

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES— March 20, 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.

Mr. Kocher stated that the first order of business was to conduct the public hearing to address the Short Term Rental ordinance. The hearing was held and a transcript of the public hearing will be available upon request.

Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve Short Term Rental Ordinance #3-20-24A. Motion seconded by Mr. Wildt. The motion carried 5-0.

Under consideration is the ordinance to address ownership of animals in Scott Township. Ms. Bacon stated that the ordinance includes the definitions of allowed and prohibited animals/household pets within the Township, related property maintenance regulations, and ordinance enforcement.

Public comments were as follows:

- Resident Erich Liddick and stepson Travis Fenner, 20 Nottingham Road, addressed the Board to allow pigs as household pets in the Township as they have owned “Toby”, a domesticated pig for seven years. Mr. Fenner has experienced many medical issues and relies on Toby for emotional support.
- Resident Jaclyn Woodward, 1529 Old Berwick Road requested that the Board consider the size of the property before defining the limitation on the number of chickens allowed as she already owns 11 chickens.
- Resident Linda Hill, 30 Nottingham Road, read a statement regarding her opposition of Mr. Liddick’s ownership of a pig.
- Resident Denise Latsha 1545 Old Berwick Road has owned “Lucy”, a pot-bellied pig for many years and has chickens that were left by the prior owners of her property. Lucy provides emotional support during her visits to area nursing homes.
- Resident Kurt Gilbert, 1031 Clifton Drive, Sherwood Village East feels that Sherwood Village should only allow dogs and cats.
- Resident Betsy Miller, 115 Forest Road, agrees with Ms. Hill and Mr. Gilbert and feels that ¼ acre lots should only allow dogs and cats.

Ms. Lynn asked if Toby was kept indoors or outdoors. Ms. Bacon stated that the ordinance does not allow outdoor pigs. Following the Board’s deliberation of the ordinance and resident comments, Mr. Hafner made a motion to adopt Ordinance #3-20-24B Animals. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- Resident Kelsey Smith, 2260 3<sup>rd</sup> St, requested a status on the pickleball court, the timeframe to reopen the courts, and the establishment of acceptable hours of use for the courts. Mr. Kocher stated that the Township is presently in Phase II of the Parks Improvement Project, which includes consideration of

recommendations for noise mitigation for the pickleball court. Mr. Kocher stated an update would be provided at the April meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Smith asked if the establishment of hours will be included in the April update. Mr. Kocher stated that any requests for agenda items can be made to the Township by the week prior to the scheduled meeting.

- Resident Ronald Enterline, 26 Shawnee Road, requested an update on 20 Shawnee Road. Mr. Kocher stated this item will be address near the end of this meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the February 21, 2024 and February 29, 2024 meetings were presented for approval. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

### **APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

The February 2024 Police, Roads, Secretary, Treasurer, Budget, Zoning, and the Barry Isett & Associates Inc. reports were presented for approval. Mr. Hafner stated that Scott Township is 3<sup>rd</sup> on the list for the most police response calls in Columbia County. Chief Klinger noted that the department has been very busy and also reported that the new cameras are working very well. Mr. Kashner reported that the old utility trailer has been sold and two computers have been donated to the Scott Township Road/Maintenance Department by Bloomsburg University. Mr. Kocher stated that Admin Committee has been monitoring the bank balances while awaiting reimbursement from PennDot on the Traffic Signal contractor costs. Reimbursement is in the final stages of approval and should be received in the near future. Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

The February 22 through March 20 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as two electronic fund transfers and check numbers 18190 through 18221 for \$104,284.25. In addition, the Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1938 through 1939 for \$5,774.51. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Ms. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

### **SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**Nautilus Release of Financial Security** – Ms. Bacon reported the receipt of a request from Mr. John Coates for the security release for the 1072 Alliance Park Drive – Phase 2 Subdivision. Todd Pysher has reviewed the request and, per his review, recommends release of \$461,495.81 leaving \$4,995.58 security remaining. Mr. Coates anticipates completion of the project in April. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to release the financial security per Mr. Pysher’s recommendation. Ms. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Cinema Center Light** – Ms. Bacon reported that all required documentation has been submitted for reimbursement of expenses related to the Cinema Center Traffic Light. Per PennDot, the request for reimbursement has been approved and is awaiting Treasury’s final review. Funds will be directly transferred into the General Fund and are expected within two weeks. Solicitor Turowski noted that any expenses not reimbursed by the grant are the responsibility of the current owner per a written contract signed in 1997 and filed at the Columbia County Court House. Upon receipt of the grant funds, Ms. Bacon will forward an invoice of all remaining costs incurred to Solicitor Turowski for his written notice to the current owner of the amount due and the timeframe for remittance.

**20 Shawnee Road** – An executive session will be held to discuss the legal strategy for next steps for demolition of the property.

**Park Grant Bid** – Mr. Kocher and Ms. Bacon have been meeting on this matter to review the budget details. Upon completion, the project will be sent for rebid.

**Paving** – Mr. Kashner reviewed the 2024 Paving Project Plan totaling \$139,648. Motion made by Ms. Lynn to accept the 2024 Paving Project Plan and to send it out for bids. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Part Time Maintenance Dept Hiring** – Mr. Kashner reported that one interview was conducted as a result of the online advertisement. A classified ad will run in the Press-Enterprise from March 22 through March 24.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Ridge Road Driveway Pipe** – Mr. Kashner reported that a new home is under construction at 1231 Ridge Road. The original plan was to not have a driveway pipe per the ordinance. However, upon review by Mr. Kashner and Todd Pysner, it was determined that a driveway pipe is necessary. Mr. Kashner also noted that it would be the property owner's responsibility to keep the pipe free from debris. Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve the use of a driveway pipe at 1231 Ridge Road. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**Maintenance Department Dump Truck Purchase** – Tabled.

**Memorandum of Understanding CCCD** – The Memorandum of Understanding from the Columbia County Conservation District (CCCD) is part of the standard annual process regarding building permits and related matters between the CCCD and the municipality. Motion made by Mr. Wildt to adopt and sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Scott Township and the CCCD. Mr. Hafner seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**Sherwood Village Tree / Knights Drive** – Mr. Kashner reported on a resident's concern regarding a tree on Knights Drive. The tree is located on the resident's property but on Scott Township's right-of-way. Mr. Kashner spoke with one of the tree services, originally contacted by the property owner, who confirmed that the tree was dead, however there was no immediate danger of the tree falling down. Mr. Kocher asked Ms. Bacon to send a letter to the resident informing her that as there is no imminent danger of the tree falling into the street, there is no action to be taken by Scott Township at this time. Removal of the tree would be the property owner's responsibility.

**Mower Purchase** – Mr. Kashner asked the Board to consider the purchase of a new mower. The acquisition of additional lots with uneven terrain has prompted his request to purchase a new zero-turn mower. Mr. Kashner obtained three bids from COSTARS providers. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2024 Ferris Zero-Turn mower from Barry's Service Inc. totaling \$14,133. Mr. Hafner seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**Sale of 2014 Ford Taurus Police Vehicle** – Chief Klinger reported that the 2014 Police car is ready to be sold. The Maintenance Department has removed all stickers/decals. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to list the 2014 Ford Taurus Police car on Municibid with a \$500.00 reserve amount. Ms. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Autistic Child Sign** – Mr. Kashner reported that another Autistic Child sign has been stolen from Central Road. The resident previously purchased two signs and Scott Township purchased one sign, with tamper-proof bolts, in Fall 2023 for approximately \$100. After discussion, the Board of Supervisors agreed that Scott Township will purchase one more sign with tamper-proof bolts.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – The Board of Supervisors convened for an Executive Session to discuss 20 Shawnee Road and matters of identifiable litigation related to the property with Legal Counsel. The Executive Session was in session from 7:30 pm to 7:49 pm.

Regarding the 20 Shawnee Road matter, Solicitor Turowski recommended the following actions be taken:

- Update the dates on the Condemnation Letter to reflect 30 days for corrective action and 60 days until demolition
- Serve the revised Condemnation Letter to the property owner
- After the Condemnation Letter has been served to the property owner, post the property
- Scott Township Solicitor will complete a title search of the property
- Scott Township will seek bids for the property demolition

Mr. Hafner made a motion to proceed with steps recommended by Solicitor Turowski for 20 Shawnee Road. Ms. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wildt seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Bacon  
Secretary/Treasurer