

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES— December 20, 2023**

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 Kathleen A. Lynn, Paul R. Eyerly IV, Layne D. Kocher, and Dennis N. Wildt. Police Chief Raymond J. Klingler, Maintenance Supervisor Douglas Kashner, Solicitor Anthony J. McDonald from Marinos & McDonald LLP, and Secretary/Treasurer Brittany M. Bacon were also in attendance.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE—Larry Bechtel, 185 Friar Lane, Sherwood Village, raised questions on Township Right-of-Ways, specifically, what is the width of the right-of-way and can the right-of-way be obstructed. Mr. Bechtel explained that a neighbor has placed metal rods and rocks/boulders adjacent to the road pavement. Doug Kashner stated he is familiar with the issue between the two neighbors and conferred with Todd Pysker, Township Engineer, on the issue. Per Todd, nothing permanent can be placed in the right-of-way without approval from the Township, however, the boulders and metal rods are not considered permanent. Solicitor McDonald explained the legalities of a right-of-way and stated that this is an issue between neighbors and the Township should not be involved in the matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the November 15, 2023, Supervisors' meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Kocher seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The November 2023 Police, Roads, Secretary, Treasurer, Budget, Zoning, and the Barry Isett & Associates Reports were presented for approval. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to approve the reports as presented and Mr. Wildt seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The November 15 through December 20 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as three electronic fund transfers and check numbers 18073 through 18114 for \$128,878.73. In addition, the Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1931 through 1932 for \$4,267.86. Mr. Kocher made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Wildt seconded. Mr. Eyerly abstained due to check #18114 payable to the Press Enterprise. The motion carried 3-0-1.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT – DILLON CENTER LLC (STAPLES PARCEL) –

Jaime from Mid-Penn Engineering explained that a small wedge of property included in the Dillon subdivision project belongs to Scott Township and the plan is to include that property in the Staples parcel, which falls to the Town of Bloomsburg. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to approve the plans as submitted and defer the development to the Town of Bloomsburg. Mr. Kocher seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Review – Ms. Bacon reported that the Ordinance Committee met and incorporated all comments previously provided by the Supervisors for the Short-Term Rental and Animals ordinances. Ms. Bacon also provided the updated, related fee schedule for review. The Supervisors discussed the fees

for short-term rentals, noting that funds will be expended by the Township, prior to any approvals. It was determined that a non-refundable deposit will be required to submit the application for short-term rentals. The deposit will be credited to the first initial license fee, if approved. The Supervisors reviewed the fee schedule so that approval can be addressed at the January 2024 Reorganization Meeting. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to send the Short-Term Rental and Animals Ordinances to the Columbia County Planning Commission for comments. Mr. Kocher seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

EMA Coordinator – Position remains open, and applications are still being accepted. Ms. Lynn explained that PEMA has changed the training requirements and related training costs for the EMA Coordinator position and is seeking clarification to facilitate discussion at the next meeting.

Park Grant – Mr. Kocher presented a revised drawing that includes the sound mitigation improvements for the pickleball court and the related revised budget. In the event the additional \$73,000 matching funds are not approved by DCED, items have been identified, i.e. alternate items for volleyball courts, split rail fencing at Espy Park, paint striping, etc., that could be removed so that expenditures do not exceed the grant funds received. DCED will not move forward with the approval of additional funds until the project has been put out to bid. Mr. Wildt made a motion to put the Parks Improvement Project - Phase 2 out for bid. Mr. Kocher seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

The Supervisors reviewed the Fire Service Agreement proposed by North Centre Township for services by Lightstreet Fire Company. The agreement defines financial responsibility for a portion of the Worker's Compensation insurance coverage. Mr. Eyerly drafted an additional paragraph for inclusion in the agreement that eliminates the responsibility for any increase in insurance premiums (experience mod increase) should Lightstreet Fire Company terminate the agreement with Scott Township. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to send the revised draft agreement to North Center Township for approval. Mr. Kocher seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Bacon requested the Supervisors provide her with referrals for anyone interested in joining the Planning Commission as there is a vacancy.

Chairman Kathi Lynn thanked fellow Board Members for the opportunity to serve as Chairman and stated she is looking forward to supporting the next Chairman in 2024.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Lynn expressed appreciation to Mr. Eyerly for his years of service on the Scott Township Board of Supervisors and emphasized his dedication, diligence, and support will be missed.

Mr. Eyerly thanked the Board of Supervisors and staff for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

Mr. Eyerly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kocher seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Bacon
Secretary/Treasurer