

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES—September 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, Layne D. Kocher, William G. Hafner, and Dennis N. Wildt. Solicitor Anthony J. McDonald from Marinos, McDonald & Knecht LLP, Police Chief Raymond J. Klingler, Maintenance Supervisor Douglas Kashner, and Secretary/Treasurer Brittany M. Bacon were also in attendance.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Robert Davidson from Hummel, Lewis & Davidson, LLP spoke on behalf of Foughts Disposal, regarding the letters sent out to surrounding property owners of Snyder Avenue. The letters stated that Snyder Avenue would be posted to be a one-way street in accordance with our Ordinance. Davidson spoke about the change significantly affecting tractor trailers that come and go from the business. Ann Fought, Vice President of Foughts disposal spoke as well. Davidson stated that the tractor trailers are unable to turn from Old Berwick Road coming in or out, but on Tenny Street they have access. Mr. Kocher asked what the tractor trailers are used for, Ms. Fought said they are used for metals and are operating daily. Ms. Bacon explained that due to the width of the road, two cars cannot be on the roadway at the same time. Mr. Kocher asked Foughts Disposal or Robert Davidson to give the Township a letter explaining the issues they raised and then we will ask Todd Pysher, Township Engineer from Pysher & Associates to look at the issues with Snyder Avenue they have presented and get back to the Supervisors with his evaluation and how to proceed. This issue was tabled and then a motion was made by Mr. Kocher, Mr. Wildt seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Lynn moved up Pickleball Petition from New Business. Kelsey Smith of 2260 Third Street spoke on behalf of the 35-person petition that was signed in opposition of the pickleball courts. Ms. Smith provided copies of her speech to the Township Supervisors. Ms. Smith stated that the improvements to the park were not put in with the neighbors' best interest in mind. Ms. Smith asked for specific paddles that create less noise, incorporating modified hours for the court and sound mitigation for the park and neighboring properties. Discussion ensued regarding the upkeep of the park, swings, bathrooms, sidewalks, and the basketball hoops that were taken out. Ms. Bacon explained that public outreach was attempted, improvements were advertised and that the second phase will incorporate more equipment to be replaced in the parks. Ms. Lynn stated that the Board will discuss the information that has been provided.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the August 16, 2023, meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Lynn seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The August Budget, Police, Roads, Secretary, Treasurer, Zoning, and the Barry Isett & Associates Report were presented for approval. Ms. Lynn invited the Police Department on November the 14th to do the drug takeback at the Apple Harvest Festival at the Firehall. Mr. Kashner informed the Supervisors that the paving project is completed. Mr. Wildt asked where the Township was with the enforcement on 20 Shawnee Road, Mr. McDonald said that the Township should move forward with the condemnation process and demolish the home and he will review the paperwork from Barry Isset & Assoc. Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve the reports as presented and Mr. Kocher seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The August 17 through September 20 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as two electronic fund transfers and check numbers 17943-17990, for \$131,847.65. In addition, the Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1923 through 1925, for \$5,047.73. Mr. Kocher made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Wildt seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the Ordinances for review, the Board tabled this to have more time to review.

Regarding EMA Coordinator, Skip Mordan has expressed interest in the position. At this time, it is unsure if he wants to move forward with it, the Board tabled this matter.

Regarding the Park Grant, this was tabled for further review.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kocher made a motion to have Trick-or-Treating the evening of Halloween and of the Espy Fire Company Halloween Parade on October 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and for Trick-or-Treating to be annually October 31st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. except as modified. Mr. Hafner seconded the motion, the motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Bacon presented the completed Minimum Municipal Obligation Worksheets for the 2024 Uniformed and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. Mr. Kocher made a motion to accept the Minimum Municipal Obligations as presented. Ms. Lynn seconded, and motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Kashner explained to the Board that the Skid Steer they have now is from 1999 and is on the ten-year plan to be replaced. The total purchase price of a new Skid Steer is \$73,510 with the trade of the 1999 Skid Steer, and \$36,755 of that to be taken from the ARP monies and balance from Liquid Fuels. Also, the equipment comes with a seven-year warranty. Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Skid Steer; Mr. Kocher seconded the motion, and the motion carried 4-0.

Chief Klingler explained that Evan Lingousky has put in his resignation letter after being hired by Bloomsburg Police Department. Chief Klingler requested to move Part-Time Officer Joshua Grassley to the vacant Full-Time Officer position. Mr. Kocher made a motion to accept the resignation of Evan Lingousky and to hire to replace. Mr. Hafner seconded the motion, and the motion was carried 4-0.

Mr. Kocher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wildt seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Bacon
Secretary/Treasurer