

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES— December 18, 2024**

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, Layne D. Kocher, Kathleen A. Lynn, Lanny R. Sheehan, and Dennis N. Wildt. Police Chief Raymond J. Klingler, Maintenance Supervisor Douglas Kashner, Solicitor Matthew E. Turowski, and Secretary/Treasurer Brittany M. Bacon were also in attendance.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE** – There were no questions from the audience.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the November 20, 2024 meeting were presented for approval. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Hafner seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

The November 2024 Police, Roads, Secretary, Treasurer, Budget, Zoning, and the Barry Isett & Associates Inc. reports were presented for approval. Mr. Kashner noted that the Maintenance Department completed the improvements to the water piping at both the Lightstreet and Scott School parks. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Ms. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

The November 21 through December 18 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as four electronic fund transfers and check numbers 18536 through 18589 for \$107,707.70. In addition, the Liquid Fuels Fund bill to be paid for November 21 through December 18 was presented as check number 1966 for \$4,069.09. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**Howell Subdivision & Land Development** – Ms. Bacon reported the Howell Subdivision and Land Development project, located near the intersection of Reichart and Central Roads, is to subdivide the commercial property and construct a new building which will house three offices downstairs, two apartments upstairs, with facility parking and independent access to the upper level. The plan was conditionally approved by the Scott Township Planning Commission at the November 2024 meeting. Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve the subdivision and land development final plan as presented, upon receipt of the financial security bond and executed developer’s agreement. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**20 Shawnee Road** – The handling of the personal property retrieved during demolition of 20 Shawnee Road was discussed. Ms. Bacon will prepare a draft letter for the owner’s recovery of the personal property and include the timeframe of recovery within 45 days or the property will be deemed abandoned. Removal of unlicensed/inoperable vehicles will be included in the letter. Use of a constable to serve the letter versus certified mail was also discussed.

**Park Grant** – Mr. Kocher stated that revised project plans are ready for a future contractor meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance Amendments** – Ms. Bacon requested permission to work with Jack Varaly, AICP, on draft revisions to the Township’s solar ordinance. The Supervisors agreed that Ms. Bacon should begin the process for their subsequent review.

**Back Branch Road Speed Limit** – Ms. Bacon reported she received a request from PennDot to replace a speed limit sign on a section of Back Branch Road due to Mount Pleasant Township’s reduction of the speed limit to 35 mph for the entire road. Although this is a PennDOT road, it may be the responsibility of Scott Township to replace the sign currently reading 40 mph on the small section that falls within Scott Township. Removal of the sign versus replacement of the sign was discussed. More research on regulations and options will be conducted prior to the next meeting.

**Fire Hydrant Tax** – Ms. Bacon informed the Supervisors of the significant increase to the monthly Veolia water bill for the Fire Hydrants in Scott Township. The increase of the monthly bill went from \$1,372/month to \$1,917/month. The new bill is the result of a PUC approved rate increase. As a result of this increase, the current milage collected for the Fire Hydrant Fund Tax is not sufficient. Mr. Kocher made a motion to increase the mills for the Fire Hydrant Fund Tax from .250 mills to .60 mills. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**2025 Wages** – The communication of 2025 wages to the department heads in advance of the January 2025 Reorganization Meeting was discussed. The supervisors agreed that the amount approved in the 2025 budget can be communicated.

Chief Klingler noted that only four police cars are in service at this time. Vehicle Repairs have increased significantly and exceed 2024 budgeted amounts.

Solicitor Turowski stated that Supervisor signatures are needed on the final decision for Solar Renewable Energy by December 27, 2024.

Supervisors convened an Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 7:32 p.m. The purpose of the Executive Session was to confirm the pay rate table for 2025 wages.

Mr. Hafner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Bacon  
Secretary/Treasurer