

**MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
AGENDA MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2014**

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

Roll Call:

Patricia A. Caruso	Present
Eileen Meyers	Present
Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Present
Stacey Altman	Present
Donald Giudici, Vice President	Present
Craig C. Stephens, Esq.	Present
David G. Calabria	Present
William Wells	Present
David A. Jason, Vice President	Present

PRESENT - 9

ABSENT - 0

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert McTiernan, Esq., Solicitor, Tucker Arensburg, PC
Lawrence Lennon, P.E., Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering
Denise Fitzgerald, Manager – Secretary
Robert Fischer, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer
Kathleen Gazda, Assistant Secretary
Chief James Secreet

Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement

Solicitor's report

Mr. McTiernan said he has items for Executive Session.

Engineers report

Storm and Sanitary Sewer Report

MS4 Ordinance and Resolution items – these will be adopted at the next meeting. The Stormwater Management Ordinance is 99% complete and there are just a couple minor issues to address. The Minimum Control Measure Plan Resolution has been adopted.

Clairview Drive - Robinson Pipe has mobilized to the site. They had a problem with the lateral where they have to cut out two root masses before they televisive.

Mr. Wells ask if roots in the mainline would be covered by the township.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said they would have to prove it is a township line. They do not maintain that line.

Mr. Lennon said he thinks that is private.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said if it is a private line, it would not be the township's responsibility. It could be a shared lateral.

Mr. Lennon said they are checking that line in front of the house because it is not shown on any township drawings.

Public Works Report

Swallow Hill Road and Rockfield Road - they are working on Swallow Hill Road and the lower 250 feet of concrete from Greentree Road to Crosswinds. The contractor is requesting Partial Payment No. 7 in the amount of \$305,151.00. They did review this request and they are recommending that this payment be approved at the next meeting.

Zoning Ordinance Update - they attended a meeting with the township and County Planning Department. The revisions will be reviewed at the next Planning Commission meeting and they will make their recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

SHACOG CDBG Year 40 Final Applications – the bids will be opened at SHACOG.

216 Noblestown Rd. - Minnifield was the low bidder at \$11,000 and SHACOG will cover a 50% share, not to exceed \$6000. They are waiting for authorization to award contract.

Bond Projects - all the paving work is completed. They sent a punch list to the contractor on September 12. He contacted them that they have issues they have to address first around the basketball court

Mr. Giudici said on Ryan Drive they put the topsoil in the washout area. They said they would be back to correct where they cut off and it has not been done.

Mr. Lennon said they held quite a bit of money off by request.

Mr. Wells asked if they send a certified letter, can they go after the bond.

Mr. Lennon said it is his understanding they are all very busy and swamped with work. They have to come in and repair the basketball court and if they don't do it soon they will have to wait until spring.

Mr. Castello asked how much it would cost to have someone come in.

Mr. Lennon said it would be \$30,000 for the color coat system. He said they might have a week or two to get it done.

Mr. Calabria said they should put that in a letter also.

Mr. Castello said they should get the letter out tomorrow and they will have the letter by Friday.

Mr. Calabria said they would have until the beginning of November.

Mr. Castello directed the manager to get a certified letter out tomorrow and give them until Wednesday.

Mr. Lennon said they also have the 2014 Roadway Program where they haven't responded to the punch list items. And the Rockhill Road change order where they never replied.

Mr. Stephens said they did pick up the cones at Foxcroft.

CDBG Year 41 Pre-Applications - these were due at SHACOG by September 12.

Ryan Drive Slope Stabilization - this is included in the storm improvement contract.

2014 Storm Sewer Improvement Contract - all projects were awarded to Stefanik. They met on October 13 and will be starting October 20 because they want to have the work done this year. He said he met with Randy and Bob yesterday and Randy has been in touch with the property owners.

Pool Repairs - the last time work was done on the pool was seven years ago when they repaired cracks and concrete work on the children's pool at a cost of \$108,000. The report shows where the concrete stress was found. There is deterioration under the joints where it is hollow sounding, there is a lot of spalling and damage to the slabs. The estimate to do the concrete is \$137,500.00. It has held for seven years or they can consider putting in a pool liner. It would be \$155,000 to repair and paint or \$110,000 for pool liner system where the pool membrane has a 10 year limited warranty for the liner.

Mr. Wells ask if it would help if they replace the concrete and keep the water in year round.

Mr. Lennon said at this point, no. This should have been years ago; it is too late now because the damage is done. He said he doesn't know why they don't keep water in year round.

Mr. Calabria said it is a safety issue. It is a liability.

Mr. Castello said they would need to have someone watching it.

Mr. Wells said they don't have anyone up there in the summer, they have the camera now.

Mr. Lennon said they are also looking at the gutter drains and general drain. Within the gutter drain there are three sided concrete boxes and underneath is a compartment filled with sand. He would recommend getting a stainless steel gutter line there, but he does not see the need for stainless steel gutter drain. There is a 35% contingency on the cost of \$730,000.

Mr. Castello said he always gives a high estimate, so it's probably about \$600,000.

Mr. Lennon said the concrete is a concern. If they want to open on Memorial Day they will have to work in tents over the winter.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said the \$270,000 budgeted for a water feature could be used for the pool.

Mr. Lennon said he would not be spending any money until February or March.

Mr. Castello said they would discuss this in the budget meeting.

Mr. Lennon said the pool liner would slow down deterioration.

Mr. Castello said it is a 46-year-old pool. It would cost several million to replace.

Mr. Lennon said he thinks it would be about \$3 million.

Mr. Fischer said Mt. Lebanon spent \$3.5 million and also replaced bathhouses.

Mr. Wells said they should get a cost to replace the pool instead of repairing it.

Mr. Lennon said the length of using the liner would be 10 years. It is what's happening behind the liner that is a concern.

Mr. Castello said they got 50 years from the concrete pool.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said Town Park in Canonsburg is on their second liner. The first one lasted 15 years.

Mr. Castello said they would table this for now and they will have two weeks to think about it.

Mr. Jason said they should have Larry give them the price to replace the pool.

Mr. Lennon said if they want to open Memorial Day they would need to be under contract by December. In Mt. Lebanon they started on Labor Day and were done by Memorial Day.

Mr. Castello asked if they can get another year out of it.

Mr. Lennon said he'll talk to Randy. He did a lot of patching this year.

Finance Committee Report

Discuss Assessment Appeals

Mr. Castello said they dealt with this at the last meeting.

Mr. McTiernan said they are waiting for more information.

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked about carryover. She pulled four years data for September 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 and they are within \$100,000. They are on track for real estate revenue.

Mr. Stephen said they have to take into account reductions and refunds.

Discuss Ladder Truck Proposals

Mrs. Fitzgerald said they received two bids.

The proposal from Pierce is \$1,073,594 which included potential discounts and a page of clarifications and exception. With all discounts and exceptions, the best price is **\$987,611**.

The proposal from KME Kovach is **\$977,359**.

She has a letter from the fire district and, based on their meeting, they are recommended the KME bid of \$977,359.

Mr. Wells ask which has the best resale value.

Chief Frank Salerno said they're both the same. He said he did not look at the exemptions. They did not give KME the exceptions taking out the features they did not want to eliminate. KME has a discount of \$34,207 if they pay within five days of contract signing.

Mr. Wells asked if they knew about the ratings.

Chief Adam Kauer said they are the two largest manufacturers in the United States.

Mr. Castello said they would approve it in two weeks.

Chief Kauer said the production bond is 3 to 4% of the price of the truck to be sure they do not go bankrupt. The bid bond is that work is done on time. They have to require a performance bond in the RSP.

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked if they can't require that.

Mr. McTiernan said not now that it was already bid.

Mr. Jason asked what has to be put up before they start.

Chief Salerno said they don't have to put any money down. They could have the truck for a year before they make a payment.

Mr. McTiernan said he is concerned about having the loan documents meet government laws.

Mr. Castello said there is nothing in the proposal about terms of payment.

Chief Kauer said the manufacturer expects the money at the end of production.

Mr. Castello said to put it on the agenda for a vote.

He said the first budget meeting is this Thursday at 7 p.m. when they will cover revenue.

Public Safety Committee Report

Discuss deer issue (Stephens)

Mr. Stephens said he was approached by someone from Mt. Lebanon about deer sterilization.

Mr. Fischer said he called Mt. Lebanon and there is no agreement yet. They are looking for communities interested in the deer sterilization program. They have budgeted \$68,000 and the cost is \$1,000 to sterilize one year. He said he is not advocating that they participate and he said so at a meeting he attended. Castle Shannon and Baldwin are undecided on culling or sterilizing, especially at \$1,000 per deer. Castle Shannon supports the program but doesn't have any money.

Mr. Wells said they can hunt in Allegheny County 50 yards from a home.

Chief Seccret said it is 150 feet.

Mr. Stephen said they did look at a new feeding ordinance.

Public Works Committee Report

Discuss LED lighting in Township (Stephens)

Mr. Stephen said Dustin Jones could not attend the meeting. He said they would table it.

Mr. Wells said there was a study done on the LED lighting and there was no cost savings.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said that was street light savings.

Mr. Wells asked if they were looking at the buildings in the park.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said they were talking about other areas in the township.

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked if this would have to be bid.

Mr. McTiernan said it is a professional service.

Discuss Township Garage

Mrs. Fitzgerald said this is carried over from several meetings ago. They discussed the public works garage and they are looking for an update.

Mr. Lennon said he is waiting for some determination from the Board to see what they want to do. He said they laid out the property and asked if they want to subdivide.

Mr. Wells said they discussed carving out the building area and leaving the rest alone. They could sub-divide the main building and sell it off.

Mr. McTiernan said they will get a description and start the process.

Mr. Fischer said it would have to go to the Planning Commission and then to Kay Pierce for any subdivision.

Mr. McTiernan asked if it is the consensus of the board to sub-divide.

Mr. Lennon said part of the problem is all these encroachments. If they want something with no encroachments, they have to draw it up.

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee)

Discuss adoption of MS4 Prohibited Discharge Ordinance

Mr. McTiernan said they have a draft of the ordinance.

Mr. Jason said put it on for a vote.

Parks and Recreation

Discuss pool repair update

This was discussed.

Library Liaison Report

Public Relations Committee Report

Discuss Tree Lighting to be held at Lodge and Amphitheater on December 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Meyers said the Mansfield five could not play at Octoberfest so she scheduled them to play in the community room during the tree lighting.

Discuss request from Glendale Hose Company No. 1 to use the Lodge, free of charge, on Saturday, December 13 for Family Christmas Party

Ms. Atman said to put it on the agenda to be voted on.

SHACOG

Mr. Stephens said the next meeting will be Thursday at Pleasant Hills.

Mr. Giudici said he can attend.

Administration

Discuss advertising Meeting Dates for 2015

Mr. Jason said to put this on for a vote.

Approve Proclamation as part of Community Banner Program application for 2015

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked that this be put on for a vote.

Discuss Estimate No. 017 for Tri Community Revitalization Project from CDM Smith in the amount of \$7,985.67

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked that this be put on for a vote.

Discuss Estimate No. 017 for Tri Community Revitalization Project from A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$90,418.73

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked that this be put on for a vote.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said they have a request from CONNECT for a contribution.

Mr. Jason said they cannot do that.

Conferences and Workshops

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Beth Tomasovich of Berkwood Drive asked the status of the stormwater improvement fee.

Mr. Castello said it would be discussed at the budget meeting October 29 at 7:45 p.m. and it is open to the public.

Clarence Ferguson of Cynthia drive said a POD truck was parked on the street October 3–6 for the entire week-end and there was no room for emergency vehicles.

Mr. Fischer said the POD ordinance is in a new ordinance still at the Planning Commission. They cannot be parked on the street.

Chief Secret said they tag them when they are parked on the street.

Mr. Ferguson said the man is running a business out of his house. It is a residential street and he's using it as an industrial area.

Mr. Castello said the police will check why is left there.

Chief Secret said they will issue a courtesy tag. If it is not paid, they issue a state tag with a higher fee.

Lou Cancilierre said he received the letter about throwing grass in the easement. He said he called Mr. Fisher and he wants someone to come out and see the problem.

Mr. Fischer said the neighbors are complaining because he is throwing grass into the easement. There is an easement agreement with Duquesne light. He said he will come up to see it and talk about it.

Mr. Cancilierre said he is putting grass on poison ivy to kill it.

Bob Fischer said grass draws rats. He said it is a Duquesne Light right of way between the two properties. He will come up and look at the issue.

Marilyn Mance of 2104 Bower Hill Rd. asked if there was anything new on her property.

Mr. Castello said Bill Quinn denied ever talking to her and saying it was the township's pipe. He is saying the township does not own pipe.

Mrs. Mance said the engineering firm said it is the townships.

Mr. Lennon said for the record it does not say that. He does not want to spend time talking about this. The letter speaks for itself. He said it is a very generic statement and does not mean the township is responsible.

Mrs. Mance asked who is responsible for storm water management.

Mr. Jason said it depends on who owns the property. It could be a private property owner, the county, the state or federal government.

Mrs. Mance asked who is responsible for Spinner Field.

Mr. McTiernan said the township has no legal responsibility because water flows from one property to another.

Mr. Jason said the problem is there is no documentation. They cannot be responsible for her business being damaged by water. He said they have been over this many times.

Mrs. Mance said she cannot get a document that is not made available to her. She asked if there has to be a permit when you connect a stormwater pipe to a county pipe.

Mr. Jason said today, yes. In the old days, no.

Mr. Wells said he would make the recommendation that they table this until Bob looks at it and it is discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Calabria said he agrees that Bob needs to take a look at this. Our Lady of Grace Church stepped up to the plate.

Mr. Wells said they are opening themselves up to a real mess. If they are responsible, they will stand up and take care of it. If not, they cannot do anything about it.

Mrs. Mance said she understands there is funding from FEMA for hazard mitigation.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said she did apply for damage to the township and it was used for Pine Trees Drive in the amount of \$46,000.

Richard Porchiron of 1920 Elmbrook Lane said there are rodents around his house. He has pictures of garbage cans at 1924 that are put between the houses and nothing has been done about it. He met with Bob Fischer on September 25 and he said the garbage cans are a dead issue. He said he has a bag with five mice and two moles. He has a problem and he wants it taken care of.

Mr. Fischer said his only option is to take him to court and fine him for trash. He cannot stop him from putting trash cans between houses but he can stop him from putting it in bags.

Mike Formosa of Greenlawn Drive thanked the township for taking care of the stormwater issue he had. He asked if there is any update with people parking in their front yards.

Mr. Fischer said he has been notified, so the only thing left is to take him to court.

Commissioners Requests

Mrs. Caruso - Nothing.

Mrs. Meyers – Nothing.

Mr. Castello - nothing.

Ms. Altman – nothing.

Mr. Giudici - nothing.

Mr. Stephens said he received a call from a resident on Cochran Road. Coming up Newburn Drive in the open space, a car went off the road into the grassy area. People are concerned about the exposed area. Cochran Hall is reluctant to put in shrubs so he and Randy discussed putting in a guard rail.

Mr. Castello asked how many times this has happened.

Mr. Stephens said it could have been a couple times. It wouldn't cost the township anything and the association is okay if it is warranted. They would have to do a one-call to be digging down. It is a forty foot drop.

Mr. Calabria said a guide rail is warranted if there is a 15–20 foot drop-off.

Mr. Calabria asked about Denny's.

Mr. McTiernan said Ken Voltz met with them and made a determination how to pay for the repairs. It should be complete in thirty days.

Mr. Fischer said bids are going out from Gateway.

Mr. Wells said there is a pothole at the playground.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said she applied for funding and will be notified in the fall. This is for all the park equipment and for ADA accessibility. This would replace the large playground at the top of the park. It is in the budget for \$230,000.

Mrs. Meyers thanked the commissioners and Randy for stepping up to help with Octoberfest.

Executive session

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Attest:
