

**MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
AGENDA MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 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	Absent
Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Absent
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 - 7

ABSENT - 2

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert McTiernan, Esq., Solicitor, Tucker Arensburg, PC
Lawrence J. Lennon, P.E., Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering
Denise Fitzgerald, Manager – Secretary
Randy Lubin, Director of Public Services
Kathleen Gazda, Assistant Secretary
Chief James Secreet

Recognition of Officer of the Year

Mrs. Caruso said Officer Dan Walker is the Officer of the Year. This year's recipient was chosen by the five sergeants and the chief. Officer Walker has been on the force for seven years and answered 300 calls last year and is the president of the Police Association. She said it is an honor to present him with the Officer of the Year Award.

Chief Secreet said he is glad to see Dan get this award. It is not about one certain thing they do; it is about what they do all year long. Dan wrote grants that helped the police department get \$30,000 in equipment. He is the president of the Police Association and sometimes, a chief and association president do not see eye to eye, but they have always be able to work together to resolve any issue.

Officer Walker introduced his wife and said he appreciates the chief and the selection process. He said this board makes it easy to keep morale high. He thanked the chief, the men he works with and the board.

The meeting was recessed at 7:40 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

Geese Management

Amy Hess, Certified Wildlife Biologist with the US Department of Agriculture said she has been working with Randy since 2009. They visited Scott Park and didn't find any nesting geese. They offer a one and one-half year contract with 20 visits. They cannot harass nesting geese. If there are no visits, the township would only be charged an administrative cost with no time charged.

They would begin with dog harassment and pyrotechnics to scare the geese; they also have electronic devices and lasers and if that fails, they would shoot to enforce. Typically, they do not do this, but it does happen. The geese problem at Scott Park has gotten worse. They are resident Canadian geese that are always coming back and they cannot make the problem go away overnight. After three years of non-lethal treatment they should reduce the population by half.

She said they have been doing this for ten years and the federal government is the leader in geese harassment; private contractors cannot take geese. They are regulated birds and federally protected.

Mr. Stephens asked when they would resort to "shoot to enforce".

Ms. Hess said when the geese are unresponsive to harassment like dogs and pyrotechnics. They would only do this with the township's approval when conditions are perfect. They usually only take one or two geese and the geese realize she is a predator.

Mr. Wells asked what time of the day they would do this.

Ms. Hess said whatever time works best.

Mr. Wells said there are homes at the edge of the park and if they are shooting close to the homes, they will fill this meeting room with complaints.

Mr. Hess said they use suppressed rifles which are quiet and they would only go in if approved.

Mr. Wells asked if they buy into the program can they decide not to shoot.

Ms. Hess said they can do that. She said they are also in the process of doing a township deer removal program.

Mr. Stephens asked about the pyrotechnics.

Ms. Hess said they are designed for avian use and they would warn people in the park.

Mr. Wells asked how close PETA follows them.

Ms. Hess said they have drones.

Mr. Wells said they don't need to fill this room with protesters like they did with the deer issue. He asked if they have worked with any municipalities in the South Hills.

Ms. Hess said she understands their concerns and she has references. She said they are working with Allegheny County with geese control.

Mr. Stephens asked the cost to enter into an agreement.

Ms. Hess said 20 visits would be \$2,500 billed quarterly.

Mr. Wells asked what if they need more than 20 visits.

Ms. Hess said they can enter into a new agreement. She can give an estimate for 40 visits. Geese are attracted to open space and open grass. They will perceive a parking lot as water and sometimes build their nests in parking lot islands. She said she cannot guarantee anything with animals. Sometime they can get rid of them and another group will come in. She said Randy has her e-mail address if they have any questions.

Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement

Solicitor's report

Mr. McTiernan said he has one litigation item for Executive Session.

Discuss Sunshine Law

Mr. Calabria said he has an issue with the way the board is conducting business. He said there was one meeting. He said that they were not invited to the strike down meeting.

Mr. McTiernan said there was a meeting that had not been advertised. He gave his opinion that every meeting should be advertised; that is not the procedure there. In the future this should be done in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

Mr. Calabria asked what their repercussions would be.

Mr. McTiernan said there are none; the budget has been adopted. He said he had a candid conversation with Mr. Castello and this will not happen in the future.

Mr. Wells said they need an itinerary. This strike down meeting occurred outside his and the public's view. They need to make sure they know what the rules are and there are no meetings unless they are advertised and open to the public.

Ms. Altman said this is the second year it happened and there was no issue before. Tom said this is the way it was done for 17 years.

Mr. McTiernan said he was asked point blank and told them that any committee or organization should not be deliberating. Now because of the Sunshine Law any committee, if they are going to deliberate or talk about what they should do, it should be advertised.

Mr. Giudici said the Allegheny County Commissioners meetings are advertised and open to the public.

Mr. Jason said all committee meetings have to be public.

Mr. McTiernan said under the Sunshine Act all meetings are advertised at the beginning of the year.

Mr. Wells said they need to know the rules when they do something like this. They were handed 72 pages of documents and asked if they had any questions. They weren't prepared to ask questions.

Mr. Giudici said the meeting only lasted fifteen minutes. They did deliberate and made recommendations.

Mr. McTiernan said in the future they have to be advertised.

Mr. Giudici said he thought the Sunshine Act was for a meeting of the majority of the commissioners.

Mr. Calabria said that is no excuse; Tom was wrong.

Mr. Wells asked Mrs. Fitzgerald if she was invited to the meeting.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said no.

Mr. Wells said the budget is her project.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said she did know they were meeting about the budget.

Mr. Wells said they circumvented her by having the committee work on the budget when the manager makes the budget up.

Ms. Altman said she knew every recommendation; the manager was not excluded.

Mr. Jason said it creates the perception that something was done wrong.

Engineers report

Discuss 2014 Roadway Improvement Program

Mr. Lennon said Chip Dellasandro is here tonight to present the plan.

Mr. Dellasandro said they identified the entrance of the Bourse at Greentree Road. They studied this and looked at everybody's best interest. He said they met with the Chief, the Port Authority, Chartiers Valley School District and the traffic control engineer.

The project will be divided into two phases. Randy got a call from Columbia Gas to meet with them. They have a line that services the Bourse. They have to discontinue the line behind the Mt. Lebanon line. They will start work on Monday.

Phase 1 will begin March 17. They will close from Lindsay to Scrubgrass at the Mt. Lebanon border. Greentree to Lindsay will continue to run both ways. They will do one lane at a time. They will take it out and put it back, put curbs and guide rails.

Phase 2 – traffic only permitted up Swallow Hill Road from Greentree to Lindsay. They will not use Lindsay as a detour. The detour will be Scrubgrass to the Veterans Bridge. They will have the proper signage and will alert by e-mail. There will be advance warning signs to let everyone know in advance.

Mr. Wells asked when he will be in there.

Mr. Dellasandro said Monday March 31 if the weather looks good. There are parameters in the contract when they can begin. He hopes to be finished by the end of July. Phase 1 should take two to four weeks to Lindsay Road.

Mr. Stephens asked if one lane will be open during Phase 2.

Mr. Dellasandro said at the Bourse, there will not be a right turn they will have to turn left to Swallow Hill Road. They have to provide Nob Hill with access and for emergency vehicles. Buses will come up to Lindsay and make the loop and they will relocate stops.

Mr. Wells asked how people would get from downtown.

Mr. Dellasandro said they will have to meet with the Port Authority.

Mr. Wells said now they come up Swallow Hill Road and right onto Lindsay. Maybe they should get the Port Authority to let them know what they are going to do.

Mr. Calabria said they will have one-way signs. That should be okay.

Mr. Dellasandro said he will stay in touch with the chief..

Mr. Calabria asked about the school buses.

Mr. Dellasandro said they would reverse routes between the times school is out.

Mr. Calabria said they would need temporary traffic signals from Penn DOT. They are turning it from a five-phase to a four-phase. He asked Mr. Dellasandro to call him to discuss.

Mr. Dellasandro said the plan is to get the notice out. Just call him and he will come in again. There are seven residents that will be affected and they will have a meeting with all of them. They will do whatever he has to do to get them in and out of their houses.

Mr. Calabria said they did a project in Tarentum and they did a great job.

Ms. Altman said the residents on Rockfield are happy with the work he did.

Discuss Swallow Hill Road Construction project and final traffic plan

Discuss SHACOG Joint Bids for Pipe Lining – Year 8

Discuss SHACOG Joint Bids for Manhole Rehabilitation

Public Works Report

Swallow Hill Road/Rockfield Road Reconstruction – a meeting was held January 9 with Port Authority, Chartiers Valley School District Transportation director and the Chief of Police to review Golden Triangle Construction's detour plan. They prepared and transmitted Change Order No. 1 which increases the contract by \$7,204 to include installation of underdrain on both sides of the roadway and modifying the sub-base fine grading, concrete curb and underdrain.

2013 Roadway Improvement Program – all work is completed with the exception of lawn restoration. Retainage is being held for lawn areas,

Steel City Self Storage – was discussed at the February 5 Planning Commission meeting and the developer withdrew his application. The Planning Commission recommended rejection of the plan.

2014 Capitol Infrastructure Paving Improvements – the core borings were completed by ACA Engineering, Inc. and ACA will bill the township directly for the work. This has been advertised with the bid opening March 20. The plan is to get all the bond programs under one contract.

2014 Roadway Improvement Program – the roads were selected at the last meeting. There is a meeting scheduled on February 20 with Caruso Paving to review the proposed slurry/micro seal roadways. All paving issues will be rolled into one contract and could be ready for reward at the March meeting.

Rennich Plan of Lots – this plan was tabled at the Planning Commission meeting until March.

Storm and Sanitary Sewer Report

Year 5 Sewer System Deficiency Corrections – All cleanup and restoration to rear yards on Sillview is completed. \$100,000 is being withheld until they see if the slope is stable.

ACO Semi-Annual Progress Report – the report was due January 31, 2014 and the report was submitted to the Allegheny County Health Department. The next report is due July 31.

Feasibility Studies – the C50 Woodville proposed agreement has been accepted by Collier Township’s solicitor. A copy is being provided to the township solicitor’s office for review.

Sewer Committee – The next Sewer Committee meeting is scheduled for March 3 at 10 a.m.

Annual Wasteload Management Report – these reports are due March 7 to ALCOSAN. His firm is preparing the report and will present to the board at the February 25 meeting.

Mr. Wells said Denise forward a letter saying ALCOSAN gave more time.

Mr. Lennon said the Department of Justice issued a letter to ALCOSAN giving more time. They are talking about ALCOSAN being in compliance by 2026. And they want ALCOSAN to pursue regionalization. Most communities have agreements that were executed in 1949 where ALCOSAN has to accept and treat all their flow. That is going to change.

Mr. Jason said they have to talk about that at the committee meeting.

Mr. Lennon said ALSCOSAN has never wanted to cross the threshold. The Department of Justice wants them to look at it. This is how it is done nationally. ALCOSAN did not want to go there. They do not want to go to court with eighty four communities. It is a matter of economics; they will likely end up with regionalization where there are complex sewers. They might come in and take over those sewers. It is going to be an evolving discussion.

Mr. Wells said they will be saving if ALCOSAN takes over the sewers.

Mr. Lennon said when they say take it over, they are going to spread the cost over all customers. Scott can fix their sewers cheaper than ALCOSAN. The discussion is just getting started and improvements still have to be made. The question is who makes them and who pays for them.

Finance Committee Report

Discuss money left over from road program and old bond issues (Wells)

Mrs. Fitzgerald said there is \$213,000

Public Safety Committee Report

Public Works Committee Report

Discuss Public Works Summer Help Program

Parks and Recreation

Discuss Lifeguard Testing to be conducted at Chartiers Valley High School on Saturday, March 29, 2014, 2013

Discuss security cameras

Library Liason Report

SHACOG

Mr. Stephens said

Administration

Discuss request from CONNECT for annual contribution in the amount of \$1,244

Discuss payment of Estimate No. 008 for Tri Community Revitalization Project from CDM Smith in the amount of \$17,450.00

Discuss payment of Estimate No. 008 for Tri Community Revitalization Project from Trans Associates Engineering Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$3,022.72

Discuss payment of Estimate No. 010 for Tri Community Revitalization Project from A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$94,491.25

Discuss letter of resignation from Charles H. Edeburn, Jr. from Zoning Hearing Board, effective February 1, 2014 (Term to expire 9/26/14)

Discuss proposal from Integrated Goose Management regarding goose harassment at Scott Park in the amount of \$2,552.54

Public Relations Committee Report

Discuss Sustainable Community Essentials Certification (Sustainable Pittsburgh)

Conferences and Workshops

Discuss Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners 89th Annual Educational Conference to be held in Lancaster, PA June 12 – 15, 2014 in the amount of \$200.00 registration for 1st attendee and \$125.00 for each additional attending, plus \$743.05 for hotel

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Commissioners Requests

Mrs. Caruso – nothing.

Mr. Giudici – nothing.

Ms. Altman – nothing.

Mr. Jason asked Randy to look at the potholes on Green Orchard alley.

Mr. Stephens asked Randy to look at the property at the corner of Greentree and Orchard Spring Road.

Mr. Lubin said he would look at it.

Mr. Calabria said Our Lady of Grace wants to start their project. Gateway asked if they were done with their work.

Mr. Lubin said the Eagle Scouts will be finished prior to the company starting work.

Mr. Fischer told Mr. Calabria that he would find out what happened and he would get with him this week. He said when you call 911 there is sometimes a 3 to 4 min. delay at the county.

Mr. Wells said if they are removing trees, there is one in East Carnegie that the resident has been complaining about.

Mr. Castello said that is on private property and Bob as already talked to the resident.

Mr. Lubin said the tree at Sampson is the township's responsibility and the other is on private property.

Mr. Castello – nothing.

Executive session.

Mr. Castello said they have several items to discuss an executive session, including personnel and a legal issue.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m..

Attest:
