

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 20, 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.

LIQUOR LICENSE INTER-MUNICIPAL TRANSFER HEARING—SHEETZ, INC.

The Hearing began at 6:31 p.m. Testimony was closed at 7:13 p.m. (Ervin Blank Associates made a stenographic record of the hearing.) Mr. Sheehan made a motion to adopt Resolution 9-20-17, approving the transfer of PA Liquor License R-6479 to Sheetz, Inc., located at 2511 New Berwick Highway. Mr. Hafner seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Edward Madalis asked when the potholes would be repaired on Brentwood Circle. He also expressed concern that due to low-hanging tree branches, he is unable to walk on the sidewalk in Brentwood Circle. Mr. Koons stated the potholes would be addressed soon and the Township would contact the residents regarding the need for them to trim the trees.

Mr. William Bien, a resident of Highland Drive, expressed concern about the increase in the population of deer in the Township. He noted that the Game Commission has A Guide to Community Deer Management in Pennsylvania. Mr. Bien requested that the Township form a committee to look into deer management. He outlined the problem he has with the deer and stated he feels the problem will continue to worsen if something is not done. Discussion ensued regarding the difficulty of finding residents willing to serve on committees. Mr. Eyerly suggested that Mr. Bien volunteer to chair a committee to make recommendations as to what the Township can and should be doing. However, the committee would have to be made up of individuals from both sides of the issue. Mr. Bien requested that one of the Township officials serve on the committee. Discussion ensued regarding options for reducing the deer population and the fact that other residents enjoy watching the deer around their homes and may not feel control measures are necessary. Mr. Eyerly stated that while the Township has an open mind, none of the officials has the authority or the expertise in the area of deer management, or the time to devote to another committee due to other obligations. He added that the Township would welcome Mr. Bien's assistance in spear-heading the necessary research and making the recommendation as to how the Township can control this, if control is an option.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the August 16, 2017 meeting and the September 12, 2017 special meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ackerman seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The August 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. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The General Fund bills to be paid were presented as one transfer of electronic funds and check numbers 14696—14736 for \$40,915.77. In addition, Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1672—1674 for \$3,348.51. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, totaling \$44,264.28. Mr. Ackerman seconded and the motion carried 4-0, with Mr. Eyerly abstaining due to a conflict of interest regarding the Press Enterprise payment, check number 14718.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the MS4 program, Mr. Eyerly stated the DEP Williamsport office has received the joint application. The next step is to wait for application approval from DEP.

Regarding the flood buyout program, Mr. Eyerly stated he and Ms. Stasik have tried to contact various agencies for additional information, but have not been successful.

Regarding the need for the municipal building roof repair, Mr. Koons explained the proposals he received from five contractors to replace the roof. He also received a quote from B&R Roofing to repair the roof, which would be approximately one-quarter of the cost of replacement. Mr. Eyerly asked what bonding, guarantee or assurance the repair contractor provided. Mr. Koons will contact Mr. Pat Brady of B&R Roofing regarding possible guarantees. This matter was tabled until the October meeting.

Regarding the agreement that Township Engineer Todd Pysker, of Pysker & Associates, Inc., provided for developers to sign, Mr. Eyerly stated he still needs to contact Mr. Pysker. The Board tabled this.

Regarding the resolution concerning Article 3 of the Township Code, Mr. McDonald noted an email he received from P. Jeffrey Hill, Esquire, who represents the Scott Township Authority. In that email, Mr. Hill indicated that although he believes the STA has the authority under the existing agreement and the existing ordinance, he recommends adopting the resolution for the purpose of enforcing that limited section. The resolution would reinforce that the STA has the necessary authority. Mr. Hafner made a motion to adopt Resolution 9-20-17B. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the codification, Mr. Wildt made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 9-20-17, which would be effective September 20, 2017. Mr. Ackerman seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the 2018-2020 Police Contract, Mr. Eyerly outlined the details. There will be a 4% pay increase for all officers per year, Article 12 will change to add an additional personal day for all full-time officers. Unused personal days can roll over to the following year, but must be used by March 31. Full-time officers will be permitted to roll over unused vacation time to the following year, provided that unused time is taken by March 31. All other items in the existing Police Contract, which are not modified by the new agreement, would remain in full force and effect. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the three-year Police Contract. Mr. Hafner seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the Fire Hydrant Tax, Mr. Eyerly stated there is development since the tax was enacted that has not been added to the properties required to pay the tax. In addition, the account is over-funded. The account balance is approximately \$42,000.00, while the annual hydrant cost is approximately \$15,000.00. Discussion ensued regarding reducing the tax rate from .374 mills to .150 mills to pay down the surplus. This would deplete the excess funds after more than eight years. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 3-22-17, Section 1.C to drop the millage rate to .150 mills and to add the additional properties required to pay the Fire Hydrant Tax as defined in the Second Class Township Code, Article XVIII, Section 1802. Mr. Ackerman seconded

and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. McDonald will prepare and advertise the amended Ordinance for adoption at the October meeting.

Regarding the Trick-or-Treat schedule, Mr. Hafner made a motion to permit Trick-or-Treating on Tuesday, October 31, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Ken Carey, Chief of the Espy Fire Company, stated that at this point they do not have a Chairman for their annual Halloween parade, but they hope to resolve that shortly so that the parade can still be scheduled.

Regarding the 2018 Budget, Ms. Stasik reminded the department heads and their committees of the need to prepare preliminary budget figures for the October meeting.

Chief Klingler stated there is still a problem with the phone lines. While lines 1, 2, and 3 have been transferred from Verizon Wireless to Verizon landlines, there is no long-distance service on those lines. Ms. Stasik explained the difficulty she is having getting a long-distance carrier. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to add long-distance service to the three landlines, provided the cost does not exceed \$15.00 per month per line. Mr. Ackerman seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Sheehan stated he feels the Township should be paying for the cell phones for the Maintenance Supervisor and the Police Chief. Ms. Stasik stated the Maintenance Supervisor does have a cell phone provided by the Township. After discussion, Mr. Sheehan made a motion to provide the Chief of Police a stipend of \$60.00 per month for reimbursement of cell phone use, to begin October 1, 2017. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Wildt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ackerman seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany M. Stasik
Secretary/Treasurer