MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
AGENDA MEETING
May 11, 2021

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

Roll Call:

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

PRESENT - 9 ABSENT - 0

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
Sandy Wilkins, Finance Director - Zoom
Matt Podsiadly, Chief of Police - Zoom
James Stoker, Information Technology Technician Manager
Lisha Mihalko, Assistant Township Secretary/Administration Supervisor

Public Comments on all Agenda Items Listed Below

Jeff Stanley
Keystone Drive

Stanley attended the meeting to address a request that he received from PA American Water Company, requesting Scott Township to take ownership of the private fire line and hydrant located at the end of Keystone Drive. This fire hydrant was part of an Association, called Keystone Drive Associates. It's believed that this Association no longer exist. PA Water is now asking Stanley and his neighbor to take over ownership of the fire hydrant. Stanley stated that there are 6 businesses in this area so he cannot take over ownership. PA Water told him that there was nothing they could do to assist him since he wouldn't take ownership. Stanley is asking the Township if they would take over ownership so the line can be serviced and maintained properly.

Wells asked if the water line services Stanley's building or just the fire hydrant.

Stanley replied that the water line does not service his building and confirmed that it only services the fire hydrant.

Castello asked Stanley if the fire hydrant services all 6 businesses in that area.

Stanley replied yes; that would be the closest fire hydrant.

Castello asked Stanley if he has spoken to any of the other business owners to see if any of them were aware of who Keystone Drive Associates is.

Stanley replied, yes and no one has heard of them.

Kelley stated that the meter is a private meter that was installed in 2004. Kelley stated that it appears as if it has been damaged at one point. Kelley spoke to Frank Salerno; Fire Chief of Glendale Hose Company #1 and Salerno advised that they have never used the hydrant and Salerno would not feel comfortable using the line until it has been restored and inspected. Kelley also advised that there are other properties that have private meters within the Township which include shopping centers, apartment complexes, and residential communities. Kelley has concerns with the Township moving forward with obtaining ownership for this line as this could open it up to the Township for other individuals to request the same services.

Castello asked Salerno if there is a fire in this area and the meter is not fixed does the fire department have adequate equipment to use to assist with the fire.

Salerno explained how the fire department would assist with a fire. Salerno also stated that he has been with the fire department for over 30 years, and he has never seen this fire hydrant used. Salerno explained that after the 2004 flood the hydrant was bent. Someone straightened it out, but Salerno doesn't know if there is any damage from the repairs.

Wells asked what the line was made of.

Salerno replied that he doesn't know.

Wells stated that he is worried about liability and stated that the Township would have to find out what the line is made of prior to even considering ownership. Wells asked McTiernan if he can assist the Township in resolving this issue.

McTiernan stated that he will make some phone calls and try to obtain more information and report his findings back to the Township Manager.

Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement

Solicitor's Report

Engineers Report

Discuss Partial Payment No. 1 (Final) in the amount of $14,955.00 for the Scott Park Pool house ADA Restrooms - General Construction (CD 46 7.5), Contract #20-PK1 submitted by Swede Construction Corporation as recommended in LSSE correspondence dated April 19, 2021. (*Payment will be processed through SHACOG).*

Hartman stated that the Township Engineers are recommending payment for the Scott Park Pool House ADA Restrooms – General Construction submitted by Swede Construction Corporation.

Discuss Partial Payment No. 3 (Final) in the amount of $1,480.00 for the Scott Park Pool house ADA Restrooms – Plumbing (CD 46 7.5), Contract #20-PK2 submitted by Select Contracting, LLC as recommended in LSSE correspondence dated April 19, 2021. (*Payment will be processed through SHACOG).*

Hartman stated that the Township Engineers are recommending payment for the Scott Park Pool house ADA Restrooms – Plumbing submitted by Select Contracting, LLC.

Discuss approval of the SOA for Engineering Design associated with submission of the 2022 Source Flow Reduction and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project (ALCOSAN GROW 6) for the Kane Boulevard Subsystem. The GROW Application is due to be submitted by June 30, 2021 and requires that 60% engineering design be completed.

Hartman advised that the Engineer's are looking for approval of an SOA for the Engineering Design associated with the submission of the 2022 Source Flow Reduction and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. Hartman explained that this project is for the Kane Boulevard Subsystem. The grow application is due to be submitted by June 30, 2021 and requires that 60% engineering design be completed.

Discuss the recommendation of a **Resolution**; Authorizing the submission of a DCNR Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant application in the maximum amount of $250,000 through the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Scott Township Splash Pad Project.

Hartman stated that the DCED is offering a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant in the maximum amount of $250,000.00 through the Commonwealth Financing Authority. This grant can be used for the Scott Township Splash Pad project in addition to the DCNR Grant. Hartman advised that the Township Engineer's are preparing the application for submission, and they would request the approval of a Resolution authorizing the submission of a DCNR Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant application in the maximum amount of $250,000.00 through the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Scott Township Splash Pad Project. This application is due by May 31, 2021.

Wells asked if there is money for this project in the budget.

Fitzgerald replied that this project was not included in this year's budget.

Hartman stated that this would be a 2022 project.

Standing Committee Report - Finance

Discuss the request for payment to Peirce Park Group for Investment Consulting Services for the Police Pension Fund in the amount of $13,902.60 and the Non-Uniform Employees' Pension Fund in the amount of $6,724.69. (*to be paid from the respective funds*).

Wells asked if the Commissioners could get a report as to where these accounts stand at this time.

Castello stated that he would reach out to Sarah Wilson.

Castello also stated that he received an email late that evening from East Carnegie Fire Department requesting their annual allotment. Castello stated that he is okay with adding this as a vote and asked Gazda if she is accepting of adding it as well.

Gazda stated that she is okay with adding it to be voted on.

Altman stated that the money will be used for East Carnegie's Apparatus payment, equipment purchasing, and yearly testing.

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Discuss the adoption of **Resolution**; designating a Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract.

Fitzgerald explained that the Township currently has an agreement with Traffic Control Equipment and Supply Company. The Township would continue to utilize this company, but Penndot would have a Resolution in place stating that the Township is going to maintain our signasl.

Kelley confirmed what Fitzgerald stated.

Altman asked if there were any objections to having this added to the agenda.

No objections were made.

Discuss placing a 'No Parking here to corner' sign on Carothers Avenue. (Meyers).

Meyers explained that there are lines in the no parking area, however people are still parking in this space. In order for the police to enforce the no parking in this area the Chief would need a Resolution and a sign stating, 'No parking here to corner'.

Altman asked if there were any objections to having this added to the agenda.

No objections were made.

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Discuss the request from PA American Water Company, requesting Scott Township to take ownership for the private fire line and hydrant located at the end of Keystone Drive.

Altman stated that this item had been discussed in the beginning of the meeting.

Calabria suggested possibly installing rumble strips in the plan of Somerville. Calabria has been receiving request for this. He also suggested using rumble strips for Wateska's ward as well.

Seibel asked if the rumble strips would be a disturbance to the neighborhood.

Calabria said that they make some noise, but not much and the speed limit is only 25 miles per hour.

Meyers asked if the rumble strips would work for Magazine Street.

Calabria replied no and stated that the signs are well placed.

Meyers asked if the lines were painted in the correct place.

Calabria stated that it is not according to his drawing.

Meyers asked if there was anyone willing to correct it.

Calabria stated that he was not aware. He was not there when the lines were painted.

Castello said that the Township held up payment because the Commissioners were waiting on why the lines are not painted in the correct place and assessed who approved the work.

Kelley stated that the Painting Company would not include the portion of painting that stated 'Slow Curve' without putting the double yellow lines in the center of the road. The lines must be in the travel lanes. If the travel lanes are restricted and there is an accident the Township would be liable.

Altman asked if Kelley was there when the work was done.

Kelley stated that he was there in the morning, but he did not stay for the entire day.

Altman stated that the lines had to be placed the way they are.

Kelley confirmed.

Altman asked Kelley his opinion if it is safer with the lines being the way they are, rather than them not being there at all.

Kelley replied yes.

Altman stated that she feels the Township should pay the Company for the work.

Meyers asked if the Township could get an estimated price to have the double yellow lines removed.

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)

Seibel stated that there will be a Sewer Committee meeting scheduled for June 1, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Calabria asked Kelley if he would like to have a Public Works Committee meeting for June.

Kelley stated that he will have items to discuss. Public Works Committee meeting will be scheduled for June 1, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Parks and Recreation

Wells asked if the pool will be open to full capacity since the pandemic restrictions will be eliminated by Memorial Day.

Watson stated that she is anticipating opening the pool to full capacity this year, however they were going to wait to see if all restrictions will be lifted at the time of the pool opening.

Watson stated that she provided a list of suggested recreation employees. The Recreation Director is asking to have a motion added to hire these individuals.

Discuss possible painting, repairs, and the reinstallation of the basketball hoops at Gregg Street Park. (Meyers).

Meyers stated that Kelley is already working on resolving these issues. This discussion can be removed from the agenda.

Discuss applying a discounted price of $135.00 for the use of all sections of the Locust pavilion for weekdays only. (*Weekends: $50.00/section or $225.00/all six sections, Weekdays: $35.00/section no discount to rent all sections*).

Meyers suggested $150.00 for weekdays.

Discuss maintenance for the Pickleball Court at Scott Park.

Kelley stated that he and the Public Works Foreman will look at the area first thing tomorrow morning.

Wells asked to discuss the Township creating a Special Park Permit for individuals utilizing Scott Park for special events. There was recently an event in Scott Park for a 'No-Mask' wearing event and Wells feels that the Township should be aware of these kinds of events.

McTeirnan stated that the Township does have authority to regulate the rules of the park. The regulation cannot be against what type of event that individual will be hosting but can regulate the size of the crowd if it is content neutral.

Public Relations Report

Discuss glass recycling options.

Fitzgerald stated that she received a request from a Board Member to do a glass recycling event. Fitzgerald provided different price quotes for some options that are available to the Township.

Meyers commented that she received some phone calls about the recycling issues within the Township. In particular an individual contacted her because her recycling was not picked up. Meyers advised the individual that the recycling was not picked up because they had it in plastic bags. Plastic bags are not permitted within the recycling bins of the Township.

Seibel said that he doesn't feel that the single events work, especially with the amount of money the Township would have to spend in order to host the event.

Diversity & Inclusion Committee

Library Liaison Report

Sedlak mentioned that the library has re-opened.

SHACOG

Administration

Conferences and Workshops

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Samuel Dalfonso, Esq.
641 Somerville Dr.

Dalfonso commented on Calabria's comment regarding the rumble strips. Dalfonso also feels that the rumble strips will work better than speed humps. Dalfonso was wondering if the rumble strips will be installed on Moynelle Drive.

Calabria said that the Township could get a study done on Moynelle Drive and see if this area would benefit from the rumble strips also.

Commissioners Request

Gazda mentioned that the polling location for the 9th ward will be the same as last year and the Public Safety Committee will be meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Calabria mentioned that Larson Park needs some maintenance as well.

Sedlak asked how many parklets the Township has and what the condition of each of them is.

Fitzgerald mentioned that she receives weekly maintenance reports on each of the Township's parks and parklets. Fitzgerald will provide these reports to the Commissioners moving forward.

Seibel received some concerns with regard to the E-Waste Event and why the event was not properly advertised. Usually there are signs throughout the Township advertising this event and the signs were not out for this event.

Wells asked when the first payment on the bond is due.

Castello said he believes August, but he would look and let the Commissioners know.

Wells also asked what all the booze in the back room is used for.

Altman replied for drinking after the meeting.

Wells commented that the municipal building is now being used as a bar.

Altman said it is not used as a bar.

Wells said if we are storing booze in a public building and 5 Commissioners makes a quorum, how is this acceptable.

Altman said that it is not a quorum.

Wells said that it is a meeting being held behind closed doors.

Altman said it's nothing different than what we use to do with all of us together.

McTeirnan said that you have to deliberate for it to be a quorum.

Altman said no one is deliberating.

Wells asked how anyone else is supposed to know whether deliberating is happening or not.

Fitzgerald explained that the parks Directors suggested creating a Township events calendar that everyone can view so that events can be coordinated a little better.

Altman asked Kelley if he could investigate the property at 449 Pierina Drive. Altman is receiving phone calls about dumping happening in this area and a possible sinkhole in the area.

Executive Session

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20p.m.

Attest: _____

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