

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES— November 15, 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 & Knecht LLP, Todd Pysher of Pysher & Associates, Inc., and Secretary/Treasurer Brittany M. Bacon were also in attendance.

Ms. Lynn requested, without objection, to first address the Old Business item regarding concerns with the Scott School Park Pickleball Court. Resident Kelsey Smith stated that she and Carolyn LaMacchia met following the October 18, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting. Per Ms. Smith, the impacted residents agreed with the sound mitigation recommendation offered by the Pickleball team members. However, impacted residents want to further define the hours of use of the court. Residents suggested weekdays from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, with one weekday closed for play, and weekends from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Mr. Kocher explained that the Township was in the planning stage for Phase 2 of the park grant and the courts will be taken down for the harsh winter months. The Board of Supervisors will take the recommendations offered under advisement for action next Spring. Ms. Smith noted that she preferred additional dialogue throughout the winter months rather than waiting until Spring.

Scott Fought of Fought’s Disposal Service Inc. addressed the proposed one-way traffic change on Snyder Avenue and the significant financial impact to him for a northbound traffic flow. Mr. Fought stated that only two homes use Snyder Avenue for direct access to their homes and the volume of non-commercial vehicle traffic is minimal. Mr. Fought confirmed that no significant changes would be required if the proposed one-way traffic flow was southbound. Long-time resident, Larry Lowe, addressed the Supervisors, stated he does not see this as an issue but feels that if changed to one-way, the traffic flow should be Southbound. Todd Pysher stated that the traffic flow off of Old Berwick Road and exiting to Tenny Street makes sense but consideration of widening the road by taking part of an adjoining Township property should be explored. The impacted Township property, acquired from a flood buyout program, requires permission from FEMA/PEMA for any changes. After considerable discussion, Mr. Kocher recommended the Board of Supervisors again review all options and obtain information from FEMA/PEMA on whether or not the plan to widen the Township property is a viable option. After a response from FEMA/PEMA is received, the matter will be addressed at a future Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. Fought and the two directly impacted residents will be notified of the meeting date and the meeting agenda will be posted on the Scott Township website. All Supervisors agreed with this approach.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE** – There were no questions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the October 18, 2023, Supervisor’s meeting was presented for approval. Mr. Kocher made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Eyerly seconded the motion. Mr. Wildt abstained due to his absence at the October 18 meeting. The motion carried 3-0-1.

### **APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

The October 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 October 27 through November 15 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as two electronic fund transfers and check numbers 18034 through 18072 for \$ 101,885.06. In addition, the Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1929 through 1930 for \$40,738.61. Chief Klinger requested permission to obtain a PA Turnpike EZ Pass as there would be monetary savings. There were no objections. Brittany Bacon asked permission to cancel the Verizon cell phone plan associated with the old Streets/Maintenance phone that is no longer used. There were no objections. Mr. Kocher made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Wildt seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ordinance Review** – Solicitor Anthony J. McDonald reviewed the advertising requirements to adopt Township Ordinances and noted that a hearing is not required. Solicitor McDonald suggested the formation of an Ordinance Committee to finalize draft ordinances in preparation for advertisement. The Board of Supervisors agreed to the formation of the Ordinance Committee with the following members: Solicitor McDonald, Mr. Eyerly, Mr. Wildt, and Ms. Bacon. The Ordinance Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Kocher made a motion to approve advertisement, following the Ordinance Committee review and revision of the Short-Term and Animals Ordinances. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0. The Park/Recreation and Amusement Tax Ordinances were tabled.

**EMA Coordinator** – Position remains open, and applications are still being accepted.

**Park Grant** – Further discussion at the meeting was tabled as a teleconference is planned on 11/29/23 with Mr. Kocher, Ms. Bacon, and DCNR to verify that the \$73,000 match from DCED can be used for sound mitigation.

**20 Shawnee Road** – Solicitor McDonald explained the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) procedure being followed to declare the 20 Shawnee Road property unsafe thus requiring demolition. Barry Isett & Associates has prepared all documentation in accordance with IPMC requirements. Motion made by Mr. Kocher to have Barry Isett & Associates post a final notice on the property, in accordance with IPMC requirements, that includes a reasonable timeframe for completion of the necessary repairs to prevent demolition. Motion seconded by Mr. Wildt and motion carried 4-0.

**Cinema Center Light** – The PennDOT Green Light Go Grant for the Cinema Center Traffic Light was discussed. Doug Kashner, Todd Pysher, contractor C. M. High, and PennDOT engineer Matthew Swartz recently met to discuss the project. Work has commenced and May 15, 2024, is the planned completion date. The grant is an 80/20 grant with the Cinema Center as the responsible party for the local share. As periodic bills are submitted by the contractor, the Township pays the contractor, submits the request for reimbursement to PennDOT, and subsequently submits an invoice to the Cinema Center. To date, the Township has been unsuccessful in getting any response from the Cinema Center. Solicitor McDonald explained that the Township has an enforceable legal agreement with the Cinema Center, however further action cannot proceed until the project work is complete.

**Kocher – Ridge Road** – Todd Pysher stated a stormwater management plan for this property has been received. Building and zoning permits have been issued but stormwater management work must be completed first or posting financial security will be required. Site work must be fully complete before house construction can commence. There are no other matters to discuss at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2024 Final Budget** – Motion made by Mr. Kocher to approve the 2024 budget as presented. Seconded by Mr. Wildt. Motion carried 4-0.

**2024 Tax Resolution** – Motion made by Mr. Eyerly to approve Resolution No. 11-15-23, which defines the taxes to be levied for fiscal year 2024. Taxes for the General and Fire Company Funds remain the same as 2023 and the Fire Hydrant Fund includes an increase of .05 mills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kocher and motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Eyerly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kocher seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Bacon  
Secretary/Treasurer