

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES—MAY 15, 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, 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.

BID OPENING FOR PAVING PROJECT

Ms. Stasik opened the paving bids for Ridge Road as follows:

BIDDER	TOTAL
Barletta Materials & Construction, Inc.	\$102,734.50
Don E. Bower, Inc.	\$115,847.50
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	\$103,938.00
HRI, Inc.	\$92,076.25
M & J Excavation Inc.	\$126,764.00
Sokol, Inc.	\$112,243.00
Robert C. Young, Inc.	\$110,923.90

Ms. Lynn made a motion to award the bid to HRI, Inc., pending review and approval by the Solicitor and PennDOT. Mr. Sheehan seconded; the motion carried 4-0.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Bradley Breisch expressed concern regarding ongoing high water issues behind his property at 2999 Columbia Blvd. Ms. Lynn explained recent discussions about this. The affected parcels are all private property. Samuel Young, P.E., of Larson Design Group, Inc., which was the Township's appointed engineering firm in 2006, prepared an extensive investigation of possible options and summarized it in a letter dated August 21, 2006. Ms. Blanche Breisch asked if there are any State and Federal funds that would be available to stop the flooding. She gave an overview of the history of their water problems. Discussion ensued regarding PA DEP's regulations. Aaron Carr, primary owner of the Master Lube on Shaffer Road, outlined the stormwater ponding problems at his business. Regarding the pipe under Shaffer Road, which is a State road, Mr. McDonald recommended that Ms. Breisch contact State Senator John Gordner to address the problem with PennDOT. The State owns the box culvert at the other end of the drainage issue. The third problem spot is near the pipe along Master Lube. After additional extensive discussion, Mr. Hafner and others stressed following Mr. McDonald's recommendation to contact Senator Gordner, who has a reputation for being very responsive to the concerns of his constituents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting and the April 24, 2019 special meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The April 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. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Regarding 20 Shawnee Road, Ms. Stasik gave the history of the property maintenance issues. Extensive discussion ensued about what options the Township could pursue to remedy the situation.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The current General Fund bills to be paid were presented as one transfer of electronic funds and check numbers 15627—15674 for \$61,428.65. In addition, Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1730—1732 for \$1,296.08. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, with the exception of check numbers 15640 and 15672.

Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve check number 17640 and Mr. Sheehan seconded. The motion carried 3-0, with Mr. Wildt abstaining due to a conflict of interest. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve check number 17672.

Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 3-0, with Mr. Hafner abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

Regarding the Brown's Landscaping Final Land Development Plan, Ms. Stasik stated she received no additional correspondence from the owner, Brian Brown, or his attorney, Kevin Tanribilir, after forwarding the Developer's Agreement. Mr. McDonald stated he received an email from Mr. Tanribilir, dated April 18, 2019, acknowledging that he received a copy of the Developer's Agreement and stating he would review it with his client. No further communication was received. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to withdraw conditional approval for the Land Development Plan. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 3-0, with Ms. Lynn abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Regarding the Developer's Agreement for the Janet L. Kocher Preliminary/Final Major Subdivision Plan, Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the Agreement and to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to sign it, under the condition that the developer submits the financial obligation. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the personnel policy, Ms. Stasik listed a few changes and additions made to the latest draft. Mr. Wildt made a motion to adopt the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual.

Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Regarding the health insurance compensation for a full-time police officer who is currently covered under a family member's insurance, Mr. Hafner stated opting out of health insurance is now covered in the Personnel Policy. Mr. Sheehan made a motion that the compensation for the police officer under discussion would be retroactive to his date of hire. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Regarding hiring an employee for the Maintenance Department, Mr. Koons stated he and the two Supervisors who are on his committee interviewed four individuals and recommend hiring Mr. Darren Shaffer. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to hire Mr. Darren Shaffer as a full-time employee at \$17.50 per hour, with a probationary period of six months. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Regarding the Police Department vehicle, Chief Klingler stated the insurance compensation for the 2015 cruiser was \$29,051.61. The cost of a replacement vehicle is \$44,524.00. The Chief stated this includes the additional equipment, with the exception of the cost for the digital radio. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the purchase of the new vehicle. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion ensued regarding obtaining general/bank credit cards for the Township. After researching this, Ms. Stasik stated PLGIT appears to have the best program. The Board recommended four cards, one for each of the three department heads and the fourth for the Supervisors' use. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5-15-19, for four cards with a \$1,500 credit limit per card and with the Secretary/Treasurer as the designee. Mr. Hafner seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the DCED park grant resolution, Ms. Stasik stated this is a requirement in order to apply for the \$110,000.00 grant for the park renovation project. Mr. Wildt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5-15-19B. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Because the State designated Saturday, November 30, as the first day of antlered rifle deer season, Mr. Wildt stated he was questioned by a Township resident about whether the Monday after Thanksgiving will still be a holiday for the employees. Mr. McDonald recommended adjusting the wording to either list the actual date, or to list it as the Monday after Thanksgiving. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to change reference to the paid holiday to Thanksgiving Monday, instead of First Day Antlered Deer Season. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Regarding the police garage for the 18 Seiple Drive location, Chief Klingler stated he has received two quotes, but still has not received a quote from the third contractor. K. A. Kisner Construction provided a quote of \$26,000.00 and Post Frame Precision, LLC, provided a quote of \$17,780.00. ReBuilders Plus has not provided a quote. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to accept the quote from Post Frame Precision, unless ReBuilders Plus provides a lower quote by end of day Friday, May 17. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss real estate matters. The Board reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

Mr. McDonald requested the Board's permission on two matters. The first, to negotiate what he tentatively called a release, of the easement/right-of-way/license that the Township allegedly has over the property of Mahindra (TRU Properties, LLC), and indicate in that agreement that TRU Properties will be making a gift to the Township or the Township Police Department in the amount of \$44,000.00 in exchange for that release. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to authorize McDonald to move forward with that. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The second item concerns authorization to negotiate with Robert Davidson, Esquire, who represents Dr. Chopra and Dr. Ball, on an agreement to put a right-of-way through their property (2701 Columbia Blvd.) from the new police station to Route 11. This agreement would include things such as who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep and what the shared cost of that would be. The agreement would also show the exact meets and bounds of where the Township's pathway would be. The agreed purchase price is \$88,000.00. In addition to that, there will be the cost of construction, which Mr. Koons estimates to be approximately \$6,000.00, and possibly a fee for a surveyor to determine placement of property pins. Mr. Hafner made a motion to authorize Mr. McDonald to negotiate the agreements, with one negotiation contingent on the other. This motion does not authorize Mr. McDonald to sign the agreements on behalf of the Township. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany M. Stasik
Secretary/Treasurer