

**MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
AGENDA MEETING
July 12, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Giudici at 7:30 p.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	Absent
William Wells	Present
Donald W. Giudici, C.P.A., President	Present

PRESENT - 8

ABSENT - 1

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert McTiernan, Esq., Solicitor, Tucker Arensburg, PC
Lawrence J. Lennon, P.E., Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering
Denise H. Fitzgerald, Secretary – Manager
Randy Lubin, Director of Public Services
Robert f. Fischer, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer
Kathleen Gazda, Assistant Secretary
Lisha Mihalko, Assistant Secretary

David Jason provided a moment of silence for the Police Officers for recent incident in Dallas, TX, which included a speech to our police officers (Arlet, Spaniol, and Mitristin) to show his appreciation.

Planning Zoning and Code Enforcement

Discuss request from Baptist Homes Society for reduced Building Permit fee for Phase II apartment tower

Bob Fischer stated that Baptist Homes advised Denise Fitzgerald and Mr. Fischer of the fact that they are not happy with the building permit in the amount of \$800,000. The facility is a \$38m addition. The first project was a \$130m project. The township is losing \$900k in taxes per year.

Mr. Fischer said that if they want to discuss the PILOT program that is a whole other issue.

Mr. McTiernan said he wasn't sure that it was a whole other thing.

David Jason asked how much the project was.

Mr. Fischer stated that it was \$40m.

David Jason stated that this is the only money we get from these residents.

Denise Fitzgerald explained the PILOT program. (Payment in Lieu of Taxes).

Bill Wells said there is a lot of assisted living there and they are not paying taxes. He also noted that the township is providing them with Fire, Ambulance, and Police services as well as picking up their garbage. He then said that residents in his neighborhood are in their 80's and they are still paying taxes and residents of Providence Point are moving in paying \$300k and not paying any taxes it's just not fair.

Mr. McTiernan stated he would look into any limitations of this and see if they can be challenged. Mr. McTiernan stated that there might be a case law.

Mr. Bruckner asked if they can just come in and challenge this or if there is a formal process.

Mr. McTiernan also said that there is the charitable aspect.

Mr. Fischer stated that they don't get medical assistance, they get sent to Castle Shannon Facility.

They are paying 150k on the PILOT program and their taxes would be over \$300m/year. In his opinion they should not get a break.

Denise Fitzgerald stated that she would send a letter responding to their request which will advise that the board discussed Providence Point request and the board is unable to grant the request at this time.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said that they would be looking at the garbage issue in the upcoming contract. Some commissioners feel that they should not be providing pick up.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. McTiernan said he has two items to be discussed in Executive Session. He mentioned that it was with regard to Doris Dr. and Twin Hills.

Engineers Report

Storm and Sanitary Sewer Report

ACHD/EPA Administrative Consent Order -

2015 interim order. The sewer committee authorized relief of the data and finding to 3 Rivers.

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2015 Interim Order -

Manhole dye test has been completed in Scrubgrass Run and has been initiated in Hope Hollow. Flow monitors have been installed as well.

Demonstration project -

They completed manhole dye testing has been completed on Scrubgrass Run and has been initiated for Hope Hollow to quantify the inflow going into the manholes.

Alcosan Grow -

They attended a presentation detailing Alcosan's commitment of \$85m in support of source flow productions. They think this project should qualify for funding. The first step is submitting a letter of interest to Alcosan by July 31, 2016.

O&M Plan -

The CCTV work completed by Jet Jack remains under review. The review is about 75% completed.

Progress Report -

LSSE prepared and submitted the Township's Year 3 progress Report to PaDep on July 1, 2016.

Public Works Report

Ordinance/Detail Update -

The Planning Commission is moving ahead with updating the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and he has met with them three times so far. The next workshop meeting is scheduled for May 17.

Spinner Field Restroom and Hope Street Park -

The Township is coordinating with the contractor on final color and material selections.

Playground Improvements -

The Playground Equipment Contract drawings and contract documents have been sent to DCNR for review. They expect to hear from them quickly to be able to bid. Awaiting approval from DCNR to bid.

CDBG Year 41 Applications -

310 Duncan Way – the contract was awarded to Allen Demolition LLC in the amount of \$10,000. Bonds and insurance were received and SHACOG approved. The pre-construction meeting was held May 4, 2016. The contractor will begin after the demolition of 636/638 Idlewood Avenue (under separate contract with Scott Township) as this is the only access to the Duncan Way property.

Mr. Lennon – Stated that they were just waiting on the bond.

Mr. Fisher – said they have the bond and they started the work yesterday.

Mr. Lennon – Stated that was holding work up on 310 Duncan.

Idlewood Avenue Bridge -

LSSE has confirmed with the Army Corp of Engineers that existing SPGP-4 permits that have a valid Chapter 105 or General Permit are automatically renewed as SPGP-5 permits that will be valid until June 2021. No additional action is required at this time.

Chartiers Enterprises (Atlas) Land Development Plan (East Carnegie) -

The Developer's Agreement was finalized.

2016 Roads -

They had a pre-construction meeting on July 1, 2016 and the roads are 35% complete. They began work on July 6, 2016.

2015 Roads -

LSSE submitted Change Order No 2 (Final) and Partial Payment No. 6 (Final). This will close out the project.

Scott Township Pool -

Mr. Lennon advised that he gave a punch list to all the contractors and a walk through is scheduled for July 19, 2016 at 9:00am.

Contrator has submitted Partial Payment No.10 requesting 100% payment. The application is currently under review.

Highpoint Two and Doris Drive -

Mr. Lennon said that he had nothing new.

Discuss proposal provided by Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting Co. to install permanent irrigation system for all lawn areas at pool.

Mr. Lennon said they would need 3 quotes and would be best to do it by the completion of the change order.

Finance Committee Report

Public Safety Committee Report

Public Works Committee Report

Discuss request from John Gregory Parks regarding extending road to 1722 Park Alley property.

Mr. Castello said that they considered this 10 years ago, and the board didn't want to do it then either.

Mr. Joe Furtanato wants to extend this road so there is a turn around.

Mr. Lubin stated that the estimate for the paving project would be \$15.5k.

Mr. Lennon said there is a problem with storm water. If they pave they are creating a run off problem which will go down into Mr. Fortunato property located at 1737 Main Street.

Mr. Giudici stated to add to the agenda at the regular meeting for a vote.

Discuss program to remove line of sight vegetation obstructions and branches as determined by Public Works or Police Department from areas of traffic lights, street lights, and stop signed intersections.

Mr. Lubin handed out photos to the board with examples showing the obstructions blocking vision during traffic.

Mr. Lubin said that there are branches and other obstructions blocking the view of street lights and stop signs. He stated that he wanted to rent a bucket truck to remove all the obstructions. He said he wanted to make the board aware of this so if the residents would see the men working they would be aware of what is going on.

Mr. Jason suggested putting in 'Stop sign ahead' signs.

Mr. Giudici said that the branches are the responsibility of the residents.

Mr. Lennon stated Penndot says we have to take care of it if it is blocking street signs.

Mr. Castello said that the trees are on private property. Mr. Castello proceeded to ask if the township has the right to go after the homeowner?

Mr. McTiernan said yes! The township has the right if proper notice is provided giving the homeowner a chance to make the correction themselves.

Mr. Castello said they should do it one time and then tell the resident that it is their responsibility moving forward.

Mr. Wells said to send them a letter to remove/trim the tree and advise them that it is a public safety issue. Give them a time frame as to when it needs to be completed by and if not completed in that timeframe we go out and do it.

Mr. McTiernan said then we need to find out if we have the right to cite the resident or not.

Mr. Castello said that he has two residents in his area that have been cited for shrubs. We should be consistent. How can you be cited for shrubs and not trees.

Mr. McTiernan stated we would first have to check the nuisance ordinance and see if the notice complies with exactly what the nuisance is. Then we would have to review the timeframe to see if

the notice should be sent certified mail. He also advised that the notice should reflect exactly what the issue is. Once, the resident doesn't take action the township can then take responsibility for what is needed which we could possibly lien the property.

Mr. Jason advised that he is in agreement with the board sending a letter notifying the homeowner of the issue and if they are not willing to take care of it then we go in there and take care of it. He is against passing the bill on to the residents. Where is there an ordinance that says the residents have to clear a tree that is blocking a street sign.

Mrs. Altman suggested to give Randy and Bob the decision whether to remove or trim any vegetation obstructing traffic signs and/or lights.

Mr. Castello said that he would agree with Mrs. Altman's response.

Mr. McTiernan stated that he needs to look into the ordinance.

Mrs. Altman asked if we can agree to allow Randy and Bob use their best judgment to determine how to handle each scenario.

Board members agreed.

Mr. Lubin advised that he attended the committee meeting last night which they touched on the road program and how much they found. They said they would have to make decisions on where the money is going and they are not removing the curb. Contractor wants to finish.

Mr. Wells asked about the repairs for the aprons on Kerr Rd. and Old Greentree road.

Mr. Lubin said a letter went out for aprons on Kerr Rd. and Old Greentree road.

Mr. Wells stated that we need to send another letter out because they will never fix them if we keep repairing them.

Mr. Randy Lubin talked about E-Waste program.

Mr. Lubin stated that he has a contact to possibly come up with a day for e-waste to come in and do what we did in the past for this program.

Mr. Wells asked if anyone has contacted Upper St. Clair to help us out with the e-waste. They do theirs the second Saturday morning of the month. We can look on their website to get time and place.

Mr. Lubin stated that he is working with the guy at Upper St. Clair.

Mr. Lubin mentioned the Rock Salt is set up to be stored by SHACOG for our minimum supply. They are committed to do 400 tons this year. Most municipalities are reducing their requirements because of good weather.

Mr. Lubin mentioned that the sale of vehicles in the amount of \$24k will be on the MunicibiD.

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee)

Mr. Jason said they need to have a sewer committee meeting the first Monday in August.

Parks and Recreation

Mrs. Meyers said that they would like to do a proclamation for the lifeguards who saved the 3 year old boy.

Movies and dinner in the park would be held August 6th with 4 local restaurants providing food. In addition, Adult swim is July 23, 2016 6:30pm.

Library Liaison Report

Mr. Giudici said he was not able to make last night's meeting for the library.

SHACOG

Mr. Giudici said that there is no meeting this month because of the golf outing in Linden Wood.

Administration

Discuss request from Kathleen Gazda to revise retirement date to August 12, 2016.

Mr. Giudici said to put it on the agenda to ratify.

Conferences and Workshops

Discuss approving eligible commissioners attending the 44th Annual Fall Conference for the Allegheny League of Municipalities to be held at Seven Springs September 15 through September 18, 2016 in the amount of \$795 per person for Plan A; \$618 per person for Plan B or \$448 per person for Plan C (includes \$200 conference fee).

Mr. Jason asked for authorization to attend the fall conference with the township paying \$200 for the registration fee.

Mr. Giudici said to put it on the agenda for vote.

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Pat Martin of Center St.

Ms. Martin asked if the pool rules, which are on the website, are for the new pool or the old pool.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that they are for the new pool.

Mrs. Martin asked about the Adult Swim having BYOB if the pool rules state that there are no alcoholic beverages allowed.

Mrs. Fitzgerald responded that she would look into this subject.

Mrs. Martin also stated a concern with the website which has a rule about no diapers in the pool, does that also mean little swimmers?

Mrs. Fitzgerald explained that little swimmers are made specifically for swimming and explained the difference between diapers and little swimmers and confirmed to Mrs. Martin that little swimmers are allowed.

Mrs. Martin then suggested that the website be changed to reflect diapers in general because older people could also wear diapers and the pool rules only specify baby diapers.

Commissioners Requests

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Jason, second by Mr. Caruso to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Attest:

