

**MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
AGENDA MEETING
April 11, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Giudici at 7:31p.m. He then led all present in prayer and pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Frank W. Bruckner	Present
Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Present
Eileen L. Meyers	Present
Patricia A. Caruso	Present
David A. Jason, Vice President	Present
Stacey Altman	Present
David G. Calabria	Present
William Wells	Present
Donald W. Giudici, C.P.A., President	Present

PRESENT - 9

ABSENT - 0

ALSO PRESENT: Robert McTiernan, Esq., Solicitor, Tucker Arensburg, PC
Lawrence J. Lennon, P.E., Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering
Randy Lubin, Director of Public Services
Denise H. Fitzgerald, Secretary – Manager
Lisha Mihalko, Assistant Secretary
Chief James Secreet
Jason Cherep, IT Director

Public Comments on Agenda Items Listed Below

To be addressed at the beginning of each Committee report

Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement

Discuss 134 Boroview. (Meyers)

Mr. Fischer stated that he had meet on the property that afternoon.

Mrs. Meyers said that she wanted the board to be aware of this property and keep it on the radar.

Mr. Fischer mentioned that this property has been a problem for some time now. The house has been vacant and there is currently an arrest for the home owner. Mrs. Meyers had a concern with the chimney falling down, the Township called 1-800-board-up they knocked down the chimney and boarded that up. Then the tree was a concern which the Township took out. All of these items have been liened against the property by the Township.

Mr. Wells asked Mrs. Meyers if there was someone who wanted to purchase the home.

Mrs. Meyers said the neighbors were interested in purchasing the home through the blight to light program, but they have moved.

Solicitor's Report

Engineers Report

Mr. Lennon stated that the two items on the agenda have to do with the grow project. The Township has a deadline in the consent and agreement to have it completed by August the first. The grant was just authorized last month.

Discuss ratifying the advertisement for Contract No. 17-S1 the 2017 Stream Inflow Removal Project for the GROW Grant.

Discuss making May 9, 2017 a voting meeting – Specific purpose; vote on awarding GROW Grant.

Mr. Castello stated that the advertisement will only be to specify the purpose of the voting of one item for the meeting of May 9, 2017.

May 2017 Engineering Public Works Report

2014 Capital Infrastructure and Paving Improvements:

Spinner Field: No Change

Deck Hockey Rink: No Change

Playground Improvements: Township to execute Contract Documents

CDBG Year 43 Applications:

Application under review by SHACOG for funding.

2017 Road Program:

Township to execute the Contract Documents. A copy of the executed agreement to be provided to DCNR along with Playground and Deck Hockey Contracts for final authorization.

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked if Park Alley was included. It should have been included in the budget.

Mr. Lennon advised that it was not included in the road program.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that it should be included.

Mr. Lennon advised that it can be added if the Board wishes.

Mr. Castello said that the original amount was 693,000 and the budget provided was 603,000. He advised that if there is a suggestion to extend a road each individual needs to recommend this to Mr. Lennon.

St. Clair Hospital Parking Garage:

LSSE attended a pre-application meeting with the Township and Hospital Staff relating to a proposed parking garage on May 3, 2017.

May 2017 Engineering Storm and Sanitary Sewer Report

2015 Interim Order:

Final Report to ALCOSAN and ACHD is due December 1, 2017.

ALCOSAN GROW (Green Revitalization of our Waterways):

A grant agreement, provided by ALCOSAN, has been executed by the Township and returned to ALCOSAN. A “kick-off” meeting with ALCOSAN has been scheduled for May 10, 2017.

The following schedule is proposed:

<i>Project Authorized by Township</i>	<i>February 28</i>
<i>Submit Permit Applications</i>	<i>April 10</i>
<i>Bid Construction Contract</i>	<i>April 7</i>
<i>Open Bids</i>	<i>May 5</i>
<i>Award Contract</i>	<i>May 9</i>
<i>Construction Begins</i>	<i>May 15</i>
<i>Construction Complete</i>	<i>August 1***</i>

***Demonstration Project completion date in Phase I COA.

Bids were opened on May 5, 2017. The Bid Report and Bid Tabulation.

2016 Sanitary Sewer Repair Contract:

Work for the project is ongoing. Change Order's 1 and 2 for the Hope Hollow emergency repair and the McMonigle and Bent Alley scope additions have been signed by the Contractor and returned for Township action.

Written MCM Plans:

Contractor is addressing final punch list items for project closeout in the spring.

2017 Scope of Work:

Permit Renewal Application - Preparation of the Individual Permit application for submittal by September 16, 2017 is ongoing.

TMDL Plan – (Due with Application)

LSSE completing analysis of existing pollutant loadings required for development of the TMDL plan.

Annual Outfall Screening – Year 5 screening is scheduled to begin in May 2017

Standing Committee Report - Finance

Discuss removing apartment complex pick up of 4 or more from the upcoming garbage contract specs. (Wells)

Jim Zeleca – President of the Highpoint Homeowners Association

Mr. Zeleca stated that he would like clarification from whom is suggesting this.

Mr. Wells said that he suggested this to be discussed for rental units.

Mr. Castello stated that this was not true. He said that Mr. Wells wanted to change the contract for the apartment complexes.

Mr. Wells said that if you are paying taxes then the garbage fee is being paid for already. Mr. Wells continued to say that Carriage Park is assessed at \$6,230,000.00; with a mileage of 5.33 they pay \$32,770.00 for the entire complex. They have 953 units which means each unit pays \$34.38 per year in taxes.

Mr. Zeleca mentioned that he was not arguing. He just wanted to know what it meant for his development.

Mr. Wells stated that what he is proposing has no affect on Mr. Zeleca.

Mr. Bruckner said that Mr. Wells has not provided any back up for the proposal. Mr. Zeleca said he owns a multi dwelling, what is the difference between his definition and what you are proposing?

Mr. Wells replied rental units are paying .35cents to get their garbage picked up others are paying well above that amount.

Mr. Bruckner is trying to explain that the complexes like Ms.Tedi's property and the gentleman who was just up at the stand. Mr. Bruckner continued to say that some are owned and some are rented; so Mr. Bruckner was asking Mr. Wells confirmation that in some of these complexes there is going to be some trash being picked up by the Township and some are going to have to contract their own garbage pick up.

Mr. Wells said that if he was to move out of his house and rent it out to someone, he is already paying the taxes on the house as a homeowner therefore, the garbage is being picked up and paid for, but when only paying 35cents a month how does anyone expect the Township to pick up the garbage for that price.

Mr. Castello confirmed that the only ones which would be affected would be Nob Hill and Carriage Park.

Mr. Wells replied 'No' Manor View are all rentals. This subject was never discussed prior to this meeting, details have not been communicated as of yet.

Mr. Castello stated that one of the examples Mr. Wells provided was Chartiers Terrace and they are not rental units.

Theodore Tedi – Paul Manor Resident

Ms. Tedi advised that she also owns 3 associations. She continued to state that she was there to address that the agenda item was written incorrectly as it reflects apartment complexes of 4 or more.

Mr. Wells explained that it was added to the agenda to discuss the item.

Ms. Tedi would hope that the bodies dismiss this item from the agenda.

Mr. Wells said it was never discussed ma'am.

Mr. Bruckner asked if Mr. Wells was aware that Tedi lives in Paul Manor. He continued to ask if Mr. Wells was proposing that the Township tax Paul Manor or take away the service?

Mr. Wells said No.

Mr. Bruckner stated that Mr. Wells said as recently as Saturday via text: 'Maybe condos such as Paul Manor that are taxed separately should still be collected, but rental apartments not lived in by owners could be'. What position is it? Mr. Bruckner asked Mr. Wells.

Mr. Wells stated that this was just a discussion and if the rest of the board doesn't agree with it then it won't go through.

Mr. Bruckner said that the board doesn't know what Mr. Wells is proposing because he changes it on a daily basis.

Mr. Wells asked Ms. Tedi where she heard this subject was being discussed.

Ms. Tedi responded by saying she spoke to somebody in a different association, who asked me to speak to my Commissioner because she received the information from a different Commissioner. So she continued to state that she contacted Mr. Bruckner and asked him if this subject has any legs to stand on.

Victoria BarlinJerry – Resident of Chartiers Terrace

Ms. Barlinjerry stated that she feels this would single out particular types of properties when we all know when someone living in a \$50,000 home doesn't pay the same as someone living in a \$250,000 home, but is getting the same services. Technically the multi units aren't even getting the same service because they have to take their garbage to a separate area and the garbage men are there for two minutes total.

Mr. Bruckner said Mr. Wells wants to take away that service that the Township has been providing.

Mr. Wells responded that Mr. Bruckner was making up words and he never said that.

Mr. Castello stated that Mr. Wells always said Chartiers Terrace.

Mr. Wells stated that it was never Chartiers Terrace.

Amber Kittle – Employee for Stevenson Williamson

Ms. Kittle asked the board why the rentals are going to be punished with this change.

Mr. Wells said that there are very few municipalities in Allegheny County that collect garbage for the rental complexes.

Ms. Kittle stated that the condo association has the garbage pickup fees included in their taxes. So her condo association is responsible for their budget, should that budget go overboard the Township should reassess the budget at that time, not re-assess each individual single family dwelling or a rental and single them out.

Mr. Wells said that the Township didn't reallocate the budget wrong. He continues to state that when you own a building and you rent it out to individuals that is a business. The Township shouldn't be collecting the garbage for 35 cents a unit.

Ms. Kittle how do you justify taxing high rise rentals and not individuals who rent their condos because they are a business too.

Mr. Wells replied that they are already paying their tax dollars.

Ms. Kittle advised that the person who owns the building as a whole is paying the taxes.

Mr. Wells said this subject would be for rental units.

Mr. McTiernan explained that the issue being raised is; you can make a distinction between different structures there are a lot of communities that do not collect the garbage for those rental complexes. He feels that the individual speakers are trying to distinguish between the types of properties that will be affected and whether the Township is legitimate to cut off the service to those who rent and would that stand up.

Ms. Kittle agreed with Mr. McTiernan she stated that she is just asking how you would distinguish the difference.

Mr. Wells stated this discussion was not his intent at all.

Mr. Castello asked Mrs. Fitzgerald if at the last meeting Mr. Wells requested that the agenda include the discussion about the apartment complexes being removed from the garbage contract.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that the agenda replicates how the minutes were wrote. This was the only request that she has received from all 9 of the Commissioners.

Mr. Jason stated that he doesn't know where this item is coming from anyway as the Township is not in distress financially.

Robert Jenner – Board Member for Kings Grant Condominium Association

Mr. Jenner stated that he thinks the problem is that he is using numbers to make an agreement that doesn't exist. The problem is the county assessment, not assessing the property that is making money. Some individuals are renters where others are owners. There are large communities that are subsidizing the rest of the communities by the fact that when their pick up is taking place it's a lot cheaper the way the garbage has to be picked up than how it is picked up at your house. The entire complex is picked up at 9 locations through the complex. When you take that tonnage out of the picture everybody else is going to have to pay more because that contract is worth less. The complexes are easy pickups its one location.

Tim Volk – 424 Carothers Ave.

Mr. Volk owns a small complex that has more than 4 units in it. He stated that his one unit already has this in the contract and now the complex has a dumpster in the lot that is an eye sore and then you also have to think of the challenge it is to move that dumpster every week so it can be collected.

Mr. Bruckner asked Mr. Volk where he thinks the dumpsters can go in his complex that Mr. Volk owns in Glendale.

Mr. Volk replied that he has nowhere to put the dumpster without his building losing the curb appeal that it would have, because he would have dumpsters in plan site.

Mr. Bruckner asked Mr. Volk to ask Mr. Wells how he would like to handle that issue.

Mr. Wells said there are 8 other board members if they don't agree with it the subject will be dropped.

Linda Mancini – Owner of a 5 unit complex

Ms. Mancini advised that the majority of her renters are senior citizens. She explained that there was a fire in her complex and she ended up getting invoiced for the extra garbage collected. She asked how Mr. Wells came up with the number of 4 or more complexes.

Mr. Wells replied that his son owns a complex that has 4 units and he now has to provide the garbage collection on his own.

Ms. Mancini asked that she isn't even sure why this is being brought to the board.

Mr. Jason mentioned that he feels this is very upsetting and that one Commissioner requested this negotiation and it makes the impression that the whole board is for this. He goes on to explain that the Township has the lowest sewer usage fee in the County.

Mr. Bruckner asked Ms. Mancini if she was going to ask Mr. Wells if this passes will her 5 units are not going to receive that same fee for a refund in taxes.

Mr. Jason stated bottom line when you're an owner of a property you're going to have expenses and when a tenant moves out and another moves in you have to cover the mortgage and the extra expenses. The larger complexes do have the luxury of having the other units there.

Mr. Giudici said that this item will be placed on the agenda for vote.

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Mrs. Caruso stated that the committee is working on getting everything together for Public Safety Day which is scheduled for June 10th.

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Mrs. Altman asked about the summer help for Public Works and how many applications we received.

Mr. Lubin stated that there have been 6 applications and we will have them placed on the agenda for next month meeting.

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)

Discuss Lindsay Road storm sewer. (Wells)

Mr. Wells stated that Mr. Lubin and Mr. Lennon were in agreement that there is no need to fix the sewer on the block of Lindsay Road. They are just going to pave the road.

Discuss Berkwood storm sewer. (Jason)

Mr. Lennon asked the Board of Commissioners which kind of storm to protect against. Typically a sewer line like that would be designed as a 10 year storm. When it was built the Township had no idea what type of storm the sewer was built to withstand.

Mr. Jason asked what type of storm caused the damage.

Mr. Lennon replied that it was a 50 year storm that caused all the damage.

Mr. Lennon stated that he would get an estimate for a 10, 20, and 30 year storm and advise what the cost of the hydraulics would be.

Ms. Altman asked if there were any municipalities that protect from a 50 year storm.

Mr. Lennon replied none.

Parks and Recreation

Lynn Galluze – 558 Robin Drive

Vince Mazza – 550 Robin Drive

Ms. Galluze wanted to obtain an update on the Hope Street Park. She suggested putting trees up to line the park. There is no privacy between the houses and the park plus there is a steep slope in the back of the park. The trees could be put in place of a fence to help line the park and keep children away from the hillside.

Mr. Castello explained that the trees could be something that the Board can look into.

Mr. Wells asked what the cost would be to install a fence.

Ms. Galluze stated that you would want to have a nice fence placed in there since this is an open area.

Mr. Castello apologized to interrupt, but he doesn't think that the idea of installing a fence would be ideal.

Mrs. Meyers also stated that the board is looking into budgeting money for trees to be added if they cannot be added this year.

Ms. Galluze asked if there was a plan to include a parking lot at the park or is the idea still to have this park more for the neighborhood.

Pat Martin at 529 Center St.

Mrs. Martin asked in regard to the pool manager and Assistant Manager. She advised that she attended the budget meeting and at no time was there discussion of an increase in the salary.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that the amounts were carried over midyear 2016 there was no increase.

Mrs. Meyers said that Mike Meyers did ask for a decrease for the Assistant pool manager position; however it did not go through.

Mrs. Martin stated that these individuals are coming in at a high salary and the board doesn't even know what they are capable of.

Mr. Jason said that the pool brought in more revenue than what the Township gave employees.

Mrs. Martin stated that there is a new person coming into the position and there is no known knowledge of what this individual is capable of doing and their coming in at a higher salary.

Mr. Jason replied that it was because of the hours they work.

Mrs. Martin said the hours have stayed the same.

Mrs. Fitzgerald mentioned that the hours were increased mid year 2016 and when the increase in hours was given the Board of Commissioners agreed to increase the employees pay and this is the amount that was carried over from last year.

Mrs. Martin asked if Mr. Ron Ellis was de-promoted as his title was changed this year.

Discuss the installation of the Hope street playground equipment per CoStars Contract.

Mrs. Meyers said that this was already discussed. Place on agenda for vote.

Discuss the request from GC Baseball club to utilize the big baseball field as requested in the email.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that he did get the approval from Herb (Scott AA Member).

Mrs. Meyers said that we can place this on the agenda for a vote. As long as they are paying for the time used.

Place on agenda for vote.

Discuss hiring Ron Ellis to schedule lifeguards and supervise activities for Community Day for the 2017 season in the amount of \$4,000.

Place on agenda for vote.

Discuss hiring Monica Rodrigues as Pool Manager for the 2017 season in the amount of \$8,500, as recommended by Ron Ellis and John Nemeth.

Place on agenda for vote.

Discuss hiring an Assistant Pool Manager for the 2017 season in the amount of \$7,700, as recommended by Ron Ellis and John Nemeth. ([Name will be provided for April 25, 2017 meeting](#)).

Mrs. Meyers mentioned that she would like the individual to attend the meeting so that the Board of Commissioners can meet the individual.

Place on agenda for vote.

Discuss hiring Joan Mulvihill and Kimberly Rekula as cashier in the amount of \$9.50 per hour, as recommended by Ron Ellis.

Place on agenda for vote.

Discuss hiring lifeguards and swimming instructors for the 2017 summer season. ([Complete list with names and rates of pay will be provided for April 25, 2017 meeting](#)).

Place on agenda for vote.

Discuss hiring Stephanie Gigliotti as water aerobics instructor at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, as recommended by Ron Ellis and John Nemeth.

Place on agenda for vote.

Discuss hiring Jessi Sinclair, Kenzie Sinclair, and Alivia Congelier as the 3 grade Supervisors for the Summer Recreation program in the amount of \$1,000 each.

Place on agenda for vote.

Discuss hiring the Mansfield Five for Community Day at a cost of \$750.

Place on agenda for vote.

Discuss weed control on ball fields. (Wells)

Mr. Wells asked if we could include Spinner field in this request. In addition, the request should also include all maintenance for the fields.

Mrs. Fitzgerald mentioned that she spoke with Herb Ohlinger and Herb stated that they did not do any weed control last year as they focused on the in-fields. However, Herb did state that this year the weed control will be focused on.

Public Relations Report

Mr. Bruckner said that he thanked the board for re-kindling this subject. He advised that he is working on a couple items currently. Mr. Bruckner mentioned that he was going to be working with the leader of Scouts he feels that getting an eagles badge is a big achievements and providing some recognition.

Library Liaison Report

Mr. Giudici mentioned that the library liaison committee had a meeting yesterday, April 24, 2017.

SHACOG

Mr. Giudici reminded the board about the SHACOG Annual dinner being held this Thursday night.

Administration

Discuss request by American Legion Post 290 to use the same parade route as last year for the Memorial Day Parade on May 29, 2017 beginning at 11:00 a.m. and a donation for financial assistance for the parade.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that the donation in the past has always been \$200.00. Is that what everyone wants to give this time?

Mr. Jason replied 'No' he would like to see it increased to \$400.00. The American Legion provides the Township with \$200.00 for their fireworks display. The American Legion has to pay the CV band \$400.00, the Township has always provided \$200.00 however, the American Legion would always turn that money around and donate it back to the Township.

Mr. Bruckner mentioned that American Legion needs to keep the donation that we provide to them.

Mr. Jason said that they will be doing that this year. He mentioned to them that he would cover the cost that the America Legion usually gives for the firework display.

Discuss approving the use of the small meeting room free of charge from 12:30pm to 3:30pm for a CPR class to be hosted by My Lifestyle: Wellness Consulting, LLC. They are charging \$40 per person for a 2 hour class.

Mr. Bruckner stated that this is the second class that has requested for a CPR class. Who are these individuals?

Mrs. Fitzgerald said that she was not sure who they were. She advised that they are a business. She continued to state that the typical policy, in which the Township has always followed, is that if that company is not a non-profit company then we do not allow them to utilize the Townships buildings at no cost.

Mr. Castello said that we are going to say no to this request.

Mr. Wells says if we don't say no then where does it stop.

Mrs. Fitzgerald mentioned that she will send a letter out to the company advising them that their request will be cancelled.

Discuss possible sale of the old latter truck.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said that Mr. Fischer has found someone interested in purchasing the fire truck at \$35,000.00.

Mr. Fischer mentioned that it is a fire department that is located in Sutton, Nebraska. He went on to say that this truck has been sitting in the weeds collecting rust and has one bad cylinder that needs to be fixed. Other than that it is in good condition. This fire department wants the truck, but they want the ladder to be certified. He suggested that the interested party pay the \$35,000 and we will get the repairs completed.

Mrs. Caruso asked how much a new one cost.

Mr. Fischer replied with \$1,000,000.00. The problem with this truck is that it doesn't have a hose, as well as not a tank of water on it.

Conferences and Workshops

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Jane Sorcan – 769 Lindsay Road

Mrs. Sorcan mentioned that the school on April 19th the outdoors club of the middle school is going to plant 29 trees.

Mr. Bruckner asked Mrs. Sorcan if she has every looked into grant monies.

Mrs. Sorcan advised that she has received grants in the past.

Mr. Bruckner asked if Mrs. Sorcan had any pictures and contacts.

Mrs. Sorcan advised that she would provide them to Mr. Bruckner.

Mrs. Meyers mentioned that she saw an article in the paper about the trail being one of the best around.

Mrs. Sorcan advised that it was in Pittsburgh Magazine.

Pat Martin at 529 Center St.

Mrs. Martin asked Mr. Calabria if he had an update on the Meadow Lark Park. The individuals who were going to paint the deck hockey rink.

Mr. Calabria stated that the guys were given the paint.

Mrs. Martin said they have been at the park playing. However, it doesn't appear that it has been painted yet.

Mr. Lubin responded that it may just be a timing issue. They have everything to proceed.

Mrs. Martin mentioned typos to be corrected on the agenda along with spacing so that a single page isn't being used for the adjourn line. She continued to mention that Mr. Jason did not look professional wearing his hat during the meeting.

Mr. Jason advised that he came from his other job which requires him to wear a hat.

Commissioners Request

Mr. Castello

Chartiers flood authority meeting will be held tomorrow, April 12, 2017.

Mr. Jason

The sewer committee wants to form a new committee and asked for him to get involved. He continued to tell Mr. Lennon that they gave the Township complements on the sewer projects that have been completed.

Mr. Wells

Has anyone received any communication with the Scott EMS picking up Carnegie's Emergency Management.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that she was not advised of any information.

Mr. Wells asked who provides the workers compensation for our employees.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said that we provide the workers compensation for the STEMS program.

Mr. Castello said that this can be addressed with Pat Mulligan.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Caruso, second by Mr. Castello to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Attest:


