

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES—JUNE 20, 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, 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.

BID OPENING FOR 2006 CHEVY SILVERADO

Ms. Stasik opened the bids for the 2006 Chevrolet Silverado 2500, with the 8-foot Blizzard plow, as follows:

BIDDER (in order of submittal)	TOTAL
1. Chet Danowski	\$6,666.00
2. Jerry Kaszowski	\$5,529.29
3. Delores Gaudino	\$2,626.00
4. NorthEastern Automated Technologies, Inc.	\$6,850.00
5. Mike Veneziano	\$4,105.00
6. Jared Smith	\$5,051.00
7. James Campbell	\$8,600.00
8. Todd Fenstermacher	\$2,897.95
9. Alan Dent Used Cars	\$7,167.50
10. Tony Sokol	\$6,875.00

Ms. Lynn made a motion to accept the bid from James Campbell for \$8,600.00. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Carla Farley, a realtor with Century 21 Covered Bridges, attended along with her clients, Jeffrey and Brenda Shearer of 212 Juniper Street. Mr. Leonard Hayes, of 210 Juniper Street, also attended. Mr. James Kistler stated he owns the property at the end of the street. Ms. Farley presented paperwork, including a copy of the Shearer's deed, which states the property boundary goes up to Juniper Street. In order to market the property, the access needs improvement, but the Shearers do not want to pay for work on property which they do not own. Mr. Koons explained that is a section of Juniper Street that, to his knowledge, was never dedicated to the Township. Therefore, the Township cannot vacate what they never owned. The paved part of Juniper Street ends at Mr. Hayes property. In over three decades as a Township employee, Mr. Koons stated the Maintenance Department has never been responsible for that portion of the road beyond the paved section. Ms. Farley asked who has the right to make improvements to that section of Juniper Street. Mr. McDonald stated the Township evidently does not own the approximately 300 feet of unpaved road and he explained the process to obtain quiet title. He noted that part of the paperwork that Ms. Farley provided shows the subdivision was owned by the East End Park of the Citizen's Land Association in 1905. One option would be to do a title search at the Courthouse to see if there is any record that the developer dedicated the road to the Township. If

there is no record of a Deed of Dedication, the property owners could pursue quiet title action. Mr. McDonald stated the road must be brought up to State standards in order for the Township to take ownership and receive Liquid Fuels Funds. The cost to do that may be prohibitive. He added that legally, barring a Deed of Dedication, the Township is not responsible for that part of Juniper Street.

Mr. Hayes asked what the rules are for burning. Mr. Eyerly explained the Township Ordinances are available to view online, including Chapter 59, which regulates open burning. Mr. Hayes stated he feels neighbors are burning garbage. He was directed to call the Police Department or the Code Enforcement Officer when the burning is taking place.

Mr. Hayes next expressed concern regarding the condition of some of the properties in his area. Mr. Eyerly stated the quickest way to remedy his concern is to make a complaint to the Code Enforcement Officer during regular office hours.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting and the May 23, 2018 special meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the May 16, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Hafner seconded the motion, which carried 4-0. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the May 23, 2018 special meeting minutes as presented and Mr. Hafner seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The May Budget, Police, Roads, Treasurer's, Zoning, and Tri-County COG IBC Inspection Service Reports were presented for approval. Mr. Hafner 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 15139—15177 for \$79,886.80. In addition, Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1693—1697 for \$27,819.54. Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, totaling \$107,706.34. 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 15169.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the amendment to Chapter 90, which is the Scott Township Noise Disturbance Ordinance, Mr. Wildt made a motion to adopt Ordinance 6-20-2018(B). Mr. Hafner seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Regarding the New Business agenda item for street signs, Mr. Koons stated that Mr. and Mrs. James Yates of 610 Central Road requested caution signs be added to warn drivers about an autistic child in the area. The PennDOT Bureau of Planning and Research 2009 Highway Statistics classes the Township as an urban or small urban area based on the population density and Federal Census definitions. Under that guideline, the warning signs must be placed within 300 to 400 feet of the child's residence. The distance from the Yates' residence to the road falls within the State distance guidelines only if the signs are placed directly across from the property. Discussion ensued regarding whether additional signage would be effective or whether it would create sign clutter. Sgt. Grassley suggested using a contrasting color, such as florescent green,

for the sign. The Board authorized Mr. Koons to order the signs, with the understanding that Mr. and Mrs. Yates will pay for the signs and the Maintenance Department will install them.

Regarding the ordinance for the location and placement of medical marijuana grower/processor facilities and medical marijuana dispensaries, Mr. McDonald recommended the Board follow the provisions under Appendix C of the Zoning Ordinance. This calls for submitting the ordinance to the Township Planning Commission and the County Planning Commission, and then holding a public hearing. He advised that when something is of importance to an entire community, it is preferable to require this as a conditional use, rather than a special exception use. Mr. McDonald explained that a conditional use and a special exception use are the same standard under the law, but the elected Supervisors would decide a conditional use. The Zoning Hearing Board, which is an appointed body, would decide a special exception use. The Board tabled this until they receive input from the two Planning Commissions.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the readdressing, Mr. Eyerly updated the Board on his meeting with representatives of the County about the 911 addressing system. Tim Murphy, County GIS Coordinator, estimated 50 residences would be readdressed. Discussion ensued regarding safety outweighing the inconvenience of changing addresses. Mr. Eyerly proposed notifying potentially affected residents and inviting them to a meeting to explain the rationale. The Board will review a draft letter at the July 18 meeting.

Regarding the architect report from Michael Rempel of MKR Architecture, Mr. Eyerly stated he would prefer to see options to reconfigure the current square footage, rather than add to the building or relocate. Ms. Stasik will contact Mr. Rempel for recommendations to repurpose the existing space.

Regarding the Kayak/Canoe Poker Paddle fundraising event proposal, Ms. Lynn updated the Board about the meeting she and Ms. Stasik had with County Commissioner Richard Ridgway, Mr. James Shotwell, and Mr. Alvin Hill, who was the creator of the Poker Paddle in Berwick. After extensive discussion, considering the time constraint, lack of manpower and event planning experience, the Board decided it was not feasible for the Township to host this event this year. Mr. Eyerly will contact Mr. Ridgway to inform him of the Township's decision.

Regarding the PennDOT resolution, Ms. Lynn made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 6-20-18, authorizing PennDOT to request railroad crossing alterations at Central Road from the PA Public Utility Commission. The proposed work is to upgrade the active warning devices. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Stasik noted First Columbia Bank provided signature cards for the Board to sign.

Ms. Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hafner seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Stasik
Secretary/Treasurer