MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
REGULAR MEETING
September 24, 2024

6:45 pm Interviews: Events Coordinator.

President Altman called the meeting to order 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 - Zoom
Brandon Edwards	Absent
Kathy Gazda	Absent
Eileen L. Meyers	Present
Michelle Sedlak	Present
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Present
Angela Wateska	Absent
Stacey Altman, President	Present

PRESENT - 6 ABSENT - 3

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Commissioner Seibel made a motion to amend the agenda to table the August 2024 minutes. Commissioner Castello seconded the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Seibel, seconded by Commissioner Castello to table to August 13, 2024, and August 27, 2024, Township meeting minutes.
All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Commissioner Meyers made a motion to amend the agenda to include the hire date of October 1, 2024, for the Events Coordinator position, reflected under Parks and Recreation. Commissioner Castello seconded the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Meyers, seconded by Commissioner Castello to amend the agenda to include the hire date of October 1, 2024, for the Events Coordinator position, reflected under Parks and Recreation.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Motion by Commissioner Castello, seconded by Commissioner Meyers to approve the agenda as revised.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Public Comments on all Agenda Items Listed Below

The purpose of public comment is to hear the public's comments and express their views.
Please email the Manager or your Commissioner if you have any questions concerning agenda items.

No Comments.

Bill List

Motion to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of: $2,737,160.76.

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All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement

Motion to approve the request from the Scott Conservancy to exonerate all municipal liens placed on parcel #195-D-185, contingent on the property being transferred to the Scott Conservancy.

Motion by Commissioner Sedlak, seconded by Commissioner Castello to approve the request from the Scott Conservancy to exonerate all municipal liens placed on parcel #195-D-185, contingent on the property being transferred to the Scott Conservancy.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Solicitor's Report

Motion to approve direction of correspondence to owners of Lot & Block 194-N-108 (*Glenn & Reges Morrow, Vanadium Road*), Lot & Block 253-A-104 (*Eugenio G. Tucciarone, Berkwood Drive*), and Lot & Block 143-C-200 (*Virginia Manor Trotwood Corp, Swallow Hill Road*) offering compensation for easements in favor of the Township to erect and maintain stormwater/stream remediation facilities. Compensation offered is $3,500 for Lot & Block 194-N-108, $10,000 for Lot & Block 253-A-104, and $2,000 for Lot & Block 143-C-200.

Motion by Commissioner Castello, seconded by Commissioner Seibel to approve direction of correspondence to owners of Lot & Block 194-N-108 (*Glenn & Reges Morrow, Vanadium Road*), Lot & Block 253-A-104 (*Eugenio G. Tucciarone, Berkwood Drive*), and Lot & Block 143-C-200 (*Virginia Manor Trotwood Corp, Swallow Hill Road*) offering compensation for easements in favor of the Township to erect and maintain stormwater/stream remediation facilities. Compensation offered is $3,500 for Lot & Block 194-N-108, $10,000 for Lot & Block 253-A-104, and $2,000 for Lot & Block 143-C-200.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Motion to approve **Resolution #1077-24** to initiate an eminent domain proceeding on Lot & Block 194-N-108 (*Glenn & Reges Morrow, Vanadium Road*).

Motion by Commissioner Dalfonso, seconded by Commissioner Seibel to approve **Resolution #1077-24** to initiate an eminent domain proceeding on Lot & Block 194-N-108 (*Glenn & Reges Morrow, Vanadium Road*).

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Motion to approve **Resolution #1078-24** to initiate an eminent domain proceeding on Lot & Block 253-A-104 (*Eugenio G. Tucciarone, Berkwood Drive*).

Motion by Commissioner Sedlak, seconded by Commissioner Meyers to approve **Resolution #1078-24** to initiate an eminent domain proceeding on Lot & Block 253-A-104 (*Eugenio G. Tucciarone, Berkwood Drive*).

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Motion to approve **Resolution #1079-24** to initiate an eminent domain proceeding on Lot & Block 143-C-200 (*Virginia Manor Trotwood Corp, Swallow Hill Road*).

Motion by Commissioner Seibel, seconded by Commissioner Castello to approve **Resolution #1079-24** to initiate an eminent domain proceeding on Lot & Block 143-C-200 (*Virginia Manor Trotwood Corp, Swallow Hill Road*).
All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Solicitor Vogel stated that the next three resolutions are the same. Vogel asked if Mark Mox wanted to state anything about these properties.

Mark Mox stated that he provided packets to each of the Commissioners, including his field notes from inspections and photos of the properties. Mark continued to mention that the two properties located at 425 Noblestown Road and 433 Noblestown Road, have been unfit for human occupancy for over 10 years. He mentioned that the neighbors have reported seeing rodents coming from these buildings. Mark also said that they have tried to contact Mark Castaglione, the owner of one of the properties, with no success and the owner has never paid back taxes.

Vogel clarified that the next step would be to hold hearings, followed by the condemnation and demolition of the buildings. The hearing is scheduled for October 22, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Motion to approve **Resolution #1080-24** authorizing Notice and Order of Condemnation on Lot & Block 66-C-24, property owned by Mark Castaglione.

Motion by Commissioner Meyers, seconded by Commissioner Seibel to approve **Resolution #1080-24** authorizing Notice and Order of Condemnation on Lot & Block 66-C-24, property owned by Mark Castaglione.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Mark Mox stated that the next property is located at 433 Noblestown Road. There is a similar packet there for each of the Commissioners which also outlines similar issues.

Motion to approve **Resolution #1081-24** authorizing Notice and Order of Condemnation on Lot & Block 66-C-20, property owned by Kathleen Kortz.

Motion by Commissioner Castello, seconded by Commissioner Meyers to approve **Resolution #1081-24** authorizing Notice and Order of Condemnation on Lot & Block 66-C-20, property owned by Kathleen Kortz.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Commissioner Castello asked Mox once the order of condemnation is completed will we then process with the demolition of them?

Mox replied yes. He also stated that he has already received two (2) bids for the demolition work.

Commissioner Castello asked if either of these homeowners was deceased or alive, do we know?

Mox stated that Kortz is deceased, Castaglione has been fined, he has been in front of the Magistrate, back taxes have not been paid.

Motion to approve advertising for hearings regarding the condemnations for Lot & Block 66-C-20 and 66-C-24.

Motion by Commissioner Castello, seconded by Commissioner Sedlak to approve advertising for hearings regarding the condemnations for Lot & Block 66-C-20 and 66-C-24.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Commissioner Castello asked once this is done, the homeowner will still own the land, correct?

Vogel replied yes he would still own the land, he owes back taxes, therefore the County will probably put a lien on it.

Engineer's Report

Annual MS4 Commissioner Training Presentation.

Commissioner Seibel asked to have the MS4 Training added to the website.

Motion to award the 2024 Traffic Signal Improvements Project Contract No. 24-TS01 (Re-Bid) for improvements to the signalized intersection at Cochran Road / Robinwood Drive to Bronder Technical Services, Inc.in the amount of $340,282.36 (*PennDOT/Green Light Go provided for $295,427.00 in grant funding; Original Engineering OPC was $369,290.00*).

Motion by Commissioner Seibel, seconded by Commissioner Sedlak to award the 2024 Traffic Signal Improvements Project Contract No. 24-TS01 (Re-Bid) for improvements to the signalized intersection at Cochran Road / Robinwood Drive to Bronder Technical Services, Inc.in the amount of $340,282.36 (*PennDOT/Green Light Go provided for $295,427.00 in grant funding; Original Engineering OPC was $369,290.00*).

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Motion to approve **Concurring Resolution No. 1073-24** requesting $88,000.00 CDBG funding through Allegheny County Economic Development for Act 152 Demolitions of properties located at 1205 Front Street, 505 Finley Avenue, 1230 Hope Hollow Road and 1134-1136 Hope Hollow Road. Funding Application is due September 13, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Meyers, seconded by Commissioner Seibel to approve **Concurring Resolution No. 1073-24** requesting $88,000.00 CDBG funding through Allegheny County Economic Development for Act 152 Demolitions of properties located at 1205 Front Street, 505 Finley Avenue, 1230 Hope Hollow Road and 1134-1136 Hope Hollow Road. Funding Application is due September 13, 2024.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Motion to approve the Slums and Blights **Resolution No. 1074-24** for properties located at 1205 Front Street, 505 Finley Avenue, 1230 Hope Hollow Road, and 1134-1136 Hope Hollow Road. (*Funding Application is due September 13, 2024*).

Motion by Commissioner Meyers, seconded by Commissioner Sedlak to approve the Slums and Blights **Resolution No. 1074-24** for properties located at 1205 Front Street, 505 Finley Avenue, 1230 Hope Hollow Road, and 1134-1136 Hope Hollow Road. (*Funding Application is due September 13, 2024*).

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Motion to approve **Resolution No. 1075-24**, authorizing the submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of $258,226.50 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Scott Park Pedestrian Improvements project.

Motion by Commissioner Castello, seconded by Commissioner Seibel to approve **Resolution No. 1075-24**, authorizing the submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of $258,226.50 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Scott Park Pedestrian Improvements project.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Standard Reports

Standing Committee Report – Finance

Motion to approve the East Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department's request for the remaining release of their 2024 allotment in the amount of $53,375.00.

Motion by Commissioner Castello, seconded by Commissioner Seibel to approve the East Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department's request for the remaining release of their 2024 allotment in the amount of $53,375.00.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Motion to advertise the following 2025 budget meeting dates: October 21, 2024, October 30, 2024, November 7, 2024, and November 19, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the main meeting room of the municipal building.
Motion by Commissioner Castello, seconded by Commissioner Sedlak to advertise the following 2025 budget meeting dates: October 21, 2024, October 30, 2024, November 7, 2024, and November 19, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the main meeting room of the municipal building.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Motion to approve the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Scott Township Police Pension Plan in the amount of $879,843.00 and the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Scott Township Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of $49,522.00, as submitted by the Actuary (*Township received $390,468.51 in State Aid in 2023*).

Motion by Commissioner Castello, seconded by Commissioner Dalfonso to approve the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Scott Township Police Pension Plan in the amount of $879,843.00 and the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Scott Township Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of $49,522.00, as submitted by the Actuary (*Township received $390,468.51 in State Aid in 2023*).

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Motion to approve the performance of an actuarial study on the Non-Uniform Pension Plan to assess the multiplier and normal retirement age, as requested by the Non-Uniform Pension Plan participants.

Motion by Commissioner Castello, seconded by Commissioner Meyers to approve the performance of an actuarial study on the Non-Uniform Pension Plan to assess the multiplier and normal retirement age, as requested by the Non-Uniform Pension Plan participants.

Commissioner Seibel asked if there was an estimate obtained at this point.

Commissioner Castello said no.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Samuel Dalfonso	No
Brandon Edwards	Absent
Kathy Gazda	Absent
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	No
Angela Wateska	Absent
Stacey Altman, President	Yes

Motion Carries (4-2)

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Motion to adopt **Resolution #1076-24;** for a no-parking zone on Bent Alley near the rear of 623 Idlewood Avenue.

Motion by Commissioner Seibel, seconded by Commissioner Sedlak to adopt **Resolution #1076-24;** for a no-parking zone on Bent Alley near the rear of 623 Idlewood Avenue.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Motion to approve the early retirement request for Dean Colarosa, effective November 22, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Seibel, seconded by Commissioner Castello to approve the early retirement request for Dean Colarosa, effective November 22, 2024.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Commissioner Seibel thanked Dean Colarosa for his years of service with the Township.

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)

Motion to approve the resignation of Ed Wilson from the Environmental Advisory Committee, effective immediately.

Motion by Commissioner Seibel, seconded by Commissioner Meyers to approve the resignation of Ed Wilson from the Environmental Advisory Committee, effective immediately.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Parks and Recreation

Motion to approve the proposal submitted by Kent Johnson, Certified Pickleball Professional, for a spring 2025 pickleball clinic at Scott Park.

Motion by Commissioner Meyers, seconded by Commissioner Seibel to approve the proposal submitted by Kent Johnson, Certified Pickleball Professional, for a spring 2025 pickleball clinic at Scott Park.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Motion to hire an individual as an Events Coordinator at a yearly rate of $30,000.00, effective October 1, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Meyers, seconded by Commissioner Castello to hire Terrie Cavey as the Events Coordinator at a yearly rate of $30,000.00, effective October 1, 2024.

Commissioner Seibel stated that this is prorated since she did not service as the events coordinator for the full year of 2024.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Samuel Dalfonso	No
Brandon Edwards	Absent
Kathy Gazda	Absent
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
Angela Wateska	Absent
Stacey Altman, President	Yes

Motion Carries (5-1)

Public Relations Report

No discussions currently.

Library Liaison Report

Commissioner Sedlak mentioned that the month of "Love Your Library' is coming to an end. The library will be hosting a craft fair, and they are currently accepting vendors. There is also a resident's poll on the website. Please visit the library at www.scottlibrary.org.

SHACOG

Motion to approve the Board of Commissioners, Township Manager, Management Team, Planning, and Zoning Board Members to attend the SHACOG 51st Annual Dinner Meeting to be held at the Club at Nevillewood on Thursday, October 17, 2024, in the amount of $80.00 per person.

Motion by Commissioner Sedlak, seconded by Commissioner Castello to approve the Board of Commissioners, Township Manager, Management Team, Planning, and Zoning Board Members to attend the SHACOG 51st Annual Dinner Meeting to be held at the Club at Nevillewood on Thursday, October 17, 2024, in the amount of $80.00 per person.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes

Samuel Dalfonso	No
Brandon Edwards	Absent
Kathy Gazda	Absent
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
Angela Wateska	Absent
Stacey Altman, President	Yes

Motion Carries (5-1)

Motion to approve placing an ad in the SHACOG program book at $35.00 for a ¼ page for the 51st Annual Dinner Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Seibel, seconded by Commissioner Castello to approve placing an ad in the SHACOG program book at $35.00 for a ¼ page for the 51st Annual Dinner Meeting.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (6-0)

Commissioner Seibel stated that he will have the basket he failed to deliver last year for a door prize giveaway at the event.

Standing Committee Report – Administration

No discussions currently.

Conferences and Workshops

No discussions currently.

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

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If you have any questions concerning items not listed on the agenda, please email the manager or your commissioner.

Donna Leonard
27 Rose Leaf Drive
Donna was in attendance to address her concerns about the deer population. She stated that her neighbors were feeding the deer off dinner plates. Donna also mentioned that she hopes the Board of Commissioners will continue discussing the deer population.

Commissioner Altman said that the biggest hurdle is the funding to properly manage the deer.

Commissioner Seibel said that they are continuing to research the topic. They hope to be able to provide more details soon.

Donna commented that she saw the City of Pittsburgh was doing something similar.

Lisha Mihalko mentioned that on October 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm the Township will have a presentation on deer management and the different options that the Township may have.

Commissioner Seibel asked if this presentation was open to the public.

Lisha replied yes.

Commissioner's Requests

Commissioner Dalfonso thanked everyone who assisted with making Public Safety Day happen. Dalfonso also asked Marie if she could provide the report from the sewer work in his ward once it is completed and he reminded his residents that they should be stopping at the stop signs, particularly in his ward.

Commissioner Sedlak reminded everyone to keep their doors locked. She also stated that Octoberfest was coming soon.

Commissioner Castello mentioned that the Chartiers Valley Intermediate School is seeking to change the polling location. The school district said that they could go to Court and get an Order to change the polling location, but it is currently still in discussion. Tom asked Vogel if the Township could send a letter to the school district expressing our concern with this.

Vogel confirmed.

Commissioner Dalfonso stated if the Board is interested in doing this, he would ask that the Board vote on it.

Vogel asked if this could be discussed in October and the letter would be sent in early October.

Commissioner Castello feels that the letter should be sent immediately.

Commissioner Dalfonso said no money is involved and this topic was just brought to our attention within the last 24 hours, therefore we should be able to amend the agenda to vote on it now.

Vogel asked if there was a commissioner who would make a motion to amend the agenda.

Commissioner Castello made a motion to open the agenda to discuss the school district's attempt to move the pooling location and the Township by sending a letter expressing our disagreement and concerns. Commissioner Seibel seconded the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Castello, seconded by Commissioner Seibel to amend the agenda to add a motion to approve sending a letter of disagreement to the school district and the County Elections Board concerning their request to change the polling location.

All in Favor

Motion Carries (6-0)
Commissioner Sedlak commented that changing the polling location with less than two (2) months away would be a disaster.

Commissioner Castello stated that the polling location at the Intermediate School has been used for the past forty (40) years.

Commissioner Seibel mentioned that it is a public location. His concern is that they haven't proposed a new location, he may feel differently about the situation if an alternative location was proposed.

Commissioner Castello said the timing is still an issue. Residents are going to be confused about changing the location less than sixty (60) days before the election.

Commissioner Seibel agreed with Tom's comment.

Commissioner Dalfonso said that if the County Elections Department changes the location they will sent a letter out to all the registered voters.

Motion by Commissioner Castello, seconded by Commissioner Meyers approve sending a letter of disagreement to the school district and the County Elections Department concerning their request to change the polling location.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Samuel Dalfonso	No
Brandon Edwards	Absent
Kathy Gazda	Absent
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
Michelle Sedlak	Yes
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Yes
Angela Wateska	Absent
Stacey Altman, President	Yes

Motion Carries (5-1)

Commissioner Meyers stated that residents requested a mirror be installed at the corner of Superior and Gregg Street. Eileen asked Tom Kelley for his thoughts.

Tom Kelley stated that the County tries to avoid installing mirrors. However, this location is a Township Road so if the Board of Commissioners would like to move forward with this, he will ensure that it gets completed.

Commissioner Seibel addressed his concern with vandalism.

Commissioner Meyers stated that there used to be one there.

Commissioner Sedlak agreed and thought there already was one there.

Commissioner Meyers also stated that Octoberfest is coming up. There are still vendor spots available if anyone is interested and they are still looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Eileen through the Township.

Commissioner Altman asked Tom Kelley to provide an update on the paving program on Vanadium Road, she said they are supposed to start paving tomorrow.

Tom Kelley stated the only thing that would slow the contractor down at this point is the weather. If it rains it will cause a problem.

Commissioner Altman asked Tom to confirm that they are not working during rush hour.

Tom Kelley confirmed.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Seibel, seconded by Commissioner Castello to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Attest: _____

Executive Session: None