MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
REGULAR MEETING
October 27, 2020

7:00pm Custodial Services Proposals

The meeting was called to order by President Altman at 7:30 p.m. She requested a moment of silence for the two-year anniversary of the Tree of life Synagogue. She then led all present in prayer and pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Present
Kathy Gazda	Present
Angela Wateska	Present - Zoom
Michelle Sedlak	Present
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Present
William Wells	Present
Stacey Altman, President	Present
Eileen L. Meyers	Present
David G. Calabria	Present

PRESENT - 9 ABSENT - 0

ALSO PRESENT: Denise Fitzgerald, Township Manager
John Vogel, Esq., Solicitor, Tucker Arensburg, PC
Ned Mitrovich, P.E.; Engineer, Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.
Marie Hartman, P.E.; Engineer, Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.
Sandy Wilkins, Finance Director
James Stoker, Information Technology Technician Manager
Lisha Mihalko, Assistant Township Secretary

Presentation provided by Sarah Wilson with Marquette Associates for a quarterly productivity review.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Motion by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mr. Seibel to approve the agenda, as submitted.

All in Favor

Motion Carries (9-0)

Ms. Altman stated that if there are no disagreements, the motion under Public Relations can be removed as we do not have to follow thru with the motion for the School Liaison, we are able to create this Committee.

Motion by Ms. Altman, second by Mrs. Sedlak to remove the motion under Public Relations for the creation of a School Liaison.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (9-0)

Public Comments on Agenda Items Listed Below
To be addressed at the beginning of each Committee report

Bill List

Motion to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of: $1,193,920.85.

Motion by Mr. Wells, second by Mr. Calabria to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of: $1,193,920.85.

Mr. Wells stated that he has a question with regard to the benches that were purchased. He asked if there was a way the Township could return one.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said that she talked to Mr. Smelko, he confirmed that it is easier to make the molds for both benches versus just one bench. She also stated that the Insurance will cover the damage that was done to the other bench.

Ms. Altman asked the Board if there was anyone who was opposed to sending the one bench back.

Mr. Wells made a motion to send back one of the bench's that was sent to the Township.

Ms. Altman confirmed that the motion is a yes to keep both and no to return one.

Mr. Calabria second the motion.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
William Wells	No
Stacey Altman, President	Yes

Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria	No

Motion Carries (7-2)

Motion by Mr. Seibel, second by Mrs. Meyers to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of: $1,193,920.85.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
William Wells	No
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria	No

Motion Carries (7-2)

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for the following meetings:

Regular Meeting	7/28/2020

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Wateska to approve the minutes for the following meeting of July 28, 2020.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (9-0)

Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement

Motion to approve of the Preliminary/Final submittal of the Minor subdivision for the Walnoha Lot consolidation plan, contingent upon the request from the Engineer's letter dated October 1, 2020, as recommended by the Planning Committee.

Motion Mr. Wells, second by Mr. Calabria to approve of the Preliminary/Final submittal of the Minor subdivision for the Walnoha Lot consolidation plan, contingent upon the request from the Engineer's letter dated October 1, 2020, as recommended by the Planning Committee.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Solicitor's Report

Engineers Report

Motion to approve Change Order No. 2 (Final) in the deduct amount of $240,359.07 for the 2019 Roadway and Storm Sewer Improvements. (Elimination of Scott Park Paving ($140,677.00); Adjustment for final in-place quantities ($99,682.07).

Motion by Mr. Calabria, second by Mr. Seibel to approve Change Order No. 2 (Final) in the deduct amount of $240,359.07 for the 2019 Roadway and Storm Sewer Improvements. (Elimination of Scott Park Paving ($140,677.00); Adjustment for final in-place quantities ($99,682.07).

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Mr. Wells asked what the Roadway Paving Program cost will be now that these items have been eliminated.

Mrs. Hartman explained that the total for the 2019 Roadway Program is $425,561.43.

Mr. Wells asked Mrs. Fitzgerald to explain what's going to happen to the remaining amount of monies.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said that this motion is for the 2019 Roadway Program, not the 2020 Roadway Program. She also explained that the Township has a bond for the park paving, so once this is decided on to continue possibly for 2021, the Township will have those funds set aside from the bond and that will finally close out the bond issue.

Motion to approve Partial Payment No. 3 (Final) in the amount of $21,278.07 for the 2019 Roadway and Storm Sewer Improvements submitted by Youngblood Paving, Inc.

Motion by Mr. Calabria, second by Mr. Castello to approve Partial Payment No. 3 (Final) in the amount of $21,278.07 for the 2019 Roadway and Storm Sewer Improvements submitted by Youngblood Paving, Inc.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Motion to approve Change Order No. 1 in the deduct amount of $1,300 for Georges Run Stream Restoration (Adjustment for final in-place quantities).

Motion by Mr. Calabria, second by Mr. Castello to approve Change Order No. 1 in the deduct amount of $1,300 for Georges Run Stream Restoration (Adjustment for final in-place quantities).

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes

David G. Calabria	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Motion to approve Partial Payment No. 2 (Final) in the amount of $2,185.00 for Georges Run Stream Restoration submitted by Dan-Beck Well Services, Inc.

Motion by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mr. Castello to approve Partial Payment No. 2 (Final) in the amount of $2,185.00 for Georges Run Stream Restoration submitted by Dan-Beck Well Services, Inc.
Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Standard Reports

Bob Shalamon
416 Orchard Spring

Mr. Shalamon was hoping that someone could discuss projected short ball for taxes for next year. Other municipalities already published what their short ball is going to be.

Mr. Castello stated that this item was discussed at the last budget meeting. His recollection is that on the Real Estate side the Township is not down at all, if anything the Township will end a little bit above what was projected for the year. For the wages, he believes the Township was down approximately $250,000.00. The pool is down, but that was to be expected, but all and all the Township is in pretty good standing right now. He mentioned the next budget meeting of November 4, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Standing Committee Report – Finance

Motion to award the Custodial Services for the Police Pension Plan, the Drop Pension Plan, and the Non-Uniform Pension Plan.

Motion by Mr. Castello, Mrs. Sedlak to award the Custodial Services for the Police Pension Plan, the Drop Pension Plan, and the Non-Uniform Pension Plan to US Bank.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Mr. Castello also stated that the Board members received the Audit from the East Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department. He indicated that there were a lot of good things that he saw in the report. The East Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department is opening a new account which will be used strictly for the monies provided by the Township, which will allow the Township to track what the money is being used for. Mr. Castello stated that he had one question in reference to the ABC Invoice, 5 days before the meeting the Fire Department went out and secured a contract for a $7,000.00 item, which I believe the Fire Department thinks the Township will pay for it, and he doesn't feel that this is appropriate.

Motion to approve of the request from East Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department for the partial release of their annual allotment in the amount of $60,000.00.

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Wells to approve of the request from East Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department for the partial release of their annual allotment in the amount of $60,000.00.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Mr. Castello mentioned the next budget meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Motion to ratify the approval for a one-year agreement with Orkin for rodent control at the Township building, in the amount of $1,360.00.

Motion by Mr. Calabria, second by Mr. Wells to ratify the approval for a one-year agreement with Orkin for rodent control at the Township building, in the amount of $1,360.00.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)

Mr. Seibel mentioned the Sewer Committee meeting scheduled for November 2, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Mr. Castello mentioned that the voting machines will be set up in the Main Meeting Room. Therefore, The Township will not be able to access the room.

Ms. Altman stated that the meeting can be held in the back Commissioners Meeting Room.

Parks and Recreation

Motion to approve the request from Rosemary DiMarco for a possible memorial bench installation at Scott Park for her father Mr. Peter Chiodo. (Township responsible for labor expenses).

Motion by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mrs. Sedlak to approve the request from Rosemary DiMarco for a possible memorial bench installation at Scott Park for her father Mr. Peter Chiodo. (Township responsible for labor expenses).

Mr. Castello commented that Pete is well known in this Community. He resided most recently at Virginia Mansion Apartments; he was a constituent of Mr. Castello's for a number of years and he would walk the park every day.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Motion to approve the request from Chartiers Valley JV Football and Cheer squad, for the use of the Lodge, Fire Pit, and amphitheater free of charge on Sunday, November 22, 2020 to hold their end of the season banquet.

Motion by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mr. Castello to approve the request from Chartiers Valley JV Football and Cheer squad, for the use of the Lodge, Fire Pit, and amphitheater free of charge on Sunday, November 22, 2020 to hold their end of the season banquet.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (9-0)

Mrs. Meyers said that she wanted to say Thank you to Mrs. McFerron and Mrs. Watson for the Trunk or Treat event, it went really well and was well received. She also mentioned that she heard some of the residents in attendance that they hope the Township does this event again in the following years.

Mrs. Sedlak commented in reference to the 'Scott Eats' events. She mentioned that the next 'Scott Eats' event will be held at Scott Park on November 9, 2020 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. During this food truck event there will also be a raffle basket and a food drive.

Public Relations Report

Diversity and Inclusivity

Mrs. Wateska stated that she will have the list of Holidays to be posted on the website and LED message board available for the Board by December. She also mentioned the next Diversity and Inclusivity Committee meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Library Liaison Report

Motion to appoint Barbara Lenkey to serve a three-year term as a board member for the Library, as recommended by The Scott Township Public Library Board of Directors.

Motion by Mrs. Sedlak, second by Mrs. Meyers to appoint Barbara Lenkey to serve a three-year term as a board member for the Library, as recommended by The Scott Township Public Library Board of Directors.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (9-0)

Motion to approve the Library to receive a matching grant in the amount of $6,500.00 for the 2020 Library generated income.

Motion by Mrs. Sedlak, second by Mrs. Meyers to approve the Library to receive a matching grant in the amount of $6,500.00 for the 2020 Library generated income.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

SHACOG

Standing Committee Report – Administration

Motion to approve the advertising of the annual meeting dates for 2021.

Motion by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mr. Seibel to approve the advertising of the annual meeting dates for 2021.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes

Angela Wateska	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Motion to ratify the approval of the Scott Township Municipal Building as a drop off location for the Toys for Tots 2020 campaign. (Collections accepted thru Monday, December 7, 2020).

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Meyers to ratify the approval of the Scott Township Municipal Building as a drop off location for the Toys for Tots 2020 campaign. (Collections accepted thru Monday, December 7, 2020).

All in Favor
Motion Carries (9-0)

Motion to approve eliminating the Township Commissioner articles from the Township Newsletter and adding a Commissioners corner to the Township website.

Motion by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mr. Seibel to approve eliminating the Township Commissioner articles from the Township Newsletter and adding a Commissioners corner to the Township website.

Mr. Wells did not agree.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (8-0)

Conferences and Workshops

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Commissioners Requests

Mr. Wells suggested removing the new motor that was just placed in the Public Works truck prior to selling it.

Mr. Seibel provided a Thank you for the patience to everyone from the public whom has been impacted by the road program. The Township is aware that there are a number of streets that are milled and the paving company has not been back to pave these roads due to the weather conditions this week.

Mr. Calabria provided a Thank you to Caruso Paving, they had the milling and paving done in two days for the Worcester Road project. All the landscaping has already been completed as well.

Mrs. Gazda stated that the 9th Ward poling location has been changed. District 1 will vote at 400 Camelot Court, and District 2 will vote at the Intermediate School.

Mr. Castello stated that the Board is having a personnel discussion for Executive Session. He would like to request to add the discussion about the Police Negotiations as well.

Mrs. Wateska asked if she could get approval from the owner to put a sign up on election day at Our Lady of Victory Church identifying that the poling location has been changed to the JCC.

Mr. Seibel suggested Mrs. Wateska check with the Allegheny County Board of Elections, as they may have already been planning on doing this.

Mr. Vogel stated that if Mrs. Wateska asked the owner of the property and they give the approval then it is okay for her to post a sign.

Mrs. Wateska also commented that there has been a couple people voicing their hatred towards other groups of people in Scott Township and while no-one is going to ask anyone not to exercise their right to free speech. She wants to encourage others to exercise your right to free speech and reach out to a neighbor or someone who you think who may feel like they are not welcome and let them know that the Township supports them and that they are welcome in this Community.

Executive Session

- Personnel

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Seibel, Second by Mr. Calabria to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Attest:

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTT SEAL ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA.