

**MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President David Jason at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Giudici led all present in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Patricia A. Caruso	Absent	(Arrived 5:30 p.m.)
Eileen Meyers	Present	
Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Present	
Stacey A. Altman	Present	
Donald W. Giudici, CPA, Vice President	Present	
Craig C. Stephens, Esq.	Present	
David G. Calabria	Present	
William E. Wells	Present	
David A. Jason, President	Present	

PRESENT - 8

ABSENT - 1

ALSO PRESENT: John Vogel, Esq., Solicitor, Tucker Arensburg, PC
Lawrence J. Lennon, P.E., Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.
Sandra Novelli, Finance Director
Kathleen Gazda, Assistant Secretary
Chief James Secreet

Mrs. Fitzgerald said they have one issue to be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Jason asked for a moment of silence in memory of the two New York officers and for support of our Police Department and all police officers. He said they are all doing the best they can.

The meeting was recessed at 5:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

Agenda

Approve agenda, as submitted

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Ms. Altman to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Motion carried (8-0).

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 \$957,110.84

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Ms. Altman to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of \$957,110.84.

Roll Call

Mrs. Caruso	Absent
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 (8-0).

Planning Zoning and Code Enforcement

Solicitor’s Report

Engineer’s Report

Approve payment of Partial Payment No. 9 for Contract No. 13-R02 Concrete Roadway Reconstruction from Golden Triangle Construction Company in the amount of \$366,279.58

Mr. Lennon said this was reviewed by his office and it is in order.

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Stephens to approve payment of Partial Payment No. 9 for Contract No. 13-R02 Concrete Roadway Reconstruction from Golden Triangle Construction Company in the amount of \$366,279.58.

Roll Call

Mrs. Caruso	Absent
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 (8-0).

Mr. Wells asked if they are holding enough to cover this.

Mr. Lennon said yes.

Approve payment of Partial Payment No. 4 for Contract No. 14-RO3 2014 Capitol Infrastructure Improvements from A. Folino Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$80,635.75

Mr. Lennon said they have reviewed this and it is in order. He said they are holding \$150,000.

Mr. Wells asked if that is enough.

Mr. Lennon said yes.

Mrs. Meyers asked when they will finish.

Mr. Lennon said in the spring.

Mr. Wells asked about the change order for Rockhill.

Mr. Lennon said he hasn't heard back from them.

Mr. Wells said they will have to remember this when they put bids out next year.

Mr. Calabria said he does good work.

Mr. Lennon said he agrees that he does good work.

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Stephens to approve payment of Partial Payment No. 4 for Contract No. 14-RO3 2014 Capitol Infrastructure Improvements from A. Folino Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$80,635.75

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0).

Mr. Calabria asked if the road can still be paved after winter.

Mr. Lennon said yes, the contract is still open and they can still hold him to the prices.

Mr. Wells said they need to get started on the road program in January so they can put the bid out early.

Mr. Calabria said after the contractor does the roads he has to come in to fix the yards. He asked if it would be cheaper to have a landscaper do it.

Mr. Lennon said some clients prepare and their public works departments do it.

Mr. Wells said Chip did a good job. He does meticulous work.

Ms. Altman said it worked out for the best because they are doing sewer work on Rockhill.

Standard Reports

Treasurer's Report

Approve the total refunds due the month of November 2014 in the amount of \$1,640.30

Motion by Mr. Stephens, second by Mr. Giudici to approve the total refunds due the month of November 2014 in the amount of \$1,640.30.

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	Absent
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (8-0).

Approve the total real estate commissions due the Tax Collector for the month of November 2014 for the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 in the amount of \$1,233.63

Motion by Mr. Wells, second by Ms. Altman to approve the total real estate commissions due the Tax Collector for the month of November 2014 for the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 in the amount of \$1,233.63.

Roll Call

Mrs. Caruso	Absent
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 (8-0).

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

Standing Committee Report - Finance

Larry Brewer of 146 Greenbriar Drive said Mr. Wells has proposed a 78 % increase in the sewer user fee. For a household of three or four people this would average \$300 to \$350 per year. Another proposal of one percent would average \$100 a year. He asked if there is a reason for this.

Mr. Jason said there are water issues in the township. Some members of the board want an increase in the form of a millage increase.

Mr. Brewer said this is for people living in low lying areas.

Mr. Jason said with heavy rains, there is not enough capacity to handle it. He said he favors spreading out money so everyone benefits.

Mr. Wells said whole houses are flooding. The sewers were built in the 1950s and they are not capable of handling the storms they have been getting. A man on Pine Trees said it looked like Niagara Falls going through his house.

Mr. Brewer said they should move. He said he dealt with his own problems when the sewers were blocked.

Mr. Wells said he should call public works and they will clean it out.

Mr. Brewer said that is not good enough. He shouldn't have to call – they should do the job.

Mr. Wells said public works is fantastic at doing maintenance on a regular schedule.

Mr. Jason said it is no longer on the table because they are going to a 1 mil increase. A 1 mil increase would bring in \$100,000 and would be an \$8.50 a month increase.

Beth Tomasovich said because of her neighbor's running drains on her property, she lost \$60,000 in damages in one year. The neighbors keep their houses dry and cause her house to flood.

Approve revisions to Township property and liability contracts and award Fire Department vehicle insurance to C.W. Howard Insurance Agency

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Jason to approve revisions to Township property and liability contracts and award Fire Department vehicle insurance to C.W. Howard Insurance Agency.

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).

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Caruso to approve Addendum to Scott Township Police Pension Plan Investment Policy Statement regarding Asset Allocations, effective January 1, 2015.

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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 Addendum to Scott Township Non-Uniform Pension Plan Investment Policy Statement regarding Asset Allocations, effective January 1, 2105

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Giudici to approve Addendum to Scott Township Non-Uniform Pension Plan Investment Policy Statement regarding Asset Allocations, effective January 1, 2105.

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 lease with #1 Cochran of Robinson Township for 2015 GMC Acadia in the amount of \$362.00 per month for a period of 39 months for Manager’s vehicle (opening December 18)

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Jason to approve lease with #1 Cochran of Robinson Township for 2015 GMC Acadia in the amount of \$362.00 per month for a period of 39 months for Manager’s vehicle (opening December 18).

Mr. Wells said the Manager will pay taxes on mileage reduced by personal use.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said it will be a 60/40 split.

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).

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1617-14 - 2015 Tax Levy Ordinance

Mils on Each Dollar of Assessed Value	
Tax Rate for General Purposes	5.2659144 mils
Tax Rate for Library	.0640856 mils
Total	5.33 mils

Mr. Wells said he would like to see ½ % increase go to storm sewers and the other ½ per cent to the road program. With oil being cheaper they can do more roads – just for this year. After this year it is up to the commissioners to decide what portion they should work on.

Mr. Stephens asked if he means just storm sewers and not sanitary sewers.

Mr. Wells said there are no shovel ready projects. They should put ½ mil away for storm sewers and a dedicated ½ mil for infrastructure.

Mr. Castello said his proposal is an 89.5 per cent increase.

Mr. Wells said it is \$8 a month.

Mr. Castello said he does not agree with his designation.

Mr. Jason said he has the power to form a committee and it will depend on how the vote goes tonight.

Mrs. Meyers said if they replace the pool it will have to be started as soon as the pool closes.

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Giudici to adopt **Ordinance No. 1617-14 - 2015 Tax Levy Ordinance**

Mils on Each Dollar of Assessed Value	
Tax Rate for General Purposes	5.2659144 mils
Tax Rate for Library	.0640856 mils
Total	5.33 mils

Mr. Calabria asked if this is a commitment for how many years.

Mr. Castello said if the board changes in two years, they can change it.

Mr. Calabria said they needed \$3,000,000 on a list of 52 properties. He said he wants a commitment.

Mr. Castello said if they have issues, they'll spend it. If not, they will carry it over.

Mr. Wells asked if there are any shovel ready projects.

Mr. Castello said other than the pool, no.

Mr. Vogel said this is the Tax Levy Ordinance. The dedications are a budgetary thing, not a tax levy thing.

Mr. Castello said he is not willing to sit here and say he is willing to spend \$500,000 on roads. They are going to have a project. They have to work on the pool.

Roll Call

Ms. Altman	No
Mr. Calabria	No
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	No
Mr. Stephens	No
Mr. Wells	No
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Jason	No

Motion denied (6-3).

Motion 1 mil increase with roads and pool for one year, then dedicated to infrastructure and ½ to storm sewers, pool repairs and roads.

Mr. Castello said they have a \$2,000,000 surplus because of good budgeting.

Mr. Jason said the money will go to roads and the pool for one year. He said he has demolition issues. This would be a 1 mil increase for one year with ½ mil going to storm water issues and the other this year for the roads, pool and demolition.

Mr. Castello asked what if they have an emergency.

Mr. Jason said emergencies could be discussed.

Mr. Wells said they have \$2,000,000 carried over for emergencies.

Motion by Mr. Wells, second by Mr. Calabria to adopt **Ordinance No. 1617-14 - 2015 Tax Levy Ordinance**

Mils on Each Dollar of Assessed Value	
Tax Rate for General Purposes	5.2659144 mils
Tax Rate for Library	.0640856 mils
Total	5.33 mils

(1/2 mil going to stormwater issues and ½ mil for roads, pool and demolition)

Roll Call

Mr. Calabria	Yes
Mr. Castello	No
Mr. Wells	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	No
Mr. Stephens	No
Mr. Giudici	No
Mrs. Caruso	No
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion denied (4-5)

Mr. Stephens said he didn't see the need for a mil increase. He said he is entitled to his opinion.

Mr. Wells said he is not worried about the pool. He is concerned about the storm sewers.

Ms. Altman said he has no issues with land acquisitions or parks.

Mr. Castello proposed ½ mi; dedicated and ½ mil discretionary for capital improvements.

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Ms. Altman to adopt **Ordinance No. 1617-14 - 2015 Tax Levy Ordinance**

Mils on Each Dollar of Assessed Value	
Tax Rate for General Purposes	5.2659144 mils
Tax Rate for Library	.0640856 mils
Total	5.33 mils

(1/2 mil dedicated to storm sewer issues and ½ mil for capital improvements)

Roll Call

Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Calabria	No
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	No
Mr. Stephens	No
Mr. Wells	No
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (5-4).

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1618-14 - 2015 Budget Ordinance

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Ms. Altman to adopt Budget for Year 2015.

Roll Call

Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Calabria	No
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	No
Mr. Stephens	No
Mr. Wells	No
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (5-4).

Adoption of Budget for Year 2015

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Ms. Altman to adopt the Budget for 2015.

Roll Call

Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Calabria	No
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	No
Mr. Stephens	No
Mr. Wells	No
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (5-4).

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Discuss spring issue on Orchardview Drive

Motion by Mr. Jason, second by Mr. Stephens to resolve spring issue on Orchardview Drive to be added to existing contract, not to exceed \$34,230 (to be paid from Bond Issue).

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (9-0).

Standing Committee Report – Environmental Advisory Committee

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1619-14 amending Ordinance No. 1541-04 Stormwater Management Ordinance

Motion by Mr. Jason, second by Mr. Stephens to adopt **Ordinance No. 1619-14** amending Ordinance No. 1541-04 Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (9-0).

Standing Committee Report – Parks and Recreation

Standing Committee Report - Public Relations

Library Liaison

Standing Committee Report – SHACOG

Standing Committee Report – Administration

Approve payment of Estimate No. 018 for Tri Community Revitalization Project from A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$5,136.88

Motion by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mr. Castello to approve payment of Estimate No. 018 for Tri Community Revitalization Project from A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$5,136.88.

Mr. Calabria said this is a bill for street signs. It is \$1,998 for one sign. He said that is a lot for a sign.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said she will get details on that. She believes it is a “Welcome to Scott Township” sign. It could be for Heidelberg or Carnegie. After checking, she said the sign was for Carnegie.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (9-0).

Approve payment of Estimate No. 019 for the Tri Community Revitalization Project from A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$22,693.56

Motion by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mr. Giudici to approve payment of Estimate No. 019 for the Tri Community Revitalization Project from A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$22,693.56.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (9-0).

Conferences and Workshops

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda

Beth Tomasovich asked if the money for storm sewer projects will help the properties on Mr. Lennon's list.

Mr. Wells said the ½ mil is for that.

Mr. Jason said they will have a Sewer Committee meeting on Monday, February 1.

Mr. Wells asked the status of Claireview.

Mr. Lennon said they received a survey from Mr. Mox and will put together a cost estimate for the next agenda meeting.

Mrs. Tomasovich said since the man on Orchardview has a problem, he should be responsible for it.

Commissioners' request

Mr. Jason wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the board for a good year. He said he thinks the board has done a lot of good work this year.

Mrs. Caruso – Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Meyers – Merry Christmas.

Mr. Castello – Merry Christmas.

Ms. Altman asked if the signs have come in.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said she would check.

Mr. Giudici – Happy Holidays.

Mr. Stephens – Merry Christmas.

Mr. Calabria – Merry Christmas.

Mr. Wells said they budgeted \$1,000,000 to buy Nixon School. They can take \$400,000 to pay for the fire truck. They will receive \$30,000 each year from the three fire departments and \$10,000 from the township.

Mr. Vogel said they have to be careful how they invest money.

Mr. Castello said they will discuss it after the holidays.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Stephens, second by Mr. Giudici to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (9-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Attest:

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