MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President David Jason at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Giudici led all present in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

PRESENT - 9 ABSENT - 0

ALSO PRESENT: Robert McTiernan, Esq., Solicitor, Tucker Arensburg, PC
Lawrence J. Lennon, P.E., Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.
Robert Fischer. Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer
Sandra Novelli, Finance Director
Kathleen Gazda, Assistant Secretary
Chief James Secreet

Agenda

Approve agenda, as revised and submitted

Motion by Mr. Stephens, second by Mr. Castello to approve the agenda, as revised and submitted.

Motion carried (9-0).

Public Comments on Agenda Items
(To be addressed at the beginning of each Committee report)

Bill List

Approve Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of $679,156.42

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Giudici to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of $943,231.25

Roll Call

Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (9-0)..

Planning Zoning and Code Enforcement

Mr. Castello said he talked to Mr. Hardman on his subdivision plan.

Mr. Jason asked if there is any update on the Sheriff's Sales.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. McTiernan said they are looking at two properties in East Carnegie. The Act 30 notice was given to the owner of the Thepitt property and he failed to respond. They have to go to court to serve by advertising on the Locust Street property. They are waiting to hear from the post office for a proper address.

Mrs. Meyers said there is one on Boroview Avenue and Magazine.

Mr. Wells said there was a house on his street that was in deplorable condition. Bob brought in a man who bought it and renovated it and did a great job. He is worth going through the process for.

Mr. Fischer said some of these houses that were up for Sheriff's Sale by the county did not sell. Someone called in for information on 209 Magazine Street and 134 Magazine Street.

Mr. Wells said there is a house on Hope Hollow that has been put up for Sheriff's Sale four times and it has never sold. Nobody wants it.

Mr. McTiernan said they do not want to put thousands of dollars into these if they won't sell.

Mr. Fischer said he has a meeting tomorrow with someone who is interested in taking over the Thepitt Building and taking it down.

Mr. McTiernan said the demolition of 310 Duncan has been approved by SHACOG. He said he tried to get the paperwork on the Idlewood property. The township is going to wait until the grant comes through on Duncan. The money for the Idlewood will come from the General Fund.

He said the commissioners are aware of correspondence with Mt. Lebanon and can wait until Denise returns. The township has tried to resolve this matter, but it is too late for the hunting. They had been previously promised by the solicitor and the manager that they would not hunt in Scott Township without the consent of the township. Mt. Lebanon always took the position that they had a right to do it but stated, as a courtesy, they would not do so. When the issue came up at the last meeting, the commissioners asked him to contact Mr. Weis, their solicitor, to confirm that promise still held and he said no, this is a different kind of hunting and they were not willing to postpone the hunt. So he wrote them a letter explaining why he thought they were not permitted to do so. He asked if they would suspend the hunt in Twin Hills Park until the Manager and the Police Chief met with their Manager and Police Chief of Mt. Lebanon. He got a letter back stating they would be willing to have a meeting but they will not suspend the hunting program. He asked about permitting and was told they do not feel they need a permit because it is private property.

Mr. Castello said he would prefer discussing any strategy in Executive Session.

Mr. McTiernan said they have tried to get a commitment that they would not hunt without permission.

Mr. Wells said unless that property is posted, anyone can hunt on that property. It is a danger and borders all private properties.

Mr. Calabria said they each have their opinions. Is there anything concrete here?

Mr. McTiernan said their position is they can give permission to anyone they want to hunt. The township's position is that when something is known to be a public park, it is not like a piece of private property. This has been held out as a place that you can go to bird watch or have a picnic and be safe. The chief talked to the game commission, and they can give information but it is not binding.

Mr. Castello said they need to discuss this in Executive Session.

Mr. Wells asked if there is any progress on the easements on Clairview.

Mr. McTiernan said it is potentially something that could be assumed to be part of the public sewer system. The neighbors were going to discuss their willingness to unanimously agree that as part of the easement agreement, they were willing to replace the line that has to be replaced, extend the laterals. Be responsible for landscaping over the sewer and make advance payments toward the cost of legal work. They cannot get a standard easement, there is a question whether they can get one in the engineer's opinion if they can get one that would safely allow the line to be maintained. He thought the ball was in the neighbor's court.

Mark Mox said he never received any feedback from Mr. McTiernan. He came to the sewer committee meeting and none of those items were discussed.

Mr. Jason said it was discussed at the last public meeting.

Mr. Mox they discussed that the two break-in taps would be repaired. He and Solicitor were to work together to get the easement agreement drafted and it would be reviewed by the residents for approval.

Mr. Jason said he was the architect of this and he doesn't want to township to negotiate with all the neighbors. He doesn't want to spend legal fees for this. He wanted them to come up with a clean easement agreement. They have to work it out and when the engineer and solicitor look at it and say it is okay, they would draw it up and have it approved.

Mr. Mox said the intent was to make it simple by having one agreement.

Mr. McTiernan said he understood it had to be agreed by all signatories as a condition of it taking place.

Mr. Mox asked if he wants them to draft it.

Mr. McTiernan said even if he was to do it, he didn't know if the commissioners had reached a consensus about the two break-in taps that were an issue and whether the easement could be described in a way that the engineer thought was safe, and extend laterals. The residents would accept responsibility or if there were damages to those facilities.

Mr. Jason said they would have to okay spending money to draw up agreement.

Mr. Castello said they can have the solicitor send Mark a letter outlining what they want Mark to take to the neighbors to find out if they agree.

Mr. McTiernan said asked if these are the terms that they are going to propose.

Mr. Wells said he doesn't think they should replace the line.

Mr. Mox said it was discussed that they would have to extend the laterals. At that point in time the sewer line would have to be moved.

Mr. Wells said they would abandon the old pipe and they would have to extend the laterals out to the property line where the lateral is.

Mr. McTiernan said they are talking about damage to landscaping if someone put a driveway over an easement.

Mr. Jason said they wouldn't know it.

Mr. McTiernan said he doesn't care.

Mr. Mox asked if they are saying that everybody that has a driveway that goes out to the front street; if there is repair work to the sewer in the right of way but where their driveway is, they would be responsible to repair their driveway.

Mr. Jason said under this condition, he would be in support of what they do for other people, they would do for them.

Mr. Castello said they are not agreeing that they own that sewer. They are negotiating a settlement.

Mr. Wells said there are only five houses on the line.

Mr. McTiernan said they should put a provision in there and the board can look at the agreement.

Mr. Mox said the only one that people will struggle with is "if the line is replaced someday". No one is going to say where that line would be replaces. He would ask that they relocate the line in a grass line so they do not have to rip up everyone's driveway. This is something that might come up 20 years from now. He believes the new line could be put in without disturbing any improvements except grass. He asked Mr. McTiernan to prepare it with a letter of understanding for the signatories.

Mr. McTiernan said he will draft a letter of understanding and have the board look at it initially.

Engineer's Report

Approve Partial Payment No. 2 for Contract No. 15-R01 2015 Roadway and Storm Sewer Improvements from Peter J. Caruso & Sons, Inc. in the amount of $240,493.78 ($233,717.32 to be paid from General Fund; $6,776.46 paid from ½ mil Storm/Sewer Fund)

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Ms. Altman to approve Partial Payment No. 2 for Contract No. 15-R01 2015 Roadway and Storm Sewer Improvements from Peter J. Caruso & Sons, Inc. in the amount of $240,493.78 ($233,717.32 to be paid from General Fund; $6,776.46 paid from ½ mil Storm/Sewer Fund)

Roll Call

Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (9-0).

Ratify Phone Poll of September 18, 2015 approving payment of $700 review fee to Allegheny County Conservation District for permit to move dirt from pool to Hope Street Park site

Motion by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mrs. Caruso to ratify Phone Poll of September 18, 2015 approving payment of $700 review fee to Allegheny County Conservation District for permit to move dirt from pool to Hope Street Park site.

Roll Call

Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes

Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (9-0).

Mr. Wells asked what they are going to do with the ground up gravel.

Mr. Lennon said it will be used as a sub-base for the parking area at the new rink and some will go over to Hope Street. That will be a good base.

Mr. Stephens asked when the project on the circle of Orchard Spring Road will begin.

Mr. Lennon said he would have to talk to Randy about the schedule. The scope was to put in a catch basin in front of her house and extend a pipe to that and drain it to the island area..

Mrs. Paul wants assurance because of the springs there and that she will not be hit with flooding once that is tied into there.

Mr. Lennon said this is being done to allow her to connect her to connect her pipes. They do not have any plans to go upstream and intercept the water. That is all the township can do.

Mrs. Paul said she came into compliance last September. Randy said something about tying her into the catch basin. Her fear is the springs are in the circle and there is nothing to catch them, what is there to stop them from flooding her property.

Mr. Lennon said there is a pipe under there that conveys the spring away. The intent is to extend the pipe to her property to connect with the sump pump. They didn't say anything about in island and backing up into her property.

Mr. Stephens said that Randy told them it will be in line with the Ryan Drive project.

Mr. Wells said she can come back at the end of the month and it will be done.

Standard Reports

Treasurer's Report

Approve the total real estate commissions due the Tax Collector for the month of August 2015 for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 in the amount of $1,059.25

Motion by Mr. Stephens, second by Mr. Castello to approve the total real estate commissions due the Tax Collector for the month of August 2015 for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 in the amount of $1.059.25.

Roll Call

Mr. Castello	Yes

Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (9-0).

Additional reports, as submitted: Secretary's Report, Building Inspector's Report, Magistrate's Report and Public Works Report.

Standing Committee Report - Finance

Public Comment:

Pat Martin of Center Street said a month ago they discussed how to replace money.

Advertise Budget Meeting dates as follows:

Tuesday, October 13	Revenues
Wednesday, October 28	Departments/Expenditures
Thursday, November 12	Departments/Expenditures
Wednesday, November 18	Markdowns

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Meyers to advertise Budget Meeting dates as follows:

Tuesday, October 13	Revenues
Wednesday, October 28	Departments/Expenditures
Thursday, November 12	Departments/Expenditures
Wednesday, November 18	Markdowns

Roll Call

Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (9-0).

Accept the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Scott Township Police Pension Plan in the amount of $392,981 and the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)

for the Scott Township Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of $57,964, as submitted by the Phoenix Benefits Group

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Caruso to accept the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Scott Township Police Pension Plan in the amount of $392,981 and the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Scott Township Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of $57,964, as submitted by the Phoenix Benefits Group.

Roll Call

Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (9-0).

Adopt Resolution No. 874-14 setting the employees' contribution rate for the Police Pension Plan at 5 per cent for the year 2016, as recommended by Phoenix Benefits Group
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 875-14 setting the employees' contribution rate for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan at 4.5 per cent for the year 2016, as recommended by Phoenix Benefits Group

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Ms. Altman to adopt **Resolution No. 874-14** setting the employees' contribution rate for the Police Pension Plan at 5 per cent for the year 2016, as recommended by Phoenix Benefits Group.

Roll Call

Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (9-0).

Adopt Resolution No. 875-14 setting the employees' contribution rate for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan at 4.5 per cent for the year 2016, as recommended by Phoenix Benefits Group

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Wells to adopt **Resolution No. 875-14** setting the employees' contribution rate for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan at 4.5 per cent for the year 2016, as recommended by Phoenix Benefits Group.

Roll Call

Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (9-0).

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Approve Agreement for Municipal Police Services with Rosslyn Farms, effective January 1, 2016 and expiring December 31, 2017

Motion by Mrs. Caruso, second by Mr. Castello to approve Agreement for Municipal Police Services with Rosslyn Farms, effective January 1, 2016 and expiring December 31, 2017.

Roll Call

Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (9-0).

Advertise Ordinance agreeing to provide police services to Borough of Rosslyn Farms, effective January 1, 2016

Motion by Mrs. Caruso, second by Mr. Castello to advertise Ordinance agreeing to provide police services to Borough of Rosslyn Farms, effective January 1, 2016.

Roll Call

Mrs. Caruso	Yes

Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (9-0).

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Standing Committee Report – Environmental Advisory Committee

Mr. Jason said they will have a meeting on November 2.

Standing Committee Report – Parks and Recreation

Mrs. Meyers said Octoberfest will be October 3 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Standing Committee Report - Public Relations

Designate Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. as Trick or Treat night in Scott Township

Motion by Ms. Altman, second by Mr. Stephens to designate Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. as Trick or Treat night in Scott Township.

Motion carried (9-0).

Ratify approval of Proclamation for Sam Balk for a lifetime of volunteer service at Beth El Congregation

Motion by Ms. Altman, second by Mr. Jason to ratify approval of Proclamation for Sam Balk for a lifetime of volunteer service at Beth El Congregation.

Motion carried (9-0).

Library Liaison Report

Mr. Wells said the Library has turned in information to Sandy for their match program. Also, the Book Sale is this week at the Community Room.

Standing Committee Report – SHACOG

Mr. Stephens said there will be a formal lease with the Credit Union at SHACOG. The meeting was held last week in West Mifflin.

Standing Committee Report – Administration

Approve request from Allegheny County for reimbursement of cost of decorative lighting on Chartiers Creek Bridge No. 6 (Total Cost - $51,400 - 95% paid by Federal and State funding Township responsible for 50% of balance)

Motion by Mr. Jason, second by Mr. Castello to approve request from Allegheny County for reimbursement of cost of decorative lighting on Chartiers Creek Bridge No. 6 (Total Cost - $51,400 - 95% paid by Federal and State funding Township responsible for 50% of balance).

Roll Call

Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (9-0).

Approve payment to Penn DOT for Reimbursement Agreement 118337 for services performed by Penn DOT on Tri-Community Revitalization Project in the amount of $7,117.62 (Heidelberg share $2,372.54, Carnegie share $2,372.54 – Scott Township share $2,372.54).

Motion by Mr. Jason, second by Mrs. Meyers to approve payment to Penn DOT for Reimbursement Agreement 118337 for services performed by Penn DOT on Tri-Community Revitalization Project in the amount of $7,117.62 (Heidelberg share $2,372.54, Carnegie share $2,372.54 – Scott Township share $2,372.54).

Roll Call

Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (9-0).

Conferences and Workshops

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda

Pat Martin of Center Street said she mentioned in July that there are two dead trees on Carothers Avenue at Creek and Carothers. She asked if there is a warranty on the trees.

Mrs. Meyers said Randy is aware of it. They are in the process of replacing.

Mrs. Martin said Mrs. Caruso abstained from the awarding a bid to Caruso & Company, but she voted for payment.

Mrs. Caruso said she stated they are related and abstained from awarding the contract, but once they were working, she voted to pay the bill.

Mrs. Martin said regarding the Police Pension Plan, the Auditor General is asking for money back. She asked where that money is coming from.

Mr. Castello said it will be discussed at budget meetings.

Mrs. Martin asked if they can go after the insurance company.

Mr. Castello said no.

Mr. McTiernan said it is a settlement. The Auditor General thinks it has to be replaced and the board does not agree.

Mrs. Martin said in the long run the tax payers are paying for it again.

Kim Scheutchuk of 519 Lyndhurst Avenue, Mt. Lebanon said she wanted to address the hunting. She said she is a 15 year resident and considers Twin Hills Park a jewel. She opposes the use of weapons in dense urban areas for safety reasons. She is concerned with two programs moving forward. The bow hunting was approved and they moved forward. A rifle culling does not exclude any area and will waive PA hunting safety laws.

Mr. Jason said the Scott Township board is approaching this as an encroachment on their sovereignty.

Commissioners' request

Mrs. Caruso – Nothing.

Mrs. Meyers – Nothing.

Mr. Castello – Nothing.

Ms. Altman – Nothing.

Mr. Giudici – Nothing.

Mr. Stephens – Nothing.

Mr. Calabria said he gave David Jason a letter to go to the Chief.

Mr. Wells – Nothing.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Stephens to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (9-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Attest:

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