SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES— June 17, 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 (joined meeting at 6:31). 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 Sue Swisher, 2923 White Birch Lane, addressed the Board with concerns regarding burning of papers, recyclables, hedge trimmings, and campfires. Ms. Swisher stated she has spoken with Ms. Bacon, made numerous calls to the police on the matter, and is requesting clarification of what is allowed in the Township. Solicitor Turowski stated the Scott Township ordinance prohibits the opening burning of refuse but does not address campfires. Mr. Kocher stated the Township should be contacted if someone is observed burning trash, refuse, or leaves. Chief Grassley stated that the police should be called if there is a fire smoldering and left unattended.

OLD BUSINESS (Part 1 of 2)

20 Shawnee Road – Ms. Bacon reported a hearing was held on June 16, 2026 in the Columbia County Court of Common Pleas before Judge Knecht, i.e. Scott Township vs. Antonio Geatti. Ms. Bacon expressed appreciation to all of the residents that attended the hearing, noting that Mr. Geatti did not attend. Judge Knecht signed a decree giving Mr. Geatti 30 days from June 16 to come into compliance by obtaining a Zoning Permit for the building and removing all unregistered and uninspected vehicles from the property. If Mr. Geatti does not comply, after another 30-days, Scott Township has the right to remove or demolish the building and remove any unregistered and uninspected vehicles. Ms. Bacon added that the process to address the high grass has begun and the property was posted with a notice of violation. Mr. Kocher noted the motorhome on the property is licensed and inspected, therefore does not fall under the Judge's Decree.

The following residents provided questions/comments:

Mike Butz, 7 Shawnee Road, asked if the motorhome was parked too close to the travel lane. Mr. Kocher explained that because there is not a curb, Shawnee is considered a road and not a street, and as long as the vehicle is off the cartway, it is acceptable to park there.

Lane Kemler, 23 Shawnee Road, asked if a storage facility would be permitted per the Township Zoning Ordinance for this address. Ms. Bacon stated that a storage facility is not allowed at this address and was part of the case presented to the Judge for removal of the vehicles.

Ron Enterline, 26 Shawnee Road, asked if anyone can address the trees growing in the ditch near the roadway and in the power lines. Solicitor Turowski stated if the trees grow into the roadway and become a hazard, then the Township could trim back the branches, however the Township cannot go onto private property to cut down the trees. Solicitor Turowski noted the proximity of the branches to the power lines would fall to the utilities. Brenda Piaskowski, 18 Shawnee Road, stated she has contacted PP&L multiple times regarding the tree branches into the power lines and PP&L will not handle this. It was noted that water flow/drainage is obstructed by the overgrown brush/weeds/trees, etc. Solicitor Turowski noted that if the water flow in the drainage ditch was contributing to flooding of the road, the Township could clear out/maintain the drainage ditch to keep the water flowing. Mr. Kashner will follow up on the matter and verify the width of the right of way.

Mary Ann Helfrich, 1128 Lightstreet Road – two very large gas cans sitting in the middle of the lawn

Kevin Haughan, 21 Shawnee Road – expressed appreciation and stated it was nice to see things moving forward on this issue

Mr. Kocher thanked Solicitor Turowski and Ms. Bacon for their time and effort on this case.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the May 20, 2026 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Leitzel seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The May 2026 Police, Roads, Secretary, Treasurer, Budget, Zoning, and the Barry Isett & Associates Inc. reports were presented for approval. Mr. Kashner stated he has no new information on the Traffic Signal replacement. Mr. Kashner stated there will be an Eagle Scout project in the near future to freshen up the Lightstreet Park and also reported that prep work for the Meadowbrook paving project has been completed. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the May reports as presented. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The May 21 through June 17 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as five electronic fund transfers and check numbers 19253 through 19280 for $81,108.40. In addition, the Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid for May 21 through June 17 were presented as check numbers 2014 and 2015 for $4,609.68. Mr. Leitzel made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Mordan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS (Part 2 of 2)

Data Center Ordinance – Ms. Bacon stated that she spoke with Jack Varaly, Varaly Associates, LLC, land-use consultant, and he will work with Scott Township on development of a data center ordinance. Mr. Varaly will prepare a draft ordinance for initial review by the Data Center Ordinance Subcommittee.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Ford Explorer – Mr. Kashner reported the police cruiser sold through Municibid to the Danville Area School District for $6,100. Mr. Mordan made a motion to approve the sale of the 2018 Ford Explorer & lightbar to the Danville Area School District for $6,100. Mr. Kocher seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Chief Grassley reported that he has secured the funding through the ICE Memorandum of Understanding however the paperwork filing is pending due to issues with the Federal website.

Chief Grassley reported that the Scott Township Police Department has been inundated with calls regarding door-to-door solicitation. Ms. Bacon suggested getting "No Solicitation" signs at each entrance of Scott Township to increase enforcement of the ordinance. Mr. Kocher requested that a message be posted to Facebook informing residents to call the Police Department when encountering solicitation without a permit. Ms. Bacon will obtain price information for "No Solicitation Without Permit" signs to be placed wherever there is an existing "Scott Township" sign.

Chief Grassley reported many police calls related to electric scooters/bikes and mini bikes. The department has been issuing citations for electric bikes and mini bikes.

Ms. Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mordan seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Bacon
Secretary/Treasurer