review the definition in Chapters 123-6 and 135-7 of the Code, and prepare a draft ordinance to amend the land development definition in both the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the maintenance department pick-up truck, Mr. Koons presented three quotes for a Chevrolet Silverado WT 2500 and requested permission to purchase the truck. Bob Fisher Chevrolet provided a quote of \$31,291.00, Sutliff Chevrolet provided a quote of \$31,062.86, and Day Fleet/Commercial Sales provided a quote of \$30,658.00. Day Fleet's quote does not include delivery of the vehicle. All three dealerships are COSTARS approved vendors. Mr. Wildt made a motion to purchase the new truck from Sutliff Chevrolet for \$31,062.86. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Koons presented the following three quotes for a 2018 Boss plow: \$5,865.00 from both Bob Fisher Chevrolet and Steel City Mower and Plow, and \$5,390.00 from Bradco Supply Co. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to purchase the plow from Bradco Supply for \$5,390.00. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Regarding security system cameras, Sergeant Grassley outlined the need for an updated system and explained how a new system would improve safety. He presented two quotes. American Technology Systems, Inc., provided a quote of \$4,561.00 and NorthEastern Automated Technologies, Inc., provided a quote of \$5,424.00. Mr. Sheehan stated he would recommend accepting the quote from NorthEastern because the video quality is 4K (Ultra High Definition) resolution, rather than 1080P (High Definition) as offered by American Technology. Purchasing this newer technology may delay the need for a future upgrade. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to purchase the digital video recording system from NorthEastern Automated Technologies, Inc., for \$5,424.00. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Regarding the long-distance phone service, Ms. Stasik provided an update and received permission from the Board to investigate using Windstream as a long-distance provider.

Ms. Stasik requested input from the Board regarding planning a Township Trunk-or-Treat event in October at the Espy Fire Company. Discussion ensued. The Board had no objections, but Mr. Sheehan noted that St. Luke Lutheran Church does host an indoor Trunk-or-Treat every year and recommended making sure there would be no conflict with their date.

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Stasik
Secretary/Treasurer