

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES—NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

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 Paul R. Eyerly IV, Frederick D. Ackerman, Jr., William G. Hafner, Lanny R. Sheehan and Dennis N. Wildt. Solicitor Anthony J. McDonald from Marinos, McDonald & Knecht LLP, Police Chief Raymond J. Klingler, Maintenance Supervisor Mark J. Koons, and Secretary/Treasurer Brittany M. Stasik were also in attendance.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Ted Oman, PLS, of Ted L. Oman & Associates, Inc., requested an opportunity to explain a current project in order to receive input from the Board. This will be addressed in the Subdivision and Land Development portion of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the October 18, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Regarding the income requirement for homeowners to qualify for the flood buyout program, Mr. Eyerly directed that the minutes be amended to remove the phrase “in 2011”. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Hafner seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

The October Budget, Police, Roads, Treasurer’s, Zoning, and Tri-County COG IBC Inspection Service Reports were presented for approval. Mr. Ackerman made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Mr. Hafner seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

The General Fund bills to be paid were presented as two transfers of electronic funds and check numbers 14781—14821 for \$109,137.68. In addition, Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1677—1679 for \$84,949.64. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, totaling \$194,087.32. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 4-0, with Mr. Eyerly abstaining due to a conflict of interest regarding the Press Enterprise payment, check number 14810.

**SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Oman stated he prepared a plan for a parking lot expansion project for Shiloh Bible Church. Due to time constraints with winter approaching, Mr. Oman asked if the Board would permit the Church to move ahead with constructing the stormwater system and the parking lot while the plan is going through the approval process. This would not be an approval; it would be an early work release. Mr. Hafner made a motion authorizing construction to begin of the stormwater management facilities and the parking lot, with the condition that the plan will be retitled as a Post-Construction Stormwater Management Plan rather than a Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan, and that this will be presented to the Board for consideration at the December 20 meeting. Mr. Ackerman seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the bond release for the Verizon cell tower located at 3185 Columbia Blvd., Township Engineer Todd Pysher, of Pysher & Associates, Inc., in a letter dated October 24, 2017, recommended the release of all financial security. Mr. Hafner made a motion to authorize the release of all of the financial security [\$36,115.00], with no conditions. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Regarding the Scott Township Parks Master Plan, Leonard J. Policelli and Ashley Eichlin, Landscape Architects from Urban Research & Development Corp., gave a presentation of the proposed final concept for the three Township parks.

Regarding the flood buyouts, Mr. Eyerly gave an update on the progress of obtaining permission from the State to have the County take over the program. Of the fifteen residents who have applied, six properties are located within the 100-year floodplain, which is the first qualification requirement. Of those six, possibly two meet the low income requirements. Due to the requirements for grant approval that the Federal government will impose on the Township, the Board decided that the State representative should be contacted with the stipulation that the Township chooses to withdraw its application unless the State agrees to let the County administer the grant.

Regarding the Real Estate Tax and the Fire Hydrant Tax changes, Mr. Wildt made a motion to authorize Ms. Stasik to advertise the ordinance, which would amend Ordinance 3-22-17B, for adoption at the December 20 meeting. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the Berkheimer Resolution, this appoints the Secretary/Treasurer as the liaison between the Township and Berkheimer. Mr. Ackerman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 11-15-2017. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the long-distance phone service, Ms. Stasik stated the paperwork is signed to provide that service. In addition, Verizon provided information to transfer the two fax lines, which would have the same monthly cost as the telephone lines.

Regarding the 2018 Preliminary Budget, Mr. Hafner made a motion to authorize Ms. Stasik to advertise the Budget for approval at the December 20 meeting. Mr. Ackerman seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Regarding Act 42, which authorizes the licensing of ten Category 4 mini-casinos within the State, the Township has the option to prohibit these from locating within the municipal boundaries only if it passes a resolution to that effect. After discussion, Mr. Wildt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 11-15-17B, which would prohibit the location of a Category 4 licensed facility within the Township. Mr. Ackerman seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Eyerly presented the completed Minimum Municipal Obligation Worksheets for the 2018 Uniformed and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. Mr. Wildt made a motion to accept the Minimum Municipal Obligations as presented. Mr. Hafner seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Stasik stated that Mr. John Thomas has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Planning Commission for 2018. She added that the Planning Commission recommended that the Board advertise for applicants for the upcoming vacancy. The Board directed Ms. Stasik to place a notice on Facebook and in the newspaper.

Mr. Ackerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Stasik  
Secretary/Treasurer