

**MINUTES  
SCOTT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM  
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 28, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President David Jason at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Giudici led all present in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

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

PRESENT -9

ABSENT - 0

ALSO PRESENT: Robert McTiernan, Esq., Solicitor, Tucker Arensburg, PC  
Lawrence J. Lennon, P.E., Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.  
Randy Lubin, Director of Public Services  
Sandra Novelli, Finance Director  
Kathleen Gazda, Assistant Secretary  
Chief James Secreet

**Agenda**

**Approve agenda, as revised and submitted**

**Motion** by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Caruso to approve the agenda, as revised and submitted.

**Motion carried (9-0).**

**Public Comments on Agenda Items**

(To be addressed at the beginning of each Committee report)

**Bill List**

**Approve Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,827,129.31**

Mr. Giudici asked why there are so many sewer refunds.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said there are credit meter refunds.

Mrs. Novelli said sometimes when people move in and out of the township, accounts are changed and refunds are paid.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said she would verify this with the sewer department.

**Motion** by Mr. Giudici, second by Mr. Castello to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,827,129.31.

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

**Motion carried (9-0).**

Mr. Wells questioned an item on Page 11 – pool chairs.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said these were budgeted and were purchased at the end of the season.

Mr. Wells asked about stack chairs from Pool Outfitters in the amount of \$800.00.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said they purchased 24 replacement chairs for the Community Room at \$26.34 each.

**Planning Zoning and Code Enforcement**

**Solicitor’s Report**

Mr. McTiernan said he was several issues throughout the agenda tonight, including the MS4 Ordinance and awarding of the ladder truck.

**Engineer’s Report**

**Authorize Engineer to design subdivision plan for Public Works garage property**

Mr. Lennon said at the last meeting the board said they do want him to prepare sub-division plans for the Public Works garage property.

Mr. Wells asked the cost.

Mr. Lennon said approximately \$2,000.00.

**Motion** by Mr. Castello, second by Ms. Altman to authorize Engineer to design subdivision plan for Public Works garage property.

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes

**Motion carried (9-0).**

**Approve the demolition of 216 Noblestown Road (Total cost \$12,000 – Township match \$6,000)**

Motion by Mr. Jason, second by Mr. Castello to approve the demolition of 216 Noblestown Road (Total cost \$12,000 – Township match \$6,000).

**Roll Call**

Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Ms, Altman	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

**Motion carried (9-0).**

**Approve request for Partial Payment No. 8 for Contract No. 13-R02 Concrete Roadway Construction Swallow Hill Road and Rockfield Road from Golden Triangle Construction Co. in the amount of \$305,151.00**

**Motion** by Mr. Wells, second by Mrs. Caruso to approve request for Partial Payment No. 8 for Contract No. 13-R02 Concrete Roadway Construction Swallow Hill Road and Rockfield Road from Golden Triangle Construction Co. in the amount of \$305,151.00.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Calabria	Yes
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Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

**Motion carried (9-0).**

Mr. Giudici asked if they are on schedule to finish before Thanksgiving.

Mr. Wells said everything is done except 100 feet of curbs.

Mr. Castello said they were working Saturday to finish.

Mr. Jason said he was there with Randy and was told they should wrap everything up by next week. The weather has been very cooperative.

Mr. Wells said part of the fence at the basketball court is loose and needs to be rewired.

Mr. Calabria said maybe they can put wire ties on it.

Mr. Lubin said they haven't done the final walk through on the basketball court yet.

**Award Contract No. 14-W1 Short Street Gabion Wall project to the lowest qualified bidder**

Niando Construction, Inc.	\$112,510.00
Gary Metzinger Cement Contractor, Inc.	149,210.00
Rhino Construction, Inc.	158,890.00
Mann Construction, Inc.	162,970.00
Next Construction, Inc.	195,400.00
Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting Co., Inc.	200,000.00
Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc.	239,720.00

Mr. Lennon said the board has the bid report. Bids were opened on October 21 and Niando Construction is the low bidder at \$112,510. His estimate was \$85,000. He has scheduled a meeting to talk to Denise to see how this could be funded. He suggested tabling this until next month. They could turn down all bids if they do not have the funding. They have 90 days to accept or reject a bid.

Mr. Calabria asked if they can negotiate with the low bidder.

Mr. Lennon said no. But they can delete work to get it to the budget amount.

Mr. Jason asked if they have some money from the FEMA grant.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said they have \$15,000 from the FEMA grant. The board will have to decide if they want to take this out of the bond money.

Mr. Stephens said this is right up against Noblestown Road.

**Adopt Resolutions for CD Year 41 projects**

- Concurring **Resolution No. 863-14** Demolition – 310 Duncan Way
- Slum/Blight **Resolution No. 864-14** Demolition – 310 Duncan Way
- Concurring **Resolution No. 865-14** Demolition – Hammond Street Structure
- Slum/Blight **Resolution No. 866-14** Demolition – Hammond Street Structure
- Concurring **Resolution No. 867-14** Demolition – 636/638 Idlewood Avenue
- Slum/Blight **Resolution No. 868-14** Demolition – 636/638 Idlewood Avenue

Mr. Lennon said the Concurring Resolution is agreeing to take on the job. The Slum and Blight Resolution is because the source of funding is asking them to take this extra step.

**Motion** by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mr. Jason to adopt Resolutions for CD Year 41 projects

- Concurring **Resolution No. 863-14** Demolition – 310 Duncan Way
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- Slum/Blight **Resolution No. 868-14** Demolition – 636/638 Idlewood Avenue

**Roll Call**

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| Mrs. Caruso  | Yes |
| Mr. Castello | Yes |
| Mr. Giudici  | Yes |
| Mr. Calabria | Yes |
| Mrs. Meyers  | Yes |
| Ms. Altman   | Yes |
| Mr. Stephens | Yes |
| Mr. Wells    | Yes |
| Mr. Jason    | Yes |

**Motion carried (9-0).**

**Discuss demolition of 443 Noblestown Road (Jason)**

Adam Kauer, Chief of East Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department, said the address is actually 431 Noblestown Road.

He said they had a structure fire there last week with a victim entrapped. He asked what they are going to do in the future with this house. The man was back today sitting on the porch. In the future, he doesn't know what they will do. They have legalities. There are things they can and cannot do. Public safety is his No. 1 responsibility.

Mr. Wells said Chief Seccret reported at the last meeting that he was taken to a shelter and he left.

Mr. Castello said they only heard about this issue three or four weeks ago.

Mr. McTiernan said they posted the property and are looking at emergency repairs of the roof. They did discuss a court order and they did have some indication from the county they were going to take responsibility. They did not want the Police Department to physically remove him without paperwork. He said they are looking for bids to take the chimney down.

Mr. Kauer said he could be charged with risking a catastrophe.

Mr. Jason said they need an action plan if they have situations like this, notifying the fire departments and Police Department. The man had legal ownership of the property.

Chief Secret said he left for a three or four week period, then came back. At the last meeting he had been back a week or so.

Mr. Wells said Bob is working with the departments of mental health and aging. They cannot just pluck him out of his house.

Mr. Kauer said it is his responsibility. Firefighters were entering the building and there was a person trapped on the second floor.

Mr. Wells said Bob said he would remove him one more time, then take down the chimney and board it up. Because someone has mental issues, you cannot take them out of their home.

Chief Secret said he would defer this to the Solicitor.

Mr. McTiernan said the next step might be a court order. The Police Department needs legal authority. They have relied on social services. They can ask the court to enforce their order.

Mr. Castello said these things do not happen overnight.

Mr. McTiernan said you have to give people time to comply.

Chief Kauer said it is a health concern and a hazard to the firefighters.

Mr. Wells said a lot of them have hoarders in their neighborhoods.

Mr. Jason said they at least have utilities.

Mr. Wells said some do not.

Mr. McTiernan said people with mentally deficiencies and emotional distress usually do not reply to court orders.

Chief Kauer said he is here to talk about preventing this in the future.

Mr. Jason said he wants the house torn down right away.

Mr. Wells said they can get it cleaned and boarded up and have the chimney taken down.

Mr. Jason said the code enforcement officer doesn't want to go in there.

Mr. Wells said they can figure out what they are going to do and then talk to Bob.

Mr. Castello said Bob can go in there.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said they need a structural engineer to determine if it is structurally safe. He has had them in there before and they did not find it structurally unsound.

Mr. Calabria asked if the Health Department can come in.

Chief Kauer said the fire was ruled accidental because he admitted what he did. He said he would try to be proactive and get rid of the large pine tree. He said they are going to think twice about going into that house again.

Mr. Jason said they might get the Health Department declare it uninhabitable.

Mr. McTiernan said the magistrate can issue a warrant for Bob to go in.

## **Standard Reports**

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **Approve the total tax refunds due the month of September 2014 in the amount of \$53,659.70**

**Motion** by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Stephens to approve the total tax refunds due the month of September 2014 in the amount of \$53,659.70.

### **Roll Call**

Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

**Motion carried (9-0).**

#### **Approve the total real estate commissions due the Tax Collector for the month of September 2014 for the years 2011. 2012 and 2013 in the amount of \$620.93**

**Motion** by Mrs. Meyers, second by Ms. Altman to approve the total real estate commissions due the Tax Collector for the month of September 2014 for the years 2011. 2012 and 2013 in the amount of \$620.93.

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

**Motion carried (9-0).**

*Additional reports, as submitted: Secretary’s Report, Building Inspector’s Report, Magistrate’s Report and Public Works Report.*

**Standing Committee Report - Finance**

**Award contract for Ladder Truck to the lowest qualified bidder**

Mr. McTiernan said this is subject to a review of the contract. And comply with local government laws. Information was sent by a representative to the manager, but there is not a lot of finance information. They cannot borrow money until they pass an ordinance.

Mr. Wells said they were supposed to have a payment schedule before they approve it.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said the payment would be \$60,000 per year.

**Motion** by Mr. Castello, second by Ms. Altman to award the contract for a Ladder Truck to KME Kovach in the amount of \$977,359, subject to review of the contract and also subject to finance complying with the Local Government laws.

Mr. Wells asked if it will fit in the bay and is the weight limit okay.

Chief Salerno said they had a truck exactly like that.

Mr. Wells asked if Carnegie or Heidelberg have asked to buy into this because they do not have one.

Chief Kauer said they use their equipment, too. They share resources through Mutual Aid.

Mr. Wells said they are close to Carnegie, Heidelberg and Kirwin Heights. Going together would defray the cost.

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes



Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

**Motion carried (9-0).**

Mr. Castello said the first Budget Meeting will be tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

**Standing Committee Report – Public Safety**

Mrs. Caruso said they will have a Public Safety Committee meeting next Monday at 7:00 p.m.

**Standing Committee Report – Public Works**

Mr. Stephens said the schedule for the Fall Branch and Leaf pick up program is in the newsletter.

**Standing Committee Report – Environmental Advisory Committee**

**Adopt Ordinance No. 1616-14 MS4 Prohibited Discharge Ordinance**

**Motion** by Mr. Jason, second by Mr. Stephens to adopt **Ordinance No. 1616-14 MS4 Prohibited Discharge Ordinance.**

**Roll Call**

Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

**Motion carried (9-0).**

**Standing Committee Report – Parks and Recreation**

**Standing Committee Report - Public Relations**

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

**Motion** by Mr. Wells, second by Ms. Altman to approve request from Glendale Hose Company No. 1 to use the Lodge, free of charge, on Saturday, December 13 for Family Christmas Party.

**Motion carried (9-0).**

**Library Liaison**

Mr. Wells said they turned in their grant made through a match of \$5,000.00.

**Standing Committee Report – SHACOG**

Mr. Giudici said Mr. Gorski gave accolades about moving here and thanks to all departments who helped. They are very happy with their new offices. The next meeting is at Baldwin Borough.

**Standing Committee Report – Administration**

**Advertise Meeting Dates for 2015**

**Motion** by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Jason to advertise Meeting Dates for 2015.

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

**Motion carried (9-0).**

**Approve Proclamation as part of Community Banner Program application for 2015**

**Motion** by Mr. Jason, second by Mrs. Caruso to approve Proclamation as part of Community Banner Program application for 2015.

**Motion carried (9-0).**

**Motion** to approve payment of Estimate No. 017 for Tri Community Revitalization Project from CDM Smith in the amount of \$7,985.67

**Motion** by Mr. Jason, second by Mrs. Meyers to approve payment of Estimate No. 017 for Tri Community Revitalization Project from CDM Smith in the amount of \$7,985.67.

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes

Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

**Motion carried (9-0).**

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

**Motion** by Mr. Jason, second by Mrs. Meyers to approve payment of Estimate No. 017 for Tri Community Revitalization Project from A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$90,418.73.

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

**Motion carried (9-0).**

**Discuss request from Chartiers Valley United Presbyterian Church to repair damage to parking lot caused by township garbage container**

Mr. Castello said is a legal issue and should be discussed in Executive Session.

**Conferences and Workshops**

**Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda**

Dr. Hoon said he is a long time runner on Scrubgrass Road and he has seen the volume of traffic increase. Two years ago he ran down the road bank across from the Conservancy property and a hunting arrow came speeding out of the bank. The arrow was deflected by a branch or he would have been hit by that arrow. This is a lousy hunting situation and they are hunting within fifty yards of the house there.

Mr. Wells said they cannot hunt if it is posted. If it is not posted, it is out of their hands.

Dr. Hoon said he has seen people from the Conservancy post signs and they are torn down in two days.

Chief Secreet said the hunter must have a letter or permission from the owner.

Jane Sorcan of the Conservancy said they have it posted and the signs are torn down in a day or two.

Mr. McTiernan said it is not criminal trespass unless it is defiant trespass.

Dr. Hoon said he has talked to hunters over the years and they have said it is not posted so they will hunt there.

Mr. Castello said the township cannot post it.

Mr. Wells said arrows can be used, but not rifles in Allegheny County but there is nothing they can do until they post the property.

Mrs. Fitzgerald suggested they put permanent signs on the township property.

Mr. Wells said there are regulations from the hunting association.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said they do not want permanent signs too close together.

Chief Secreet said they could be placed over the hill in the park where they would not be an eyesore.

**Motion** by Mr. Jason, second by Mr. Castello to authorize the manager to purchase “No Hunting” signs, in compliance with all hunting laws.

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

**Motion carried (9-0).**

**Commissioners’ request**

Mrs. Caruso – nothing.

Mrs. Meyers – Happy Halloween.

Mr. Castello – nothing.

Ms. Altman - nothing.

Mr. Giudici – nothing.

Mr. Stephens said Trick or Treat will be from 6:00 to 8:00.

Mr. Calabria asked if the “Drive like your kids live here” signs were in.

Mr. Lubin said he has some upstairs.

Mr. Calabria said he wants six; Mr. Wells said he wants four; Mr. Giudici said two and Mr. Jason said two.

Mr. Wells asked if they will be doing road crack sealing.

Mr. Lubin said he has a list of the roads that have been paved six or seven years ago. He said he will check with them

### **Executive Session**

### **Adjournment**

**Motion** by Mr. Calabria, second by Mr. Giudici to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion carried (9-0).**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

**Attest:**

  

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