

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES— September 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 August 21, 2024 and September 9, 2024 meetings were presented for approval. Mr. Kocher requested modification of the August 21, 2024 minutes as follows: Old Business – 20 Shawnee Road Update – “...per DEP, an environmentalist should be consulted...” Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve the August 21, 2024 minutes as modified. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the September 9, 2024 minutes as presented. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The August 2024 Police, Roads, Secretary, Treasurer, Budget, Zoning, and the Barry Isett & Associates Inc. reports were presented for approval. Mr. Kashner noted that the Appleman’s Run Stream Project was completed in 21 days and \$38,000 under the projected cost. Ms. Bacon stated that expenditure of the remaining AARP funds must be allocated, not paid out, by December 31, 2024. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Mr. Hafner seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The August 22 through September 27 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as two electronic fund transfers and check numbers 18419 through 18452 for \$92,467.39. In addition, the Liquid Fuels Fund bill to be paid for August 22 through September 27 was presented as check number 1961 for \$3,919.07. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Ms. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

20 Shawnee Road – Ms. Bacon stated that a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on September 9, 2024 to review the additional tasks and costs associated with this matter. The next remaining contractor task is to remove one more dumpster load of soil. The task was delayed due to the discovery of someone tampering with the contractor’s equipment and has been re-scheduled for the week of September 23, 2024 with DEP onsite. Mr. Kocher informed residents in attendance of the DEP recommendations and plans to conduct water and soil testing. There was a question on trimming or removal of a tree on the property that is touching a power line. Mr. Kocher stated that the utility company should be contacted for any trees that are touching a power line, as this is not something Scott Township can handle.

Cinema Center Traffic Signal Reimbursement – Solicitor Turowski reported he was contacted by the in-house counsel representing the Cinema Center who requested documentation that included the bids received for the project. Solicitor Turowski obtained copies of relevant documentation from Todd R. Pysher, Pysher & Associates, Inc., Scott Township Engineer, and forwarded same to the Cinema Center attorney. A two-week extension has been provided to allow the review of the requested documentation before proceeding with the next steps for recovery of the funds.

Park Grant – Mr. Kocher noted that Scott Township is in the process of contacting contractors who were previously involved with the project to determine if there is any interest and to solicit information on items to be included/excluded to garner interest and identify solutions within current budget constraints. An update will be provided at the October Board of Supervisors meeting.

COMCAST Franchise Agreement – Ms. Bacon reported that the requested change to notify residents of upcoming work has been incorporated into the COMCAST Franchise Agreement. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve and execute the COMCAST Franchise Agreement as presented. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Kashner asked if the outstanding payment for the Roadway Occupancy Permits for Service Electric have been received. Ms. Bacon stated that the fees have not been received to date.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Vehicle Purchase – Police Chief Klingler discussed the previously planned 2025 purchase of a new police vehicle, as well as, the \$10,000 increase if a Chevy Tahoe is purchased instead of a Ford Explorer. In order to ensure an early 2025 vehicle delivery, Chief Klingler should place the order as soon as possible. The related budget issues will be discussed at the upcoming Budget Workshop Meeting. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to authorize Chief Klingler to order a 2025 Chevy Tahoe. Mr. Hafner seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Pension – Ms. Bacon provided documentation to support the 2025 MMO Pension form calculations for submission to Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS). Submission of the estimated expense is required annually. Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve the 2025 MMO Pension form for submission to PMRS. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Workmans Compensation Insurance Renewal - Ms. Bacon addressed the proposal for the annual Workmans Compensation insurance policy renewal from AmTrust, which reflects an increase of 5% - 6%. Ms. Lynn made a motion to accept the AmTrust Workmans Compensation Insurance proposal for the policy year beginning September 2024. Mr. Hafner seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Wildt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kocher seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Bacon
Secretary/Treasurer