SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES— July 15, 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 Susan Swisher, 2923 White Birch Lane, addressed the Board with multiple concerns. Ms. Swisher reported an unattended campfire at 204 Edgar Avenue to Scott Township Police. Chief Grassley explained that the event was not a citable offense as the property owner was cooking food, briefly went into the house, and promptly returned to the campfire. Chief Grassley also noted that cooking food is an exception to the ordinance. Ms. Swisher stated she reported an overgrown hedge at 204 Edgar Avenue to the Zoning Officer. Ms. Bacon stated a certified violation letter was sent to the property owner and the post office signature receipt for the letter has been received. Ms. Bacon will conduct a follow up site inspection to ensure appropriate action was taken. Ms. Swisher stated 204 Edgar Avenue has a hedge row higher than 36" which is in violation of the ordinance defining a clear sight triangle. Mr. Kocher asked Ms. Bacon, Mr. Kashner, and Solicitor Turowski to assess this matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the June 17, 2026 meeting were presented for approval. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The June 2026 Police, Roads, Secretary, Treasurer, Budget, Zoning, and the Barry Isett & Associates Inc. reports were presented for approval. Mr. Kashner stated the new signs for pickleball court hours have been posted. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the June reports as presented. Mr. Leitzel seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The June 18 through July 15 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as two electronic fund transfers and check numbers 19281 through 19316 for $65,979.66. In addition, the Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid for June 18 through July 15 were presented as check numbers 2016 through 2018 for $5,010.65. 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. Kashner assessed the matter of the overgrown drainage ditch and confirmed that trees/saplings, etc. are in the Township right-of-way and need to be manually cut down. No excavation of the drainage ditch is planned. Mr. Kashner confirmed there is not a drainage pipe in the driveway under where the motorhome is presently parked but noted there is a drainage pipe near the property that runs under the roadway. Mr. Kocher recommended that the ditch clean out and the removal of the inoperable vehicles be done at the same time, if possible. Solicitor Turowski stated that the time for Mr. Geatti to appeal the Court Order for removal of the inoperable vehicles expires July 15, 2026. Solicitor Turowski will confirm that no appeal has been filed. Mr. Kocher requested prices be obtained from a salvor for the removal of the vehicles, including the potential movement of the motorhome presently blocking access to the vehicles, as well as, a potential date for the removal. Close to the date of removal, Ms. Bacon and a police officer will again run the plates of all vehicles. The language for the property posting for the removal of the vehicles will be prepared. The matter will be discussed at the August 2026 Board of Supervisor meeting.

Data Center Ordinance – Ms. Bacon reported a preliminary draft ordinance was received from Jack Varaly, Varaly Associates, LLC, and was forwarded to the Data Center Ordinance Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will meet on July 20 to review and provide comments/revisions in anticipation of completion of a draft to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for discussion/potential action at the August meeting. Mr. Kocher asked that all Supervisors review the draft ordinance, when available, in preparation for the August meeting.

Ms. Bacon noted that the existing Recycling ordinance will require revision as haulers are no longer accepting glass, however the Bloomsburg Recycling Center is still accepting sorted glass drop-offs from residents.

NEW BUSINESS

Temporary Signs – Mr. Kocher raised the matter of temporary signs, placed in the Township Right-of-Way for longer than 30 days, as stated in the ordinance. The signs are bothersome for Township maintenance workers when mowing the berms. Solicitor Turowski confirmed that the Township can remove any temporary signs, excluding those on private property, that are in place past the 30-day time period.

Mr. Mordan stated he received the existing Five-Year Columbia County Mitigation plan that will require update in two years. Ms. Bacon and Mr. Kashner will review the plan.

Ms. Bacon expressed appreciation to the family and friends of Mr. Rich Ridgway who donated to the Scott Township Parks in memory of Mr. Ridgway. Ms. Bacon reported receipt of a total of $3,137.25, which included a $500.00 donation from Mrs. Ridgway and a sizeable donation from the Bloomsburg Elks for the purchase of a park bench. The location of the bench has not yet been determined. Mr. Sheehan will make and donate the plaque for the bench. The Board recognized Mr. Ridgway for all of his assistance to and support of Scott Township over the years.

Mr. Kashner reported he followed up with Steve Kehoe, PennDOT representative, on posting “no solicitation” signs in Scott Township. Per Mr. Kehoe, the Township can only post signs on Township Roads (Ridge and Fifth Street Hollow). Approval for signs on PennDOT roads must be given by PennDOT. Ms. Bacon and Mr. Kashner will work on the wording for the signs and obtain prices. The matter was tabled.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Bacon
Secretary/Treasurer