SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES— August 19, 2026

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 Layne D. Kocher, Kathleen A. Lynn, Lanny R. Sheehan, Earl Mordan, Jr., and Jeffrey D. Leitzel. Police Chief Joseph Grassley, Maintenance Supervisor Douglas Kashner, Solicitor Matthew E. Turowski, and Secretary/Treasurer Brittany M. Bacon were also in attendance.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Resident Harold Wheeler, 1021 Ridge Road, submitted photographs to the Board showing several Apple Run areas, including the Grant property, inundated with water after the August 7, 2026, afternoon torrential rain. The water flow was from the Apple Run stream, under State Route 487 and into the Apple Run development. Mr. Wheeler noted that construction on what appears to be a retention pond is in process and, upon completion, the pond could help with this issue. A concern is that this level of ponding water occurred prior to the construction/addition of the proposed dwellings and what will occur when proposed construction has been completed. Mr. Wheeler requested the photographs be incorporated into the official Township records (not received as of draft date of August 27, 2026).

Resident Damien Marken, 1201 Main Street, wanted to expand on the matter raised by Mr. Wheeler. Mr. Marken stated that the majority of the ponding water was the result of direct overflow from the Kile/Apple Run property, not from the stream overflowing it's banks. Mr. Marken noted he captured video recordings during the rain event and will submit a copy to Ms. Bacon for the Township's records (not received as of draft date of August 27, 2026).

Resident Michelle Grant, 1201 Main Street, stated construction in Apple Run started and expressed frustration with the resulting noise, particularly on weekends and dinner time. Ms. Grant wants to know what Scott Township will do to help the neighboring residents from the noise during the construction period. Mr. Kocher noted the Township Noise Ordinance defines appropriate hours for construction. Mr. Marken stated the Noise Ordinance references "short-term exceptions" and would like clarification. Ms. Bacon suggested that Ms. Grant and Mr. Marken document dates/times of violations of the ordinance over a period of time, and submit the documentation to her for review and discussion with Mr. Kile, as appropriate.

Resident Susan Swisher, 2923 White Birch Lane, addressed the Board regarding the overgrown hedgerow at 204 Edgar Avenue and her letter submitted to the Board on July 23, 2026 regarding the matter. Ms. Bacon confirmed receipt of Ms. Swisher's letter and stated that she and Ms. Lynn conducted a site visit to the property. Following the site visit, Ms. Bacon sent a Notice of Violation against the property owner for violating the clear sight triangle requirement. Ms. Swisher also noted there is a school bus stop nearby and has contacted the school district with her safety concerns. Mr. Kocher stated that if there is no response from the property owner to the Novice of Violation, the property owner will be cited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the July 15, 2026 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Leitzel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The July 2026 Police, Roads, Secretary, Treasurer, Budget, Zoning, and the Barry Isett & Associates Inc. reports were presented for approval. Mr. Kashner confirmed the tar and chip was completed in Meadowbrook but the fog sealing has not been completed to date. Ms. Bacon reported the office had no phone or internet service for 1 ½ weeks and a $20 credit will be issued by the service provider. Ms. Bacon stated the Federal Funding for the Police Department is still pending however all necessary documentation has been submitted and accepted. Mr. Kocher noted the Earned Income Tax Revenue has been running higher than projected. Ms. Bacon provided an overview of the 2027 Budget process and stated that departments will have necessary worksheets to begin their process by mid-September. Mr. Kocher requested Ms. Bacon solicit possible dates for the Budget Work Session for late September/early October in order to present the draft budget at the October Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the July reports as presented. Mr. Mordan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The July 16 through August 19 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as three electronic fund transfers and check numbers 19317 through 19363 for $128,180.31. In addition, the Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid for July 16 through August 19 were presented as check numbers 2019 and 2020 for $4,498.52. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Leitzel seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

20 Shawnee Road – Mr. Kocher stated on August 6, 2026, eight vehicles were removed from the property, the shed was demolished and removed, and brush/trees/weeds in the right of way were cut/removed. Solicitor Turowski reported that an Emergency Motion with the Court for Injunctive Relief was filed by Mr. Geatti and subsequently an emergency hearing was held. The Court allowed Mr. Geatti to retrieve his personal belongings from the confiscated vehicles and allowed retrieval of the vehicles only if the vehicles were registered, inspected, and insured. Per the salvor, none of the vehicles will be able to be inspected. Mr. Mordan thanked Chief Grassley and the officers involved for their presence and running the registrations on the vehicles, Doug Kashner and the Maintenance crew for demolition of the shed and the cleanup of the right of way, and Brittany Bacon for her patience and professionalism in dealing with Mr. Geatti. Ms. Bacon reported the Barry Isett & Associates Inc. Codes Inspector is presently citing Mr. Geatti under the UCC Property Maintenance Code. Chris Bower, Sewage Enforcement Officer, has requested any evidence of sewage misuse be forwarded to him. Mr. Kocher stated the Geatti motorhome is currently registered and inspected, however the matter will remain on the agenda.

Data Center Ordinance – Solicitor Turowski reported the Data Center Ordinance Subcommittee has presented a draft ordinance to the Supervisors for review. Mr. Kocher requested any comments/concerns from the Supervisors be raised. Mr. Leitzel questioned the legality of inclusion of the decommission plan in the ordinance. Solicitor Turowski recommended keeping the decommission plan in the ordinance recognizing the legality of enforcement at the local level as opposed to state control is in question. Mr. Leitzel noted the enactment period on Page 19 should read "immediately", not "within 5 days". Resident Damien Marken expressed concern with the present Veolia water limitations. Resident Katie Miller, 1811 Old Berwick Road, inquired when copies of the draft ordinance would be available to the public. Solicitor Turowski recommended the draft ordinance be published on the Township website. Ms. Bacon stated copies would also be available in the Township office. Ms. Miller also suggested Supervisor review of Governor Shapiro's Executive Order on data centers prior to approval of the draft ordinance. Ms. Miller provided a copy of the Governor's Order for the Township files. Mr. Wheeler asked whether or not Scott Township has been approached by any data center developers to date. Mr. Kocher and Ms. Bacon stated that Scott Township has not been contacted. There was a brief discussion on the decision to change the existing use of the districts in the zoning ordinance and not include an overlay for potential data center locations, considering impacts to the time table for review and adoption of the ordinance. Mr. Kocher made a motion to approve the release of the draft ordinance with the revision on Page 19 for enactment to "immediately" instead of "within 5 days" to the public, the Columbia County Planning Commission, and the Scott Township Planning Commission. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Data Center Hearing Date – The Public Hearing for the Data Center Ordinance will be Tuesday, October 6 at 5:30 pm at the Espy Fire Company Building. Ms. Bacon will confirm availability of the facility.

Traffic Signal Accident Settlement – Ms. Bacon explained that the traffic signal at Route 11 & Tenny Street was hit by a tractor/trailer several months ago. PennDOT determined that the entire pole and base be replaced at a cost in excess of $100,000. The trucking company's insurer has offered Scott Township a settlement of approximately $10,000. Ms. Bacon needs to respond to the settlement offer. Mr. Kashner obtained opinions from a local welder and TRA electric and neither believe that just replacing the pole, if it was even possible to locate one, is not be a prudent solution. Ms. Bacon reported that the Township insurance company is inclined to accept the low settlement offer after reviewing photographs of the damage. After discussion, Mr. Kocher suggested Mr. Kashner engage the Township Engineer, Todd R. Pysher, Pysher & Associates, Inc. for his assessment. Further, he suggested Ms. Bacon invite the Township insurance adjuster to physically inspect the pole. Ms. Bacon should not respond to the trucking company's settlement offer until after further discussion at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Pleasantview Drive Repair – Mr. Kashner reported that following the heavy rains of August 7, 2026, there is a 140' long section of the paved shoulder on Pleasantview Drive that washed out and now needs to be repaired. He noted this has been an ongoing problem area which also impacts two residential driveways. PennDot representative, Scott Kehoe, also inspected the site. Both Mr. Kehoe and Mr. Kashner recommend digging out the area and replacing the area with new blacktop including blacktop roll on the backside. Mr. Kashner obtained telephone quotes from Sokol Inc. and Mike Young Paving Inc. Based on the square footage cost, the quote from Sokol Inc. was the lowest cost. Mr. Leitzel made a motion to approve the quote from Sokol Inc. to repair the drainage area on Pleasantview Drive. Ms. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Central Road Railroad Sign – Mr. Kashner reported that one of the "No Left Turn" symbol signs has malfunctioned. These are the signs that are mounted on the Route 11 traffic lights at the railroad crossings. Mr. Kashner has confirmed with PennDOT that maintenance of the signs is the Township's responsibility. TRA Electric provided a quote of $5,579 including installation to replace each sign as the signs are too old to be repaired. We have five of these signs in the Township and all are between 30-40 years old. Mr. Leitzel made a motion to approve the quote from TRA Electric to replace one "No Left Turn" symbol sign on the traffic light. Mr. Kocher seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Chief Grassley reported that revenue from the Scott Township Police Department and ICE 287(g) MOU in the amount of $175,000 is expected to be received by the end of September. Of that total amount, $100,000 is for the purchase of a vehicle. Chief Grassley will be obtaining quotes for the purchase of a new vehicle for further discussion at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Mordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Bacon
Secretary/Treasurer