MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
AGENDA MEETING
Tuesday, January 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Altman at 7:30 p.m. She then led all present in prayer and pledged to the flag.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Present
Samuel Dalfonso	Present
Brandon Edwards	Present
Kathy Gazda	Present
Eileen L. Meyers	Present
Michelle Sedlak	Present
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Present
Angela Wateska	Absent
Stacey Altman, President	Present

PRESENT - 8 ABSENT - 1

ALSO PRESENT: Denise Fitzgerald, Township Manager
Robert McTiernan, Esq.; Solicitor, Tucker Arensburg
Marie Hartman, P.E.; Engineer, Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.
Thomas Kelley, Director of Public Services - Zoom
Mark Mox, Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer
Karla McGill, Finance Director - Zoom
James Stoker, Information Technology Technician Manager
Lisha Mihalko, Assistant Township Secretary / Administration Supervisor

Public Comments on all Agenda Items Listed Below

The purpose of public comment is to hear the public's comments and express their views.
If you have any questions concerning agenda items, please email the manager or your commissioner.

Maryjo Costello
2120 Chatham Park Drive

The Engineer's report wants a cautious approach to discerning between essential and non-essential projects. Costello also advised the Board to ensure all proposals are reasonable. Costello also asked why

the conditional use for the property requires such a stringent measure, is this normal procedure or is this just for this property? She also addressed her concern about the lack of transparency and asked the Board to reconsider the scale of the tax increase.

Luke Dragun
Dragun Contracting

Dragun advised that the payment requested previously needs to be paid to him and not the surety or Dragun will have to sue the Township.

Kim Scumaci
1779 Sillview Drive

Scumaci advised that some of the items on the agenda are so vague she doesn't know if she should speak on them or not. She writes agendas every day and they all have more information than what the Township provides on their agendas—specifically, the last topic talks about setting Township meeting guidelines. Scumaci recommended changing the Township meetings so as not to compete with the school board meetings and recommends the Township find a better way to communicate with the residents of the Community.

Gina Selva
728 Lindsay Road

Selva advised that she is on a fixed budget and the raising of the taxes is too high and she feels that it is unfair to the seniors of the Community. Selva also commented that she doesn't utilize the garbage service.

Susan McDonald
509 Cress Street – Zoom

McDonald asked for justification as to why there will be no activities for the children this summer at the park, but the Township is providing the Township Secretary with a 10,000 raise in 2024 and a new Ford Explorer.

Possible false name and address used – Zoom
The caller claimed the name and address of 137 Knox Street, the address of a deceased resident.

Resident attacked the Board for their 'Frivolous waste of money' and he asked who was resigning over the disgrace of the financial malfeasance.

Bob Shalamon
416 Orchard Spring Road

Shalamon asked what transpires with new residents and how their garbage would be picked up.

Fitzgerald confirmed that the Township will replace any necessary can.

Shalamon asked if he wants an additional can in June, how will he be billed for this additional can?

Fitzgerald stated that Waste Management would bill him directly for the use of the can.

Shalamon asked about the Salt Truck being discussed at tonight's meeting and if the amount of the truck was already budgeted and if so, is there going to be efficiency in the routes. Shalamon commented that surrounding municipalities are more efficient with bigger trucks and fewer drivers.

Nancy Devlin
76 Jaycee Drive – Zoom

Devlin asked how the questions being asked at tonight's meeting would be answered so all the residents are aware of the answers being asked. Devlin addressed her concerns with the Township Manager's $10,000 raise and the use of the Township car.

David Calabria
1606 Worcester Drive

Calabria agreed with Devlin's comment and stated that all the questions at the meetings get answered directly by the individual who asked the questions. The follow-up answers to public comments should be included in the minutes, therefore, everyone can view the answer.

Fitzgerald explained the reason for her raise this year and the use of the Township vehicle.

Commissioner Dalfonso stated that the Township Manager we have is a bargain at her salary. He suggested the residents who have a problem with her pay increase research other managers' salaries in nearby Communities.

Steve Schwartzmiller
22 Lea Street

Schwartzmiller asked if all the vehicles used are being documented.

Fitzgerald said yes.

Commissioner Seibel commented that Township audits are available online.

Kathy Tressler
36 Greenbriar Drive

Tressler advised that she asked a question over two weeks ago and she is still awaiting an answer. Tressler also suggested that when the IT system is updated, it should be tested to ensure there are no issues which now added even more concern. She advised that the taxes were raised, however, nobody got back in touch with the residents who were asking about this. Tressler heard about trips to Texas and Vietnam, she is hoping to hear that those trips are a rumor. The Board needs to decrease the expenses. Most residents of Scott are on fixed budgets. Tressler commented that she hopes the Township Manager is thinking about the additional expenses when she is driving her vehicle around the Community.

Fitzgerald explained the Vietnam trip and how it was paid for by the U.S. ambassador program and she was one of ten (10) managers in the U.S. who were recognized for their professionalism.

Commissioner Altman commented that people should ask questions rather than spread rumors.

Leann Schmidt
216 Ryan Drive

Schmidt asked if there were two increases, one for the millage and one for the increased garbage fee.

Commissioner Seibel replied that there is one increase included in the millage, and additional services can be added for an additional charge.

Schmidt asked what the residents should do with the extra garbage that will not be picked up due to the new restrictions.

Fitzgerald stated that the residents have the option to purchase an additional garbage can and you can also arrange for a special pick-up if necessary.

Schmidt asked about the sewage bill increase.

Commissioner Seibel stated that Alcosan increased their fees, not the Township. Seibel also advised that this is not related to the trash issue.

Donna Leonard
27 Roseleaf Road

Leonard asked about the make and model of the vehicle she got.

Fitzgerald replied with a GMC Acadia.

Leonard commented, 'Fancy'. Then he proceeded to ask if the vehicle was leased or purchased, how many miles were on it, and does the Manager have a gas card as well. Leonard also addressed his concern with how the residents are to get follow-up answers to the questions being asked during a meeting.

Commissioner Sedlak explained that the Township obeys Roberts Rules of Order and if the residents have questions they should reach out to their commissioner.

Gary Shulzendorf
760 Lindsay Road

Shulzendorf asked how much the splash pad cost in total.

Fitzgerald replied everything including the total cost for the splash pad and all its; amenities is $2.3 million.

Shulzendorf asked how it was originally $300,000 and the cost was increased to $2.3 million.

Fitzgerald explained that the cost was never $300,000, the original cost was $980,000 then the Township added additional items to the original plan. Eight (8) bathrooms, plumbing, and electrical.

Shulzendorf asked who added all the additional amenities.

Fitzgerald stated that the residents did when a poll was sent out asking what the majority of the Community wanted.

Shulzendorf also addressed his concern about the emails not being answered. He stated that Commissioner Edwards was the only Commissioner that responded.

Commissioner Altman stated that the Township is aware of the email issue, and it's been fixed. She also stated that no one planned for a pandemic to hit, and nobody planned on skyrocketing costs due to the pandemic.

Shulzendorf asked why there was not going to be a summer recreation program for the 2024 season.

Fitzgerald stated that the Township is taking this time to research the program and possibly revamp it to perhaps start again next year, however, there have been issues with staffing, activities, and safety concerns.

Shulzendorf advised that he works in construction, and he feels that the work being done to the splash pad is ridiculous. He asked how many contractors there were for this one project.

Hartman replied three (3).

Bob Shalamon
416 Orchard Spring Road

Shalamon stated that he was looking for the value of the project. He feels that the Township is not getting the product that they are paying for. Shalamon asked the Commissioners if they felt they would get more value for the dollar from the recreation program or the splash pad.

Bill Wells
635 Lindsay Road

Wells suggested starting a bill list live online with the agenda for the residents to review. Wells commented that there is no reason the residents should not know what's being spent and on what. Wells asked where the Township money was going.

Ross Scumaci
1779 Sillview Road

Scumaci addressed his concern with the bladder for the Dek hockey rink. It was only used once, and the Township paid $50,000 and he was advised that there are holes all through the bladder due to the way it is being stored.

Fitzgerald said that she was not aware of any damage, however, she would investigate this. She also stated that the reason the bladder was only used once is due to the weather, it has not been cold enough to utilize the bladder appropriately.

Lana Lang
2120 Greentree Road #208

Lang was in attendance in the hopes that she would hear an explanation about the tax increase and stated that 54% is a huge increase. Lang explained that the senior community is on a fixed income and cannot afford the increase.

Fitzgerald explained that there was a meeting explaining the tax increase, she advised that she would include the presentation that she posted during a meeting previously could be added to the website for anyone's review.

Unknown speaker

The Dek hockey thing is insured, correct?

One of the Commissioners replied yes.

Brittany Newton
540 Somerville Drive – Zoom

Newton addressed her concerns with the behavior of the Commissioners. Newton stated that the Commissioners were degrading the residents by making comments and the Board is pushing everyone away.

Marissa DiBello
1559 Spreading Oak Drive

DiBello explained to the Commissioners that the trip to Vietnam should have been known to the residents of Scott. This is a positive thing for the Township, and no one knows of it happening.

Lisa Cedro
35 Crosswinds Drive – Zoom

Cedro thanked the Commissioners for taking all the questions being presented tonight. She explained that the tax increase hurts everyone including the Commissioners who made the decision, so she feels that the millage has been passed and now it is time to move on and learn from it. Cedro suggested handling things differently, maybe incrementally rather than all at once after 10 years. She applauded the Commissioners but stated that they must find a better way to communicate. Social media does not help with the communication barriers the Township faces. Cedro asked the Commissioners to take all the comments being made tonight seriously. Cedro also commented that the Manager's vehicle is a money issue, however, she explained that she had no idea what the scope of her work was before this. Cedro applauded Fitzgerald for making us proud of the Vietnam experience.

Commissioner Seibel mentioned that none of us are happy with the Waste Management Contract, however, this is the lowest bid and the only responsible option from the two bidders. Seibel mentioned that the Commissioners did ask them to be here tonight, but they don't appear to be in attendance. Seibel stated that the splash pad cost has been spent over four (4) years. The budget impact this year is $250,000 to finish what is already there. Seibel stated that at this point it is only responsible for finishing the project.

Bill Wells
635 Lindsay Road

Wells stated that the only vote that was made in 2021 was to vote whether the Township wanted a grant or not. Wells asked if the $2.3 million includes the engineer's cost and the dig and gas pipe issue.

Donna Kearns
1214 Grouse Drive – Zoom

Kearns addressed her concerns with the way everything was addressed. She advised that it could have been handled with a little more respect. Kearns never saw a survey. She advised the Commissioners that the majority of their audience is largely not digital. Kearns suggested the Commissioners find a better way to communicate with the residents of the Community.

Kathy Rand
Greenbriar Drive

Rand asked why Scott was the only community to get such a huge tax increase, she suggested the Township buy their own garbage trucks. Rand asked what the manager had been doing all these years as she felt that the Township was mismanaged.

Fitzgerald stated that the issue did not stem from mismanagement. She confirmed that the Township had been working on this issue for a long time and they were aware that this would have to happen eventually. The Township has always found a way to balance without having to increase the taxes for nearly ten (10) years.

Rand commented that the negotiations of the Waste Management contract were poorly done. Rand advised that the majority of the Township would rather pay a fee than raise the millage.

Commissioner Sedlak stated that the value amount is lower and advised everyone to stop reading the percentage amount.

Commissioner Meyers explained that if the Township chose to pay separate billing for the garbage fees, we would still have had an increase in the millage. The Commissioners felt that it was cheaper without a separate fee.

Bill Wells
635 Lindsay Road

Wells commented that the only ones who make out on this deal are the lower-priced homes. Wells addressed his displeasure again.

Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement

Discuss approval of the Conditional Use Application to allow the operation of a short-term rental for the property located at 2307 Old Greentree Road, Carnegie, PA. 15106, provided the following conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission at the December 6, 2023, meeting are imposed: (1) the property owner shall demonstrate compliance with the 180-day minimum residency requirement of the Township of Scott Zoning Ordinance ("Ordinance"); (2) the use shall comply with the short term rental criteria as specified in the Ordinance; (3) the use shall limit the maximum number of vehicles to two (2) and vehicle parking is only permitted to be located within the driveway, and no on-street parking is permitted; (4) quiet hours for the use shall be enforced between the hours of 9:00 pm and 7:00 am; (5) no outdoor entertaining is permitted during the quiet hours; (5) the parking limitations and quiet hours must be posted inside the residence and on the rear patio and the posting shall note that any violation of the quiet hours is subject to civil enforcement and a $600.00 fine; (6) all advertisements for the short term rental shall include the parking limitations, quiet hours, a maximum occupancy of four (4) people and note that any violation of these requirements is subject to civil action and a $600.00 fine; (7) If possible, the short term rental must only be advertised through a rental platform that permits online reviews by non-rental individuals such as neighbors; (8) any Conditional Use approval will terminate upon the transfer of ownership of the

property. (*The solicitor is directed to issue a letter to the applicant consistent with any Board motion on this matter).*

Commissioner Altman mentioned that the Public Hearing was held on December 12, 2023.

Mox explained the few suggestions that the Planning Commission and himself are recommending, he also commented that the property has been used as an Airbnb and the Township has already heard from the neighbors.

Commissioner Seibel confirmed the additions discussed which were what the neighbors have addressed as a concern such as parking of all the vehicles.

Commissioner Dalfonso commented that someone in the audience earlier questioned why the restrictions were strict and if it is just directed toward this property; he responded that the same rules and regulations apply for all properties that request to be an Airbnb, including these conditions spoken about earlier.

Commissioner Altman asked how the Township will determine if the regulations are being violated.

Commissioner Castello stated that it would have to rely on the neighbor's complaints. He also referenced that each subject would have different rules as some things that apply to one property may not apply to another one.

Megan Harmon
Applicant for Conditional Use application for a short-term rental

Harmon stated that she never had an issue with utilizing the property as an Airbnb until she got a new neighbor who recently moved in, she also stated that this individual is that kind of person. Harmon installed cameras because she did not trust the individual who moved in. Harmon reminded the Commissioners that she was bringing money to Scott Township.

Commissioner Castello said that the regulations will be what you see on the agenda tonight with some additions which were discussed earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Altman said that would also include the stipulation of 180 days. She also stated that Harmon needs to realize that although the Commissioners understand there is one troublemaker, there have been multiple complaints from different neighbors over time. Therefore, the Board did what they felt they deemed necessary.

Harmon asked if the restriction of being outside on her back patio after 9:00 pm is going to remain within the regulations because she has a hot tub and personally enjoys using it at her leisure.

Commissioner Altman stated that you're not allowed to have a lot of visitors over being loud in the back of the property after 9:00 pm.

Solicitor's Report

Discuss an **Ordinance** to allow installment payments of Real Estate Taxes.

McTeirnan stated that Vogel shared the **Ordinance** that was proposed, and he advised that it does follow proper procedure and law.

Commissioner Seibel asked if he could suggest the discount be available if they pay by November 30th.

Commissioner Castello said that the individuals who pay on time should be offered a discount as well.

Commissioner Altman suggested that if the payment is made in full by October 31st, then you are eligible for the discount as well.

Commissioner Castello said there are probably stipulations.

Fitzgerald stated that she spoke with Jordan, and they advised they would handle this request at no extra cost to the Township.

Engineers Report

Discuss the ratification of approval for the Street Opening Permit Application submitted by Columbia Gas Company for the crossing of Swallow Hill Road for the Sharista Development.

Hartman explained that the request from Columbia Gas was to request one (1) street opening across Swallow Hill Road for the construction of one (1) shared gas line to serve both residences currently being constructed. Hartman is recommending approval of a reduction in the Performance Bond from $76,000 to $44,409.09 which was requested by LSSE correspondence dated December 7, 2023, and based upon the work completed. Hartman explained that the Performance Bond will be in the scenario that the road is not done to our specs, the bond will be utilized to fix the solution.

Commissioner Seibel addressed his concerns with the applicant following the township's specs. The last repair in that location was very expensive and the Township wants to confirm it will be replaced with the same specs that are currently there.

Commissioner Castello asked about the Performance Bond and how it will cover the expenses of the repair if needed.

Hartman stated that there are two bonds on this project, one is for construction, and one is for maintenance. The construction bond will cover any repairs/replacements the road may need, and the maintenance bond covers any repairs needed up to five (5) years after the construction.

Commissioner Edwards would suggest that the project not be approved until the shop drawings have been submitted and we can review what materials will be used.

Hartman said that the Board can decide what they want to do.

Commissioner Meyers suggested having a date for when the installation of the concrete pad will be installed.

Commissioner Dalfonso wanted to make sure that the residents would be contacted appropriately to notify them of this construction.

Scott
A representative from Columbia Gas

Scott stated that residents in that area had already been notified of the construction plan. He also plans on communicating with them once the project is approved.

Hartman asked Scott if he felt that the concrete pad could be installed by March 31, 2024. She would suggest that there be a date of completion set for the project, therefore if the work is not completed by that date the Township will have the right to turn to the Performance Bond.

Scott advised that the date of March 31, 2024, would be acceptable weather permitted.

Discuss the adoption of the Nixon School Residential Redevelopment Planning Module.

Hartman stated that the sanitary and storm sewer dye testing and CCTV investigation were completed on Wednesday, June 5, 2023. The dye testing was performed to generally confirm the connectivity of the storm sewer system and the sanitary sewer system.

Discuss approval of Partial Payment No. 1 submitted by Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. in the amount of $400,758.58 on the 2023 Roadway Improvement Program, for work completed between September 1, 2023, and September 30, 2023.

Hartman stated that the roadway paving has been completed. The outstanding items and remaining work letter were issued to the contractor on December 5, 2023.

Discuss approval of Partial Payment No. 1 submitted by Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting Co., Inc. in the amount of $94,770.00 for work completed on the Splash Pad General Contract between October 1, 2023, and November 30, 2023.

Hartman stated that the work has been completed and she is recommending approval of a Partial Payment be submitted to Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting Co., Inc.

Discuss approval of Partial Payment No. 2 (Final) submitted by Dragun's Contracting and Landscape Design, LLC in the amount of $98,900.00 for work completed on the Swale Improvements Project between July 1, 2023, and November 30, 2023.

Hartman stated that the work has been completed and she is recommending approval of a Partial Payment be submitted to Dragun's Contracting and Landscaping Design.

Discuss authorization to advertise for bids on the 2024 Sanitary Sewer System Cleaning / CCTV Project in accordance with the ACHD Administrative Consent Order. (*Budget amount of $100,000).*

Hartman asked for authorization to advertise for bids for the 2024 Sanitary Sewer System Cleaning / CCTV Project.

Manager's Update

Nothing to report.

Standing Committee Report - Finance

Nothing to report.

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Nothing to report.

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Discuss the purchase of Salt Trucks.

Commissioner Castello stated that this issue was discussed during the budget meeting. Castello mentioned that Kelley previously stated that this purchase is not something that can be eliminated from the 2024 budget.

The majority of the Commissioners agreed to ratify the purchase of the 2023 F550 Salt Truck.

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)

Nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation

Discuss the request from Ave Maria Academy for the use of the Community Room and Scott Park free of charge on Sunday, March 17, 2024, to host the Ave Maria Academy's Shamrock Shuffle from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Commissioner Meyers stated that this request has been asked for the board's approval in the past. She suggests placing this on the next Township meeting agenda and recommends approval at that time.

Public Relations Report

Nothing to report.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusivity Liaison

Nothing to report.

Library Liaison Report

Commissioner Sedlak mentioned that 'Love Your Library' month is coming up and to please visit www.scottlibrary.org for more information.

SHACOG

Discuss the ratification of approval to award the Scott Township Blighted Properties Program to G&R Excavating & Demolition, Inc. for a Base Bid amount of $12,688.50, for Carothers Avenue, and an Add Alternate 1 in the amount of $19,934.00, for Thompson Street. (*Township Grant Funding received in the amount of $24,000 – Township to pay $8,622.50*).

Commissioner Edwards also commented that G&R Excavating was the only bidder.

Commissioner Castello asked if this item was already budgeted for.

Fitzgerald replied yes.

Standing Committee Report – Administration

Discuss the process of translating minutes. (Seibel).

Commissioner Seibel stated as he referenced previously, he strongly suggested that the minutes be available for approval one month following the meeting. He feels that it would help communication as the Township has been hearing a lot of concerns about being transparent.

Commissioner Dalfonso stated that although he doesn't want to add additional work to the translation of the minutes, however, he did feel that Calabria's idea of including the answers would help.

Commissioner Sedlak stated that the answers would be included in the approved minutes for that meeting, however, those answers were not part of that meeting. Sedlak is unaware if there are any restrictions to this.

Commissioner Seibel suggested it being an addendum added to the approval minutes.

McTeirnan agreed that an addendum could be added to the minutes however he would not suggest including the answers to questions that were previously asked at a different meeting.

Commissioner Seibel stated that his main concern is the time management of completion. The Township needs to become more transparent as has been requested on several occasions.

Commissioner Sedlak reminded the Commissioners that the minutes the Township currently requests are very in-depth. Sedlak mentioned that tonight's meeting was three (3) hours of public comments alone, she couldn't begin to imagine how long that is going to translate.

Commissioner Meyers stated although the minutes are not verbatim, the number of public comments these meetings are getting she could imagine how time-consuming those alone would be.

Fitzgerald advised the board that the length of the last few meetings is going to be very time-consuming.

Commissioner Altman said that the board will think of a resolution.

Commissioner Dalfonso mentioned that he would like to continue with the monthly updates and provide them more frequently and consistently than before. He feels this will also help with the communication barriers the Township appears to have.

Commissioner Gazda suggested someone post the answers on the Township's Facebook account, this will allow everyone to view them.

Commissioner Dalfonso would again suggest that the best way to handle all the public comments is to include them in the monthly updates. He also mentioned that he suggested a comprehensive plan for the Township. This will allow residents to see what may be going on in their ward.

Commissioner Castello wanted to confirm that everyone was aware that the comprehensive plan wasn't cut it was reduced.

Commissioner Dalfonso confirmed.

Discuss creating a comprehensive plan committee. (Dalfonso).

This discussion was discussed with the above topic.

Discuss setting Township Meeting guidelines. (Altman).

Commissioner Altman wanted to establish a set of guidelines for the meeting and stick to them. The board and herself have fluctuated from time to time and become more lenient. She also stated with these guidelines she would like to see the rules and regulations for Town Hall Meetings. She asked if everyone could work on getting this moving forward so that a date can be established for the first Town Hall meeting. Altman also wanted to address Scumaci's concern about the agenda being light on the language because it is required that the agenda be posted at least 24 hours in advance and therefore, the law doesn't give much time to update or add to the agenda and things always present themselves last minute.

Commissioner Dalfonso also explained the importance of following this rule. He said that there was a recent case law from back in November 2023 that this law was an example of how that law can be beneficial.

Conferences and Workshops

Nothing to report.

Commissioner Sedlak stated that she would like to see the Town Hall meetings coincide with the end of each quarter. She also suggested that there should be an option for the residents to submit their comments and questions for the Town Hall meeting prior so that the Commissioners can prepare to answer those questions.

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

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Susan Uffelman
6012 Alden Drive

Uffelman suggested that the meetings be done with more explanation about the comments. Uffelman stated that vehicle use is going to raise questions especially if the Township is raising taxes. Uffelman stated Fitzgerald's response to the 'Right to Know' request, stating that the Manager uses the vehicle for personal use 30% of the time. Uffelman said that is an inappropriate use of the vehicle. Uffelman explained that the trash issue is that the residents of Scott see other communities also having costs going up, we just think it shouldn't be in the millage and suggested that there be a separate utility-type bill. Uffelman also explained that she understands the need for a tax increase, but she feels that linking the two is causing confusion and conflict. She commented that someone who owns a more expensive home should not have to pay more for their trash collection.

Bill Wells
635 Lindsay Road

Wells asked if the churches would be notified that the Township would no longer be picking up their recycling.

Fitzgerald replied stating that the Board did that last contract.

Wells repeats his concern.

Fitzgerald repeats that the Township does not pay for them to be picked up. She also confirmed that this included the collection of garbage and recycling. She is going to confirm and return with an answer.

Steve Schwartzmiller
22 Lea Street

Schwartzmiller expressed concern about why he was paying for garbage collection through taxes, but if he wanted an extra can, he would have to pay Waste Management directly.

Fitzgerald stated that Waste Management was $3 per person per month to do billing which is extremely higher in cost.

Martin Altschul
103 Green Commons Drive

Altschul stated that local newspaper articles show other municipalities often have a delinquent portion of accounts and those paying must pick up the cost. Altschul also encouraged the Township to turn around the minutes as quickly as possible moving forward.

Bob Shalamon
416 Orcard Spring Road

Shalamon asked if Salt Trucks maintain Virginia Mansions Condominiums. He explained that they pay property taxes and get garbage picked up in Scott.

Fitzgerald said yes.

Commissioner Castello confirmed and said that the dumpster is paid for by the Township.

Shalamon commented on the guidelines for minutes and asked what the difference is between official meetings and town hall meetings. He suggested they each be separated. He believes that the majority of the residents' questions come from the meetings, so he suggested the individual who does the translation of the minutes include all the questions and put a statement out the next day.

Arguing with Commissioner Castello.

Shalamon asked when the Commissioners accepted the contract.

Commissioner Castello said it is already done.

Shalamon asked why the increase in the garbage contract was not discussed at the beginning of the year.

Fitzgerald said no one was aware of what the increase would be for the new contract.

Shalamon commented, 'Who cares?' and stated to be proactive instead of reactive. He continued to ask questions about the splash pad and about there being a warranty on it when it is ready to open.

Hartman replied, yes, multiple people.

Shalamon asked what the start date was.

Hartman stated that the start date for the warranty will be when if officially starts up. She also commented that construction by bonds protects the startup, so a two (2) year delay would be factored in.

Shalamon asked if the contractors were trying to get more money, then why did the Township use the same contractor.

Hartman referenced prior work and by law, the lowest responsible bidder is awarded the work.

Shalamon asked what the millage was going to be.

Fitzgerald replied, 7.9.

Catherine Rang
15 Greenbriar Drive

Rang advised the Commissioners that her friend was looking to move into a condo in Scott and that individual changed their mind when they heard about the increase in millage. Rang explained that South Fayette went with County Hauling and asked if they could seek new bids.

Kim Scumaci
1779 Sillview Drive

Scumaci said that she didn't agree with the last statement that was made. She asked the Commissioners if they would reconsider and revisit the budget or are the residents wasting their breath.

Commissioner Altman explained that the complaints are from the minority, she continued explaining that a list of residents called and expressed they did not want another bill.

Scumaci asked where all the people are who want these things and where they get their information from. She asked why they were not in attendance at the meetings.

Commissioner Castello explained that 22 people spoke out about the decision out of 17,000. Many residents support what the Board has done, and they are not unhappy with the decisions being made by the Commissioners.

Karen Donley
115 Greenbriar Drive

Donley explained that work comes before attending Township meetings, she asked not to be judged for not being here. Donley expressed her dislike for the condescending tones and comments being made and that the Commissioners should not make the residents feel like they don't care about their community.

Lynda Ravita
1047 Raven Drive

Ravita asked when a correct garbage collection schedule would be sent out.

Fitzgerald explained that the Township has been working with Waste Management to get their schedule corrected.

Unknown Speaker

The speaker asked who was paying for all the corrections being made on the flyers from Waste Management.

Fitzgerald replied Waste Management.

Ravita continued and asked when the bulk items could be placed out for collection.

Fitzgerald said that the Township will be scheduling their bulk collection days on the first (1) Monday of every month.

Commissioners Request

Nothing to report.

Adjournment

Motion by Meyers, second by Dalfonso, to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Attest: _____
Executive Session

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTT SEAL ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA.