

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES—MAY 16, 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 Chief Raymond J. Klingler, Maintenance Supervisor Mark J. Koons, and Secretary/Treasurer Brittany M. Stasik were also in attendance.

OFFICER RECOGNITION

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Eyerly presented Officer Vincent L. Taggart with a certificate of recognition. This commended Officer Taggart “for his performance as a police officer during an incident, which occurred on April 28, 2018, in Scott Township. This officer displayed excellence in conducting a routine traffic stop that ended up saving a life. The quick thinking of Officer Taggart is to be commended for his actions and dedication to the Police Department and the citizens of the Township of Scott.”

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

William Slotterback, Commander of American Legion Post 273, asked how the Legion could claim ownership of an unopened alley. Mr. McDonald stated the Township does not own that and he explained the process to obtain quiet title.

Mr. Jeffrey Dawson, who was one of the applicants for the flood buyout program using HUD monies, asked what other recourse he would have. Mr. Eyerly explained the Township is trying to find alternate sources of funding.

Mr. Dawson asked what steps are being taken to improve the parks now that the Master Plan is completed. He outlined his concerns regarding the condition of the parks. Mr. Eyerly stated the next round of grants will be available in April of 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

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. 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 15072—15138 for \$133,175.30. In addition, a Liquid Fuels Fund bill to be paid was presented as check number 1692 for \$31,062.86. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, totaling \$164,238.16. 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 15111, and Mr. Wildt abstaining due to a conflict of interest regarding his PSATS Convention expense reimbursement, check number 15093.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the Scott Township Authority's request to add their three employees onto the Township's health insurance plan, Mr. Eyerly outlined the information he received from the insurance company's representative. Adding three people would bring the number insured to fifteen. That would enable the Township to be classed as a direct member, rather than the current classification as part of a small municipality group policy. There are advantages for this next higher classification. Jon Benfield, Manager of the Scott Township Authority, explained the Authority's current dilemma with the June billing for the Geisinger Insurance Plan. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to authorize Ms. Stasik to add the Authority's three full-time employees to the Township's insurance plan. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the insurance renewal, Aaron Woodruff, a Risk Advisor with the Kilmer Group, which is part of the Keystone Insurers Group, gave a presentation for coverage. Reade Taylor, President of Zimmer Insurance Agency, Inc., provided a renewal quote of \$47,699.00 from Glatfelter Insurance Group. Mr. Woodruff provided a quote of \$39,373.00. The current policy will expire on June 10, 2018. After discussion, the Board decided to hold a special meeting at 5:00 p.m., on May 23, 2018, to make a decision regarding this.

Regarding the fundraising event proposal, County Commissioner Richard Ridgway stated that in previous years, the Borough of Berwick participated in the Kayak/Canoe Poker Paddle. This year the Borough has chosen not to be involved. He provided details about the event, such as the number of past participants, the costs, prizes, etc. Chris Ehmer, owner of Susquehanna Outdoor Adventures, LLC, would be willing to use this year's event as a fund raiser for the Township parks. Mr. Ridgway stated they are trying to determine the Township's level of interest for using the Espy Park for trophy presentations and the meal that is provided to the participants at the end of the Poker Paddle. Extensive discussion ensued, including whether this could be tied to the Fall Festival, which is scheduled for September 8. Mr. Ridgway and Mr. Ehmer will contact Ms. Stasik to discuss this in more detail.

Mr. Eyerly noted he would be meeting with Mr. Ridgway on May 17, regarding the 911 addressing system. Mr. Ridgway provided an overview to the Board about why there has been a need to adjust some addresses and why the County, who is in charge of dispatching emergency vehicles, feels the numbering of the properties is their responsibility. Ms. Lynn, Chief Klingler, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Jeffrey Dawson and Mr. Jon Benfield provided input.

Regarding the amendment to Chapter 90, which is the Scott Township Noise Disturbance Ordinance, Mr. Stasik explained the only change is in Section 90-11, Enforcement Procedures. This adjusts the current wording that the Township must have a written complaint by the affected person and that the person responsible for the noise must receive a warning in writing. Ms. Lynn made a motion to authorize Ms. Stasik to advertise the Ordinance amendment for adoption at the June 20 meeting. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the draft ordinance for the location and placement of medical marijuana grower/processor facilities and medical marijuana dispensaries, Mr. Hafner made a motion to authorize Ms. Stasik to advertise the ordinance for adoption at the June 20 meeting. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Sheehan expressed his concern that the Township is in need of an additional full-time police officer. Chief Klingler added that the Police Department office space is inadequate. He explained the lack of storage, and the difficulties because there is no holding cell. The Chief outlined the call volume that the officers handle each month. The Board discussed options for obtaining more office area. Ms. Stasik was directed to contact an architect for viable options.

Ms. Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Stasik
Secretary/Treasurer

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Regarding the insurance renewal, Mr. Hafner outlined some of the differences in the policies. Mr. Eyerly noted one difference is the Kilmer Group policy includes a Line of Duty Death Benefit. Mr. Sheehan and Ms. Lynn both stated they felt the death benefit was important to have. Kilmer Group did not include a Cyber Liability premium quote. After speaking with the Kilmer Group representative, Mr. Eyerly estimated including that would add an additional \$2,000.00 to Kilmer's \$39,373.00 quote. Zimmer Insurance Agency, Inc., provided a quote of \$47,699.00. Discussion ensued regarding the advantages and disadvantages of each policy. Ms. Lynn made a motion to accept the general liability insurance proposal from Kilmer Group, with the addition of the Cyber Liability. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Sheehan stated he wanted to continue the discussion begun at the last meeting regarding hiring an additional full-time officer. Ms. Stasik estimated changing a part-time position to full-time would cost approximately \$20,000.00, including benefits, for the rest of the year. Discussion ensued regarding the justification to increase the number of full-time officers. The Board reviewed the total number of incidents as listed on the Year End Report provided by the County Department of Public Safety.

YEAR	TOTAL INCIDENTS
2013	3,578
2014	3,777
2015	4,131
2016	4,725
2017	5,271

This five-year trend shows a 47% increase in incidents. Mr. Wildt asked how many full-time officers the Township employed in 2013. [The last time the number of full-time officers was increased was January 2004.]. Ms. Lynn noted the types of incidents the officers are handling is also worsening. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to hire one of the part-time officers as a seventh full-time officer. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Wildt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Stasik
Secretary/Treasurer