

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES—NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

The Scott Township Board of Supervisors met on the above date by means of Zoom, a videoconferencing app. The meeting date, time, and app connection requirements were advertised in the local newspaper. In attendance were Supervisors William G. Hafner, Kathleen A. Lynn, Paul R. Eyerly IV, 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.

SOLAR ORDINANCE AMENDMENT HEARING

The hearing began at 12:00 p.m. (Ervin Blank Associates made a stenographic record of the hearing.) Ms. Lynn made a motion to adopt Ordinance 11-18-20, which would amend Section 135-49.4 of the Township Ordinance to permit accessory solar energy systems as accessory structures in additional zoning districts. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The hearing ended at 12:11 p.m.

The regular meeting began at 12:12 p.m.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Robert Horn asked why the Township stopped the leaf collection. Mr. Hafner explained the Maintenance Department is in quarantine due to exposure to the coronavirus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The October 22 through November 18 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as two electronic funds transfers and check numbers 16495–16545 for \$103,436.10. In addition, the Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1792–1801 for \$11,746.13. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 4-0, with Mr. Eyerly abstaining due to a conflict of interest regarding the Press Enterprise payment, check number 16516.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the 2021 Compost Site Agreement with the Town of Bloomsburg, Mr. Eyerly provided an update on the Zoom meeting with the Bloomsburg Public Works Committee. After discussion, Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the 2021 Compost Site Agreement. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the 2021 Budget, Mr. Wildt stated he did not feel the salary increase for the Maintenance Department was high enough. Mr. Sheehan stated the Maintenance Committee budgeted a 3% raise, but they want those employees to have the same increase as the Police Department, which would

be 4%. The additional 1% would increase the salary line item by \$2,200.00. [Section 3202 of the Second Class Township Code states: “Upon any revision of the proposed budget, if the estimated revenues or expenses in the final budget are increased more than ten percent in the aggregate or more than twenty-five percent in any major category over the proposed budget, it may not be legally adopted with those increases unless it is again advertised once,...”] Therefore, the budget would not need to be re-advertised. Mr. Eyerly noted the most appropriate way to handle budgeting is through the budgeting process: having a special meeting, which the Township did, having the numbers accurate when they are presented, and next moving forward with a preliminary budget discussion and adjustments to make sure those numbers are accurate, and then pass a final budget that mirrors the preliminary. He expressed concern that this not become a practice going forward. Mr. Wildt made a motion to increase the Salary line item for Streets & Road from \$224,275 to \$226,475. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to increase the Surplus Forward line item by \$2,200 to maintain a balanced budget. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to adopt the 2021 Final Budget with the two changes. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the sale of the 1991 Ford F450 bucket truck, Mr. McDonald recommended requesting bids. Ms. Lynn made a motion to advertise the truck for bids. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. McDonald noted the advertising requirements could be met by using free online resources, such as Facebook, the Township website, and Municibid.

Due to a Planning Commission vacancy caused by Ms. Greta Rosler’s resignation, Mr. Wildt made a motion to appoint Ms. Jessalynn Heydenreich to the Commission. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the Scott Township Authority Board vacancy, Mr. Sheehan made a motion to appoint Mr. Michael Sutton to the Board. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the leaf collection program, the Board discussed viable options to restart the collection.

Due to the long waiting list, Chief Klingler requested permission to put in the order for the police vehicle that is included in next year’s budget. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to authorize the Chief to place the order. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Lynn made a motion, and Mr. Sheehan seconded, to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss contractual issues regarding the Developer’s Agreement and the financial security agreement for the Lion’s Gate project. The Board went into Executive Session at 1:10 p.m. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to resume the regular meeting. Mr. Hafner seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Mr. Eyerly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany M. Stasik
Secretary/Treasurer