MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
REGULAR MEETING
May 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Altman at 7:30 p.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	Absent
William Wells	Present
Stacey Altman, President	Present
Eileen L. Meyers	Present

PRESENT - 8 ABSENT - 1

ALSO PRESENT: Denise Fitzgerald, Township Manager
Robert McTiernan, Esq.; Solicitor, Tucker Arensburg - Zoom
Marie Hartman, P.E.; Engineer, Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.
Mark Mox, Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer - Zoom
Sandy Wilkins, Finance Director
Matt Podsiadly, Chief of Police
Shawn Kosanovich, Police Officer
Kelli Watson & Stephanie McFerron, Recreation Directors - Zoom
James Stoker, Information Technology Technician Manager
Lisha Mihalko, Assistant Township Secretary / Administration Supervisor

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Motion by Seibel, second by Wateska to approve the agenda as submitted.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (8-0)

Public Comments on all Agenda Items Listed Below

Bill List

Motion to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of $1,239,017.61.

Motion by Castello, second by Gazda to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of $1,239,017.61.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries (8-0)

Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement

Solicitor's Report

Motion to approve **Resolution #972-21**; Establishing local agency procedures and appointing attorney and arbitrator W. Timothy Barry as neutral hearing examiner with respect to the adjudication of calculation of the disability pension benefit of former officer Douglas Burek.

Motion by Wells, second by Calabria to approve Resolution #972-21; Establishing local agency procedures and appointing attorney and arbitrator W. Timothy Barry as neutral hearing examiner with respect to the adjudication of calculation of the disability pension benefit of former officer Douglas Burek.

Roll Call:

David G. Calabria	Yes
Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	N/A

William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes

Motion Carries (8-0)

Engineers Report

Motion to approve 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).*

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

Motion Carries (8-0)

Motion to approve 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).*

Motion by Meyers, second by Castello to approve 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).*

Roll Call:

David G. Calabria	Yes

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

Motion Carries (8-0)

Motion to ratify the approval of an 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.

Wells asked what the cost of the Engineering fees were going to be.

Hartman replied that the estimated cost will be $130,100.00.

Motion by Seibel, second by Castello to ratify the approval of an 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.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries (8-0)

Motion to ratify the approval of **Resolution #971-21**; 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.

Wells asked the cost of the splash pad.

Hartman stated that the estimated cost is $1,000,000.00.

Motion by Meyers, second by Wateska to ratify the approval of **Resolution #971-21**, 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.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries (8-0)

Motion to approve the invoice (TPD23270) received from Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. for the revisions to traffic signal plans and ADA ramps and traffic signal construction plans to address PennDOT's comments for the Green Light Go Design in the amount of $8,220.00.

Motion by Wells, second by Gazda to approve the invoice (TPD23270) received from Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. for the revisions to traffic signal plans and ADA ramps and traffic signal construction plans to address PennDOT's comments for the Green Light Go Design in the amount of $8,220.00.

Roll Call:

David G. Calabria	Yes
Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	N/A
William Wells	Yes

Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes

Motion Carries (8-0)

Motion to approve or deny awarding Jet Jack for Contract #21-S2; Noblestown Road Sanitary Sewer Extension project in the amount of $134,575.00.

Castello asked the estimated bid price.

Hartman replied $200,000.00.

Motion by Castello, second by Seibel to approve awarding Jet Jack for Contract #21-S2; Noblestown Road Sanitary Sewer Extension project in the amount of $134,575.00.

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

Motion Carries (8-0)

Standing Committee Report – Finance

Motion to approve 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*).

Motion by Castello, second by Meyers to approve 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*).

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Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes

Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	N/A
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes

Motion Carries (8-0)

Motion to approve the request from East Carnegie Fire Department for the partial release of their annual allotment in the amount of $45,000.00 (*These funds will be used for: Apparatus Payments, Equipment Purchasing, and Yearly Testing*).

Motion by Castello, second by Gazda to approve the request from East Carnegie Fire Department for the partial release of their annual allotment in the amount of $45,000.00 (*These funds will be used for: Apparatus Payments, Equipment Purchasing, and Yearly Testing*).

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

Motion Carries (8-0)

Motion to approve the payment to The Phoenix Benefits Group, Inc. for Investment Consulting Services for the Non-Uniform Employees' Pension Fund in the amount of $600.00 (*Invoice #2021-044*). (*to be paid from the Non-Uniform Pension Fund*).

Motion by Castello, second by Wateska to approve the payment to The Phoenix Benefits Group, Inc. for Investment Consulting Services for the Non-Uniform Employees' Pension Fund in the amount of $600.00 (*Invoice #2021-044*). (*to be paid from the Non-Uniform Pension Fund*).

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David G. Calabria	Yes
Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes

Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	N/A
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes

Motion Carries (8-0)

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Motion to approve **Resolution #973-21**; to install a 'No Parking here to corner' sign on Carothers Avenue. (Meyers).

Calabria asked who completed the review of the conditions for Carothers Avenue as the Resolution states.

Fitzgerald replied; The Township Solicitor and the Chief of Police.

Motion by Gazda, second by Meyers to approve **Resolution #973-21**; to install a 'No Parking here to corner' sign on Carothers Avenue. (Meyers).

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries (8-0)

Motion to approve line painting within the travel lanes of Summit Street and Magazine Street totaling $4,595. (budget $3,000).

Motion by Gazda, second by Castello to approve line painting within the travel lanes of Summit Street and Magazine Street totaling $4,595. (budget $3,000).

Roll Call:

David G. Calabria	Yes
Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes

Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	N/A
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes

Motion Carries (8-0)

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Calabria stated that there will be no Public Works Committee Meeting in June.

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)

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

Parks and Recreation

Motion to approve applying a discounted price of $150.00 for the use of all sections of the Locust pavilion for weekdays only. (*Current Pricing - Weekends: $50.00/section or $225.00/all six sections, Weekdays: $35.00/section no discount to rent all sections*).

Motion by Meyers, second by Gazda to approve applying a discounted price of $150.00 for the use of all sections of the Locust pavilion for weekdays only. (*Current Pricing - Weekends: $50.00/section or $225.00/all six sections, Weekdays: $35.00/section no discount to rent all sections*).

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Kathy Gazda	Yes
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William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman, President	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes

Motion Carries (8-0)

Motion to approve applying a discounted price of $75.00 for the use of the Amphitheater for weekdays only.

Motion by Meyers, second by Castello to approve applying a discounted price of $75.00 for the use of the Amphitheater for weekdays only.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries (8-0)

Motion to approve hiring 20 recreation counselors (listed below) at an hourly rate of $7.25 per counselor, 3 grade supervisors (listed below) at a cost of $1,000.00 for the length of the program, and 1 tennis instructor (Ethan Estatico) at an hourly rate of $9.00 per hour.

***Recreation Counselors*:**

Santo Riccardi
Dylan Marian
Luke Hinds
Brendan Cruz
Ryan Kanter
Charles Lewis
Keira Daugherty
Nolan Kanter
Alexis Viola
Autumn Weitzel
Anisha Pai
Lilyan Kirks
Christopher DeAngelis
Maddelynn Milliken
Timothy McMaster
Andrew Evans
Scarlet Calla
Kyle Witte
Tori Scheib
Delaney Rodella

***Grade Supervisors*:**

Ashton Bogdon
Andrew Evans

Kaylee Skumburdes

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Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries (8-0)

Public Relations Report

Diversity & Inclusion Committee

Wateska mentioned that the Committee Meeting will be held on June 1, 2021 at 7:00pm. Wateska also stated that on June 2, 2021 herself and some of the other members of the Committee will be participating in a virtual information sharing event with other organizations in the South Hills.

Library Liaison Report

Motion to approve the request from the Friends of the Library for the use of the Community Room on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 11:00am-10:00pm, to host the 6th annual Trivia Night free of charge.

Motion by Castello, second by Calabria to approve the request from the Friends of the Library for the use of the Community Room on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 11:00am-10:00pm, to host the 6th annual Trivia Night free of charge.

All in favor
Motion Carries (8-0)

Meyers mentioned that the library has re-opened to full service. The summer reading program is to start soon, and Kona Ice Food Truck will be in the parking lot of the Municipal building on June 12, 2021 from 11:00am – 1:00pm.

SHACOG

Standing Committee Report – Administration

Conferences and Workshops

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Dan Jarrett
340 Lindsay Rd.

Jarrett was in attendance to discuss his property. He and his wife have lived at this location for 41 years. 15 years ago, he purchased the lot adjacent to his lot. His plan was to build a home on the additional lot for his children. However, he has been told that the lot is zoned an R-3 which does not allow single-family homes to be built on the property. This also makes his home a non-conforming structure on an R-3 zone. Currently there are 22 homes in this plan, and he feels that they are probably under the same status as his home.

Wells asked if you could build an R-1 in an R-3. Wells believes that you just cannot build anything more than an R-3 zone.

Mox confirmed that Jarrett's property and all the properties in that plan are currently zoned R-3. A single-family residential home is not permitted in an R-3 zoned district. R-3 zoning is for multi-family living. Mox stated that there are options for the Commissioners to take into consideration, as well as possible variances that could be applied for, but there are always risks with variances that they may not be granted.

Castello asked if Jarrett's use pre-dated the change to an R-3 zone.

Mox stated that he believes it did. The change to the zoning occurred in 2015 when the consultant was hired to look at all the zoning districts in the Township and they consolidated some districts.

Wells asked if this situation would be considered a taking.

McTiernan stated that the Courts would not consider this a taking. If it is a legitimate zoning regulation and it was made before the use, He would not consider this a taking.

Castello stated that the lot is not big enough for any other use other than a single-family home therefore, they could probably get a variance. Castello stated that he will contact Jarrett tomorrow to discuss the process behind applying for a variance.

Bob Shalamon
416 Orchard Spring Rd.

Shalamon asked about the road paving program and when the work will begin and how and when the park paving will begin.

Hartman replied that the park paving is part of the road paving program. The Township Engineer's have not had the pre-construction meeting with the contractors yet. Once, the pre-construction meeting is held a schedule will be provided. Hartman advised that Duquesne Light must remove the poles within the park, which should be scheduled within the next couple of weeks.

Shalamon asked what the park paving project entails.

Hartman said that the Township is going to increase the parking area, adding sidewalks, and removing poles.

Shalamon asked if there was a leaf and grass ordinance for the Township.

Several Board members answered yes. They also stated to contact the Township office to report a problem.

Shalamon also asked what the Public Works Department is going to do with the park's appearance. Grass was recently cut, and grass clippings are all over the sidewalks. There is a parade scheduled soon and the park does not look maintained.

Shalamon asked if the Township will be painting the curbs this year.

Fitzgerald replied that the curb painting is usually done by the summer help crew.

Shalamon asked if the Township was going to get summer help this year.

Fitzgerald stated that the Township is currently looking for individuals interested in applying for the summer help program.

Shalamon asked about the replacement signs entering the park.

Fitzgerald stated that she would have to follow up with Kelley on that. The work was approved, and the signs were ordered.

Shalamon stated that the library has been re-opened and he wanted to know why it was not announced on the LED message board. He stated that the same advertisement has been on the sign for 5 months now.

Stoker stated that the library dictates what advertisement is posted on the message board. They are provided one slot per month for advertising.

Shalamon stated that the new St. Clair health was opened. He asked if anyone from the Township was invited to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Fitzgerald stated that she was invited however, she was out of town. Mihalko attended in her absence.

Castello said that he felt the Board of Commissioners should have been invited.

Anthony Amadio
113 Orchard Spring

Amadio attended the meeting because he received a letter stated that he has an illegal car parked on his property and furniture on his front porch. Amadio stated that he was going to get a Microbiologist to check the water. Amadio's friend is a 5-star Attorney and if anybody 'jerks him around', he will sue them. Amadio also knows the Chief in Greentree and he showed him his DEA badge and now he can't get into the building to see him anymore. His mother was mad because he was smart, and he knows how to invest and make a million dollars. Amadio's mother was upset that he never gave her any of that money. His mother turned around and gave Power of Attorney to his brother John and she gave him money to buy a house that is worth $400,000.00. Amadio is going to go to Washington D.C. to get his DEA badge back and then he is going to try to go to Law Enforcement Training Centers to train himself because he has people telling him they are going to kill him.

Wells asked what Amadio would like the Township to do to assist.

Amadio replied to get 'off his back' about the car in the driveway.

Calabria asked if he got a ticket.

Amadio said he received a letter.

Wells said that he showed him everything that needs to be removed from his property. Wells asked if Amadio cleaned everything up.

Amadio said that he cleaned up most of it, but he sits on the chair that is on his front porch.

Wells explained to Amadio that chairs with cushion on them need to be inside. They are not meant to be used outside.

Altman stated that Seibel and Mox will follow up with Amadio and work with him to get everything up to code.

Anthony Cedro
35 Crosswinds

Cedro stated that he has lived on Crosswinds for 11 years. The house next to him at 45 Crosswinds is the only house on his street that is a rental. The Landlord requires the tenants to maintain the property on the outside. Cedro stated that he pays over $1,000.00 each year to landscape his property and he knows his neighbors do the same thing. This property at 45 Crosswinds has rodents and snakes. Cedro is always reporting this property to the Township. However, he wanted to know if there were any other suggestions.

Mox stated that the homeowner has been sited. Mox also stated in the violation notice that this is an ongoing problem, and it will no longer be tolerated. If the problems are not addressed the homeowner will have to present his case to the Magistrate.

Commissioners Requests

Calabria suggested getting a lawn service to cut the grass at those properties that are not following the Township Ordinance and then lien the property.

McTeirnan stated that the Township would have to give proper notice of the lien.

Fitzgerald replied that the Public Works Crew currently does the grass cutting for those properties that are not following the Township Ordinance properly.

Gazda mentioned the Public Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Meyers asked for the status of the plaque for William Quinn. She stated that the family has called her asking for an update.

Calabria said that he would follow up with the vendor.

Wateska wanted to follow up with the 'No dumping' signs on Scrubgrass Road.

Wells asked what the capacity of the pool is this year.

Fitzgerald replied that the pool capacity is 400. If the Board of Commissioners feel comfortable with re-opening the pool to Non-Residents as well that is something that can be discussed.

Wells asked Fitzgerald what her thoughts were.

Fitzgerald replied that she feels the pool should open for normal business.

Wells also asked Fitzgerald about the status of a special park permit for events being held in the park.

Fitzgerald responded stating that the proposed permit was sent to McTeirnan for review.

Altman asked if Our Lady of Victory has been sold yet and said that she was worried about the Memorial Day Parade and people lining up at Our Lady of Victory.

Wells stated that Mox should send them a violation letter to get the grass cut.

Mox stated that he will contact the church tomorrow.

Executive Session

- Potential Litigation

Adjournment

Motion by Castello, second by Meyers to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49p.m.

Attest: _____

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTT
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ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA.