

**MINUTES  
SCOTT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM  
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106  
AGENDA MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Jason at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Giudici then led all present in prayer and pledge to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

Patricia A. Caruso	Present
Eileen Meyers	Present
Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Present
Stacey Altman	Present
Donald Giudici, Vice President	Present
Craig C. Stephens, Esq.	Present
David G. Calabria	Present
William Wells	Present
David A. Jason, Vice President	Present

PRESENT - 9

ABSENT - 0

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Robert McTiernan, Esq., Solicitor, Tucker Arensburg, PC  
Lawrence Lennon, P.E., Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering  
Denise Fitzgerald, Manager – Secretary  
Randy Lubin, Director of Public Services  
Robert Fischer, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer  
Kathleen Gazda, Assistant Secretary  
Chief James Secreet

**Presentation of Proclamation to Bill Peduto, Mayor of City of Pittsburgh**

President Jason said it is a special honor to have Bill Peduto, the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, here tonight. Craig Stephens knew that Bill grew up in Scott Township and wanted to honor Mayor Peduto.

Mr. Stephens said he thought it might be a nice gesture to have the Mayor here. They know he is busy, but he took the time to come out. He had the pleasure of growing up with him, he was two years ahead of him in high school and was President of the Class of 1983.

*Proclamation*

*Whereas*, Bill Peduto is a native of Scott Township; and  
*Whereas*, he attended Chartiers Valley High School, served as Class President and graduated in 1983; and  
*Whereas*, the Honorable William Peduto was elected as Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh on November 5, 2013, the first person elected as Mayor who wasn't born in the city in over 100 years; and  
*Whereas*, Bill Peduto has distinguished himself by bringing positive recognition to his home town; and *Whereas*, Bill Peduto served as either a staff member or an elected member of City Council for many years; and  
*Now, therefore*, the Scott Township Board of Commissioners call upon its citizens to observe this day with appropriate honor and pride in how Bill Peduto has represented our area during his career.  
Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014 David A. Jason, President Scott Township Board of Commissioners

Mayor Peduto said he still has a special spot next to his CV football jersey. He was fortunate to be born on Roseleaf Drive. His dad attended Scott High School and his family has been in the Chartiers Valley area. He said his uncle was the architect for this building and he worked across the street in Public Works with Craig. He said his roots are deep in his home town and it is an honor to be given this special attention.

**The meeting was recessed at 7:40 p.m.**

**The meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.**

**Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement**

**Solicitor's report**

**Discuss application from Dennis and Kathy M. Habovick for Vacant Property Program for Lot 100-F-158, located on Old Washington Road and adoption of Resolution approving the acquisition**

Mr. McTiernan said the board has to adopt a resolution approving the application. This can be a good way to get vacant properties on the tax rolls.

Regarding the issue at Denny's, they sent a letter to the manager explaining the township's position and Gateway Engineering prepared specs, but he is not sure when the work will start. They set an October 6 deadline and the attorneys have been cooperative. Denise sent information on the damage to the traffic light and damaging public facilities.

Mr. Stephens asked about the O'Hommel property.

Mr. McTiernan said John held back the stipulation. The question was raised by Mr. Wells about the possible damage to streets and the board wants to know what is going on up there. He said they have one coming up now where the valuation was doubled. They are looking at \$900,000 instead of \$1,200,000.

Mr. Stephens said the school district has the highest millage.

Mr. Wells asked if they can make the school board step up to the plate.

Mr. McTiernan said it helps focus their attention. Especially when there are things going on at these properties like the truck traffic.

### **Engineers report**

Mr. Lennon said Chip Dellasandro is here tonight.

Mr. Dellasandro reported on the progress on Swallow Hill Road. He said they intend to finish before school starts. They were affected by winter weather, and the gas company work. He thought they would have a good spring and get it done, but they had to shut the road down for the gas company. They put in underdrains for facilities to the township; they had storm drainage issues and the cemetery encroached onto Swallow Hill Road. They now have a very large manhole; now a second one where a 42" pipe goes down Hope Hollow Road and they have to rebuild that for the township. The water line was in the middle of the road and goes over manhole. He contacted PA American Water Company and asked for help with the location. A week later, they went on strike. They are working hard to get the manhole done. He said this has been the worst weather in twenty years and he is here tonight to ask for more time. He wants to be done with the physical work mid-November. The contract was 272 calendar days and they used some of those on Rockfield.

Mr. Jason asked the estimated time of extension taking into account the worst case scenario.

Mr. Dellasandro said he cannot predict the weather or what the water company is doing. He calls them every day.

Mr. Jason said he is comfortable with that.

Mr. Wells asked if he would come back to the board if he runs into problems.

Mr. Dellasandro said yes,

Mr. Castello asked the contract time.

Mr. Lennon said June 28 and he needs to extend the contract to November 15.

Mr. Dellasandro said that would have been if they could have started in December.

Mr. Castello said he does not want to carry into Christmas and January. They have had a lot of complaints.

Mr. Wells said he hasn't had a lot of complaints. He said it is what it is. Get done as soon as he can.

Mr. Castello said he is not building in any bad days.

Mr. Calabria said he is taking that into account.

Mr. Dellasandro said they also have to do week-end work at the day care.

Mr. Castello said they are going to have rain and they might have snow. He is concerned it will be January and they will still be waiting.

Mr. Dellasandro said they hope to be done sooner.

Mr. Calabria asked once he gets that done, can he change the traffic pattern if only doing the curbs.

Mr. Dellasandro said yes, they could have day time traffic going two ways.

Mr. Wells said if anyone was going to complain, it would be a resident in his ward and he hasn't had many complaints.

Mr. Calabria said the bottom line is they are getting a good product.

Mr. Jason said they will put it on the agenda to formally approve the extension.

**Discuss authorizing Engineer to design Idlewood Bridge replacement (Jason)**

Mr. Lennon said the Service Order Authorization is attached to the report.

Mr. Giudici asked how they would pay for this.

Mr. Jason said the state represent and Secretary of Commerce are getting money for local roads. It is only available if the design. They looked at the bridge.

Mr. Wells said traffic could still get out of there without the bridge.

Mr. Jason said he told Denise he would forego the park for \$250,000 under the bond issue. The lifespan of the bridge is comparable to a park. He said he has that money so it is a start. The state might give them \$800,000.

Mr. Lennon said the total is \$92,000 for engineering.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said they are not asking for these costs to be covered by the bond issue. It cannot cover engineering.

Mr. Castello said it can pay for the bridge but not the engineering.

Mr. Calabria asked if Penn DOT would oversee this.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said it is the township's bridge.

Mr. Jason said they should not assume they are getting the money.

Mr. Castello said he doesn't think the state is going to come up with \$99,000.

Mr. Jason said he wants to show what he is dealing with. He has a bridge out in his ward 100 feet from the fire department. He had the state representative there and spoke with the Secretary of Transportation to explain the challenges he is facing. There is no hope of getting any money until the design work is done. Mr. Mustio would not waste his time unless he thought he could get the money. He called and asked if the Board of Commissioners is moving forward with the design. He agrees they are not going to vote in two weeks to start the design on the bridge. He wants to discuss how they can work it into the budget. This is part of the infrastructure that needs repaired. It was repaired 80 years ago. There are two bridges there and one was repaired a year before he came on the board.

Mr. Lennon said they got money from the state for Bell Avenue and Lindsay Road.

Mr. Jason said they have to start somewhere. He wants the board to see it and think about it.

Mr. Castello asked where in the state budget Mr. Mustio got money to cover something like this. If not, they are wasting their time and need to have an answer first.

Mr. Jason said he indicated there is money in the new transportation bill for projects like this.

Mr. Castello said he wants him to tell them that he has money.

Mr. Wells said Nick Kotik told him there is no money and said he cannot get money.

Mr. Castello said if there is a change in Harrisburg in January, it may flip the whole equation.

Mr. Jason said Mr. Mustio is a Republican and Mr. Kotik is a Democrat, so he is safe both ways.

Mr. Castello said he is not safe both ways.

Mr. Giudici said there might be money in the transportation bill for projects like this.

Mr. Lennon said there are sources of money available in the \$250,000 - \$500,000 range. He has clients that are getting grants.

Mr. Castello said this is not grant money.

Mr. Jason said the state representative said the only way to get money is to design the bridge. When he called now, he assumes it is the time. He said he will check with him.

Mr. Lennon said an issue for the permitting process is they had to go out to bid in 90 days. Municipalities bid the jobs and do not have the permits. They will need a flood study of the stream at Whiskey Run. There is a lot of permitting involved. The DEP is understaffed and it takes a long time to obtain a permit. He submitted a permit application for Ryan Drive and he is still waiting for it.

Mr. Jason said the bridge is part of the township.

Mr. Lennon said they went without the Crooked Bridge for 15 years and it was a main traffic route. They might be able to reroute the road and not use the bridge.

Mr. Jason said he is getting calls from constituents about the bridge.

Mr. Wells said he has been looking for ways to spend that \$250,000 for a year. They have people who have been flooded and they cannot do anything about it.

Mr. Jason said they can talk about it now or wait until the bridge collapses and dams the creek.

Mr. Castello said at every meeting David questions their integrity. They are not old, stupid or blind. He said he is the only one that comes up with ideas. They do care.

Mr. Wells said they need assurances they are going to help them out.

Mr. Castello said he is not convinced about the money. Two weeks ago, he said they were all old and stupid. He was young and had new ideas. He said he is concerned because it is an election year and there may be changes in Harrisburg.

#### **Discuss progress on Swallow Hill Road paving project**

This was discussed.

#### **Discuss proposal from Robinson Pipe Company for cleaning, televising and tap-in cutting for a 6 inch vcp sewer line investigation located at the rear of 24 Clairview Drive in the amount of \$1,325.00**

Mr. Lennon said he and Randy met with Robinson Pipe and the residents. He said there is a six inch pipe with five houses tied to the line and they were able to televise a piece of that. There is a 24 inch clay pipe behind the house at 28 Clairview. They cannot get access to the utility line and there is ponded water in the pipe as well. The sewer is 6 feet deep and they had to build a six inch line.

Mr. Wells asked how long it would take to do the job.

Mr. Lennon said it is five or six hours work.

#### **Public Works Report**

*Swallow Hill Road* – the intersection pour at Lindsay Road is completed. The issue with roughness discussed at the June meeting was corrected.

*Ordinance/Detail Update* – the Planning Commission is currently reviewing the county's comments and making revisions to address the comments.

*FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map Changes* – the township would have to talk about whether they want to embark on this program.

*SHACOG CDBG Year 40 Final Applications* – the final applications were submitted to SHACOG on July 19, 2013 for the following: Wabash Alley Storm Sewer, 216 Noblestown Road demolition, Short Street Gabion Wall and Scrubgrass Trail Pedestrian Bridge. The township received notification they were awarded the 216 Noblestown Road demolition project in the amount of \$11,000 or 50 % of the demolition cost, whichever is less. He has completed the construction documents and forwarded them to SHACOG for advertising and bidding.

*2014 Capitol Infrastructure Improvements* – all paving work has been completed. They are back-filling behind the curbs.

The basketball and tennis court fencing needs completed and the 3-point line striping on basketball court needs corrected.

Mr. Wells said they are throwing dirt as a backfill and not tamping it down. It will sink down as soon as it rains.

Mr. Calabria said they should do it right the first time, so they don't have to come back.

Mr. Castello asked when they are going to do the fence.

Mr. Lubin said they are waiting for the striping guy to come back.

Mr. Castello said they did the line striping wrong. It has to be redone.

Mr. Wells said they will vote on Clairview at the next meeting.

*CDBG Year 41 Pre-Applications* – the Year 41 Pre-apps are due next Friday.

Mr. Jason said there are two demolitions in East Carnegie.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said these are the two properties where the park was supposed to go.

Mr. Stephens asked if there is any township share.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said normally when they apply it is 50/50. Usually, SHACOG comes back and says there is no cost to the township.

Mr. Lennon said he will submit the pre-apps for Friday.

*2014 Roadway Improvement Program* – Rockhill Road will be completed by September. They are doing the curb backfill. They have four projects rolled into one contract. They are still waiting for the permit on Ryan Drive. They will be in a position to vote at the end of the month.

### **Storm and Sanitary Sewer Report**

*Clairview Drive* – he said this was already discussed.

Mr. Wells asked if there is any decision on the township garage.

Mr. Jason said they received news from Atlas Supply and they applied for the permit to start the building.

### **Finance Committee Report**

#### **Discuss advertising for insurance proposals for the township's commercial liability, public officials, workers compensation and police liability insurance for a period of two years, effective January 1, 2015**

Mr. Castello said at the last meeting they discussed how they would handle limiting markets to certain brokers. Each broker can lock into two markets. Because of seniority, Howard can pick first. He said there are two kinds of insurance, general liability and property insurance and workers compensation. In the past 15 years, the township has only had two brokers. He would suggest that Howard Agency pick two markets and the second in the door would pick two.

Mr. Jason said he thinks they should give them one market to pick and, as they get closer to the date, they can pick a second.

Mr. Castello said historically, they have never had more than three proposals.

Mr. Jason said he knows two or three that are interested.

Mr. Castello said as a broker, he would not want to only have one market.

Mr. Calabria said it might be more competitive with one.

Mr. Jason said he is not happy with Selective. They should dump Selective and pick another company.

Mr. Castello said they will design parameters and have them for the next meeting.

#### **Discuss Budget Meeting dates (7:00 p.m.) as follows**

Thursday, October 16	Revenues
Wednesday, October 29	Departments/Expenditures
Monday, November 10	Departments/Expenditures
Thursday, November 20	Markdown

Mr. Castello said to put this on the agenda for a vote.

### **Public Safety Committee Report**

#### **Discuss purchasing one additional street light for Carothers Avenue to have in stock**

Public Comment:

Pat Martin, Center Street, asked the cost of a street light.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said \$2,200.00. The last one was paid for by the insurance of the person who hit it.

Mrs. Martin asked the cost of the bollard.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said that was paid for by the driver's insurance.

Mr. Wells asked if the township's insurance will cover these once the project is completed.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said that is correct.

Mrs. Meyers said Carnegie and Heidelberg are both purchasing additional lights from HITE Company in Altoona, PA.

Mr. Lubin said they take three to six weeks to order for replacement and the cost is \$2,115.00.

Mrs. Meyers said they should order it now and ratify at the next meeting..

### **Public Works Committee Report**

#### **Discuss LED lighting in Township (Stephens)**

Mr. Stephens said the Public Works committee will meet Tuesday evening. He said the fall branch and leaf program will start October 27 through December..

Mr. Lubin said regarding the ductwork at the park, they had a man there this summer and they met with a Selective agent. They had the bid and the board directed him to go ahead. They agreed after the pool closed, they would contact him to start work mid-October. The work was under \$20,000 – it came in at \$11,300 and it should take a week to complete.

The pool is drained and they are thinking about options. If they look at the liner and the pool still need foundation repairs, options are 1) do structural work to prepare for installation of liner or 2) install the liner. He said they need an aggressive timeline for either option. They looked at a pool and the man is getting additional information on the liner. The liner lasted fourteen years and they have been putting additional money into upgrading the pool.

Mr. Wells said they need to have Larry look at the concrete.

Mr. Lubin said if they do the concrete then they have another winter where it can deteriorate. They can put band-aids on it as an option.

Mr. Jason said it needs to be discussed, but it is not on the agenda.

Mr. Wells said they need more information before they make a decision. They need Larry Lennon to go out there and let them know what is going on.

Mr. Lubin said the board would have to authorize him to go out.

Mr. Stephens said they can move up the opening day of the pool to get more time.

Mrs. Meyers asked if Larry looks at it now, would it change over the winter.

Mr. Castello asked how long it would take,

Mr. Lennon said one or two days of work.

Mr. Castello asked if he can do it by the next meeting.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said asked if concrete repairs be done this year or in the spring.

Mr. Lennon said his recommendation would be next spring.

### **Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee)**

#### **Public Comment:**

Madeline Paul of Orchard Spring Road said she is representing people from the pool. She said on Orchard Spring Road, they have a wide entrance and cannot see until they are out on the road. They need a light at the top of the road or put a guide line coming in.

Mr. Stephens said there was a reflector there at one time.

Mr. Lubin said they had yellow reflectors ten years ago.

Mrs. Paul said there is a very good Liberty Mutual insurance agent in Manor Oak. They come out and investigate claims.

Mr. Jason said they have to follow the legal format.

Mr. Castello said the township advertises and the brokers come to them.

Mrs. Paul said they do not want to lose the pool. She understands about the concrete but thinks they should do it now and not wait until April or May. She said the steps into the pool need rubberized, they should open earlier and close later and they should hire old, retired life guards.

Frank and Marilyn Mance of 2100 Bower Hill Road said they have suffered twelve years of floods. The building was built in 1975 but the pipes were laid prior to that. They asked who authorized the building and they want the permit for the building issued in 1975.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said they can fill out a Right to Know form, but she is not sure if they have records from 1975.

Ms. Altman said she was told that the pipe went back to Allegheny County and the township does not have ownership.

Mr. Mance asked about the pipe from Spinner Field.

Mrs. Mance the water destroyed her building and business. She asked how they can control the water. Mr. Jason said they cannot do anything if it is determined the township doesn't have a responsibility to correct. He said they do not have an obligation to research to find the answer. There is no evidence that Scott Township approved this.

Mr. Mance said there is a 25 acre development built up there in 1964.

Mr. Lennon said the sub-division was started in the late 40's.

Mrs. Mance said the DEP says the township is responsible.

Mrs. Jason said they would need to see proof that it is the township's responsibility.

Mr. Wells suggested they call Mr. Finnerty.

Mr. Castello said the letter says there is no evidence of a building permit issued in the 40's.

Ms. Altman said they were supposed to submit for an occupancy permit.

Mr. Castello said there is a county pipe there.

Mr. Lennon said the one at the top is not the township's.

Mr. Mance said it is from Spinner Field. How could it not be the townships?

Mr. Jason said they have a big problem at Denny's and they are trying to determine who owns the pipe. Nobody should have built a house in front of that.

Mr. Calabria asked who they bought it from.

Mr. Mance said they bought it from Mr. Fleck. He said somebody approved the subdivision plan.

Mr. Jason said the township cannot do anything because they do not have any responsibility.

Mrs. Mance asked if the township has responsibility for the stormwater.

Mr. McTiernan said only to the extent that the state law applies. He said it is not the township's responsibility if a developer built in the 40's. It was not regulated by the township. Stormwater is a new discovery. In the 40's they just pushed water over the hill. Someone put houses there not realizing the risk. They have researched it and they cannot find a building permit.

Just because a building is approved, it is not guaranteed for life. Since 1975, there have been developments in stormwater. Stormwater and pollution of water are now known to be environmental issues.

Mr. Wells said some houses had sewers running into mines.

Mr. McTiernan said people bought properties not realizing the problems but now there is disclosure.

Mr. Calabria said it would be important to get a letter from DEP.

**Discuss advertising Update to the Stormwater Management ordinance**

**Discuss advertising new MS4 Prohibited Discharge Ordinance**

**Discuss adopting Resolution for Minimum Control Measure Plan**

**Discuss advertising draft TMDL Plan**

Mr. Lennon said there are four items on the agenda out of the MS4 permit requirements. There was discussion at the Sewer Committee meeting in August and these need to be adopted in the future.

Mr. McTiernan said some have higher priority. The Stormwater Management Ordinance requires maintenance retention and financial guarantees for development.

Mr. Lennon said these are open issues for the Sewer Committee meeting September 15 at 10:00 a.m.

**Parks and Recreation**

**Discuss awarding contract to Pyrotechnico for July 4, 2015 fireworks display in the amount of \$9,800.00 (no increase over 2014 contract)**

Mrs. Meyers said to put this on the agenda.

**Library Liaison Report**

Mr. Wells said the Library is \$40 away from their goal. They will be reporting to the Manager. He asked if there is any news about the book storage.

Mr. Jason said he needs to know how many books because they have to notify their insurance. They have a couple questions for the Library.

**Public Relations Committee Report**

**Pool Party Lottery**

The organizations chosen to receive a pool party were:

- Sts. Simon and Jude Preschool
- Our Lady of Grace School
- Chartiers Terrace Housing Association

**Discuss designating Friday, October 31, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. as the official “Trick or Treat” night in Scott Township**

Ms. Altman said to put this on the agenda for a vote.

**Discuss request from Chartiers Valley High School Orchestra Boosters to use the Community Room on Saturday, November 22, 2014 from 10:00 am – 3:**

Ms. Altman said to put this on the agenda for a vote.

Mr. Castello said Applebee’s has remodeled and are being called Green Tree Applebee’s, their web-site is Green Tree Applebee’s and they have pictures up of Green Tree Fire Department. He said to have Bob Fischer send a letter that they are in violation of the ordinance.

Mrs. Meyers said Freight Liquidators are advertising they are in Carnegie.

Mr. Giudici said Shop n Save advertises they are in Heidelberg.

Mr. Castello said they are very cooperative when Bob goes over there.

Chief Seccret said he received an e-mail from Applebee’s corporate office requesting pictures of officers. He said he is not comfortable putting their faces on the wall.

**SHACOG**

Mr. Stephens said SHACOG is moved in.

**Administration**

**Discuss Strategic Plan**

**Discuss ratifying approval for Manager, Director of Public Services and Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer participating in training for “Fight Blight Brightly” program through the Local Government Academy at a cost of \$35 per person**

Mr. Jason said to put this on the agenda.

**Discuss approval of Estimate N0o. 16 for Tri Community Revitalization Project from A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$297,792.84**

Mr. Wells asked if this would deplete the grant.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said no, more will be coming.

**Conferences and Workshops**

**Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda**

**Commissioners Requests**

Mrs. Caruso - Nothing.

Mrs. Meyers – Nothing.

Mr. Castello said they are closing the entrance to Rt. 79 at Kirwin Heights.

Mr. Lubin said they sent out a news release outlining the closures with the time line.

Ms. Altman – nothing.

Mr. Giudici asked what is going on with Greentree Road.

Mr. Lubin said they brought in a milling machine and roller. They are scheduled to do that section.

Mr. Giudici said if they do it in the spring, it will be four years.

Mr. Stephens said there is a green bag at 317 Orchard Spring Road.

Mr. Calabria asked the status on Great Oak.

Mr. Lubin said the water is coming from a catch basin by the house.

Mr. Wells said there is a man in Stacey’s ward who has a green bag.

**Executive session**

**Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.**

**Attest:**

  

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