

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES—JULY 17, 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 Sergeant M. Joseph Grassley, Maintenance Supervisor Mark J. Koons, and Secretary/Treasurer Brittany M. Stasik were also in attendance.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Samuel Groome of 2449 Third Street expressed concern regarding the condition of the property at 2457 Third Street. He explained the problems he is having with wild animals and feral cats coming on his property. Mr. McDonald outlined the difficulty of dealing with feral cats. Regarding the condition of the structures and high grass, Ms. Stasik explained the procedure that must be followed before the owner can be cited. Mr. Groome explained the issue he is having with water overflowing from the ditch behind his lot. Ms. Stasik stated the Township will investigate the matter, and that she has not received any other complaints about it.

Ms. Karen DeLuca requested a refund for the Peddler's Permit she received on July 12, 2019. Due to her and her husband's health problems, she stated they can no longer operate the produce stand. She added that the stand was only open for half of one day this month. Mr. McDonald stated he does not feel this would set a precedent. He asked Ms. DeLuca if she would move the cart from along the road if she received the refund. Ms. DeLuca answered that she would, but then stated she would like to use it to display items for a yard sale. The Board decided to return the permit payment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the June 19, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The June 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 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The current General Fund bills to be paid were presented as two transfers of electronic funds and check numbers 15741—15783 for \$68,711.69. In addition, check number 15728 for \$432.00 was carried over from the previous meeting. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, totaling \$69,143.69. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 4-0, with Mr. Eyerly abstaining due to a conflict of interest regarding the Press Enterprise payment, check number 15728.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

Regarding the Dollar General Minor Subdivision Plan, Ms. Stasik stated this was approved by the Board at the April 17 meeting, with seven conditions and with the added stipulation that all conditions must be met within ninety days or the approval is withdrawn. Jason L. Lang, P.E., Northeast Engineering and Project Manager with Capital Growth Buchalter, which is the development company, submitted a letter dated July 17, 2019, requesting a thirty day extension. Ms. Stasik stated the Township Engineer has reviewed the changes and has no issues. The last remaining condition is the completion of the signature block. The current property owner has been traveling and was not available to sign the Plan. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to grant an extension to the August 21 meeting. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the right-of-way for 18 Seiple Drive, Mr. Sheehan made a motion to adopt Resolution 07-17-19. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the Grant of Right of Way, Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the Grant of Right of Way between the Township and Ball Chopra R.E., LP. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the Termination and Release Agreement, Mr. Sheehan made a motion to accept the Termination and Release Agreement with the Township and Tru Properties, LLC. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the solar panel/wind turbine ordinance, Ms. Stasik stated she spoke with John R. Varaly, AICP, of Varaly Associates, Professional Planning Consultants, and he provided the Township with two sample ordinances. The Board and the Solicitor will review the samples. Mr. Samuel Groome stated in his opinion a seven-foot fence around the perimeter of these projects is not high enough. Resolution No. 03-20-19B specified that the ordinance amendment must be enacted within 180 days. Discussion ensued regarding the 180-day period to hold a hearing to adopt the curative amendment. Ms. Stasik stated the ordinance must be finalized by the August meeting in order to advertise a hearing for adoption at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the Paul and Joan Shymansky property at 2673 Old Berwick Road, Ms. Stasik stated two of the three contractors she contacted provided demolition quotes. G & M Crawford, Inc., provided a quote of \$12,800.00, and Knoepfel's Coal Deliveries & Demolition provided a quote of \$14,500.00. Mr. Wildt made a motion to accept the quote from G & M Crawford and authorize them to perform the demolition. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1740—1748 for \$44,269.43. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid and Mr. Eyerly seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Regarding property maintenance issues at 93 Brentwood Circle, Ms. Stasik stated she has received numerous complaints. The owner, Robert R. Reeder, has passed away. Ms. Stasik explained the difficulty she has had in contacting and in receiving a response from a responsible party. Mr. McDonald outlined the Township's options. Mr. Koons will prepare a quote for the

cost to mow the lawn. Ms. Stasik will contact the law firm by email to inform them that the property maintenance must be performed within five days or the Township will do it and a lien will be placed on both the property and the estate for the cost and for the cost of the legal fees associated with the lien paperwork.

Ms. Stasik informed the Board of an invoice she received from Tracy Oman, Administrative Assistant at the Columbia County Conservation District. The invoice states it is for the Township's share of advertising for bid costs in connection with an Emergency Watershed Project for three sites. However, it is unclear why the Township is being asked to pay for this. The Board directed Ms. Stasik to get more information before they will approve payment.

Mr. Eyerly suggested the Township give thought to enacting an ordinance regulating the listing of residences as vacation rental properties through companies such as Airbnb, Inc. Mr. McDonald stated sample ordinances are available on the internet.

Ms. Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany M. Stasik
Secretary/Treasurer