

**MINUTES  
SCOTT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM  
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 24, 2015**

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
Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Present
Stacey A. Altman	Present
Donald W. Giudici, CPA, Vice President	Present
Craig C. Stephens, Esq.	Present
David G. Calabria	Absent
William E. Wells	Present
David A. Jason, President	Present

PRESENT - 8

ABSENT - 1

ALSO PRESENT: Robert McTiernan, Esq., Solicitor, Tucker Arensburg, PC  
Ned Mitrovich, 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. Giudici, second by Ms. Altman to approve the agenda, as revised and 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 \$1,079,710.67**

**Motion** by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Giudici to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,079,710.67.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion carried (8-0).**

**Planning Zoning and Code Enforcement**

**Solicitor’s Report**

**Discuss Mt. Lebanon deer culling program**

Public Comments:

Paul Rycheck of Overlook Drive said he is a resident of Mt. Lebanon. A large amount of Mt. Lebanon residents disapprove of this plan. It is experimental and inhumane and he felt it was his duty to come tonight.

Jessica Evans of Tall Trees Drive said she is involved with a group of Mt. Lebanon residents who oppose this program. It has never been used on deer in Pennsylvania before. They rushed into this because they could not get enough doe licenses. They have already removed three locations from the program because they were in violation of the law. There is a safety risk involved in this process.

Mr. Castello said they don’t need to address Mt. Lebanon’s plan to do something in Scott Township without their permission.

Mr. Stephens said the issue is whether they give permission for them to do this.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said she contacted the Pennsylvania Game Commission and was told they only gave a permit for Mt. Lebanon to do deer culling in Mt. Lebanon.

**Motion** by Mr. Jason, second by Mr. Wells to prohibit deer culling by Mt. Lebanon within the borders of Scott Township.

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes

Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes
Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Absent
Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes

**Motion carried (8-0).**

Mr. McTiernan said he spoke with Mt. Lebanon’s solicitor and he said they would not go forward unless they had the Scott Township commissioners’ approval.

Mr. Giudici said he said Twin Hills Park is in his ward. He walked the entire area and didn’t see a clearing more than 6 ft. by 6 ft.

Mr. McTiernan said they should send a letter to the Mt. Lebanon stating the board’s disapproval.

Barbara Solanberger of Mt. Lebanon said she has a message from Kelly Brousch. She applauds what the board did here tonight. She voted against the program and is opposed to it. She wants to work with Scott Township to manage the deer population and she appreciates that they are taking this matter seriously.

**Engineer’s Report**

**Authorize Engineer to create cost estimate and bid specs for 2015 Roadway Improvement program**

Mr. Mitrovich said he distributed estimated values for the 2015 Roadway Improvement Program. The roads identified are broken down by wards. Each ward has a base bid, an add alternate bid and a cumulative total. The base bid total is \$1,077,000, based on the prices they are seeing already. This is more than the amount budgeted, but this is just an estimate.

Mr. Castello said some wards are spending \$100,000 plus and he wants his \$100,000. Everyone is supposed to be treated equally.

Mr. Jason said they should go ahead with the bid.

Mr. Mitrovich asked if this is funded by liquid fuels.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said no, it will be funded by the general fund.

Mr. Mitrovich said if it is the general fund they can do the base bid and add thoe on. The base bid is bot equivalent per ward.

Mr. Wells said it is not fair for him to get a road for \$258,000 and Eileen to get \$51,000. They have to decide how much money they want to put into this.

Mr. Castello said the one-half mill is not just for the roads; it is for any capital improvement.

Mr. Wells said they have \$650,000 and they have to decide how much of the one-half mil they want to spend.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said they budgeted \$600,866 and they had \$70,000 carry over from last year, so they have \$530,866 for the road program. She said the board reduced the \$650 as the budget talks kept going.

Mr. Wells said whatever they have in the road budget has to stay in the road budget if there is something that could be saved.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said under capital improvements, they have \$469,500 on page 53 of the budget. .

Mr. Wells said they still have the one-half mil for storm sewer projects.

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked if they are looking at the entire capital improvements money for roads.

Mr. Giudici said there are other projects that have to be done.

Ms. Altman asked if they could put \$50,000 in and start back at \$650,000 and see where the estimate comes in.

Mr. Castello said Stacey should have money from last year.

Ms. Altman said she has it.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said that would leave \$419,500 in capital improvements and allocate \$77,818 to each ward.

Mr. Giudici said they will have to stretch \$78,000 as far as they can.

Mr. Mitrovich said they will adjust the quantities in the base bids to reflect the \$78,000 for each ward. Some commissioners will have two roads and some might have the base bid. In order to get it where nothing is left on the table at the end of the year, they might have a savings in the base repair.

They will then proof roll the roads looking for spongy spots. If they are solid they can pave. They can try to maximize expenditures but there is a little risk there. If a road is spongy, they will have to make an adjustment on another road. The price of oil is down and this would be a good year to bid early.

Mr. Wells said they want to vote in March.

Mr. Mitrovich said there are companies out there looking for early work.

**Motion** by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Caruso to authorize Engineer to create cost estimate and bid specs for 2015 Roadway Improvement program.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Absent
Mr. Stephens	Yes

Mr. Giudici	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mrs. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

**Motion carries (8-0).**

**Approve obtaining appraisals for two properties for possible acquisition, not to exceed \$900**

**Motion** by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Stephens to approve obtaining appraisals for two properties for possible acquisition, not to exceed \$900.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion carries (8-0).**

Mr. Stephens asked who will actually do the appraisals.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said Barone Appraisals.

**Approve applying for Water Obstruction and Encroachment permit for Idlewood Avenue Bridge**

**Motion** by Mr. Jason, second by Ms. Altman to approve applying for Water Obstruction and Encroachment permit for Idlewood Avenue Bridge.

Mr. Wells asked if there is any alternative.

Mr. Mitrovich said this is a long lead item. The plans go to DEP. If they touch the water, they need a permit. If they impact any waterway, they need a permit. It is a time consuming process and with all the oil and gas work going on, the Department is very busy.

Mr. Castello asked how long the permit is good.

Mr. Mitrovich said it is good for two years after it is issued or maybe longer. They can request an extension on permits.

Mr. Wells said there should be a lot of federal money for infrastructure projects.

**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	Absent
Mr. Jason	Yes

**Motion carried (8-0).**

**Approve Change Order No. 1 for Contract No. 14-S1 2015 Storm Sewer Improvements from Next Generation Contracting Company, Inc. to include additional storm sewer improvements for Wabash Alley with increase of \$34,950.00 (original contract \$199,505 – revised contract price \$234,455)**

Mr. Mitrovich said this was discussed and they did not get CDBG money for this project.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said \$27,924 will come from the General Fund and the balance from the storm sewer/capital improvement funds.

Mr. Mitrovich said Wabash Alley is off Main Street. It was submitted for the CDBG program but was never funded. The board decided to move forward.

Mr. Wells asked if they are funding Pine Trees from road money.

**Mrs. Fitzgerald said from storm sewer money.**

Mr. Wells said \$40,000 is from a PEMA grant. And they are not taking a lot from additional bond issue.

Mr. Castello said this is out of the old bond issue from 2012.

Mr. Wells said this will deplete the 2012 bond. The 2013 bond still has money in it.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said the 2007 and the 2012 bonds are depleted.

**Motion** by Mr. Giudici, second by Mr. Wells to approve Change Order No. 1 for Contract No. 14-S1 2015 Storm Sewer Improvements from Next Generation Contracting Company, Inc. to include

additional storm sewer improvements for Wabash Alley with increase of \$34,950.00 (original contract \$199,505 – revised contract price \$234,455).

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion carried (8-0).**

**Standard Reports**

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Approve the total refunds due the month of January 2105 in the amount of \$1,517.39**

**Motion** by Mr. Stephens, second by Mr. Jason to approve the total refunds due the month of January 2015 in the amount of \$1,517.30.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion carried (8-0).**

**Approve the total real estate commissions due the Tax Collector for the month of January 2015 for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 in the amount of \$543.46**

**Motion** by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mr. Castello to approve the total real estate commissions due the Tax Collector for the month of October 2014 for the years of 2011, 2012 and 2013 in the amount of \$1,365.61.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Calabria	Absent

Mr. Stephens	Yes
Mr. Giudici	Yes
Ms. Altman	Yes
Mr. Castello	Yes
Mrs. Meyers	Yes
Mrs. Caruso	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**

Mr. Castello said he has an issue for Executive Session.

**Standing Committee Report – Public Safety**

Mrs. Caruso said she is not planning a meeting in March. Public Safety Day is coming up in June so they should let her know if they have any suggestions.

**Standing Committee Report – Public Works**

Mr. Lubin said he has been advised that salt orders are behind from the supplier. Have a delivery today and have back orders. They are okay for now and have four orders to be filled. They are behind filling the orders.

Mr. Stephens said the salt price is down again this month.

Mr. Jason said the Public works crew is doing a great job.

Mr. Stephens said there will be no Public Works Committee meeting in March, but they have scheduled one for April 7.

**Standing Committee Report – Environmental Advisory Committee**

**Standing Committee Report – Parks and Recreation**

**Ratify hiring Jim Goldman to design new pool in the amount of \$24,000**

**Motion** by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mr. Castello to ratify hiring Jim Goldman to design new pool in the amount of \$24,000.

Roll Call

Mr. Wells	Yes	
Mr. Calabria		Absent



**Standing Committee Report - Public Relations**

**Library Liaison**

**Standing Committee Report – SHACOG**

Mr. Stephens said he attended an interesting meeting at Heidelberg. They questioned Mr. Gorski on how he is distributing salt. Clairton and West Elizabeth are the distributing sites. They are at 140 per cent at \$80/ton. Some are paying \$100/ton.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said the township is okay with their supply.

Mr. Jason said they can still handle small storms.

Mr. Stephens said they are having a problem bringing it in on barges with the rivers frozen so they are trucking it in from New Jersey and New York.

**Standing Committee Report – Administration**

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mr. Stephens to approve payment of Estimate No. 008 for Tri Community Revitalization Project from CDM Smith in the amount of \$17,450.00.

**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).**

**Approve payment of Estimate No. 009 for Tri-Community Revitalization Project from CDM Smith in the amount of \$18,096.74**

**Motion** by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Caruso to approve payment of Estimate No. 009 for Tri-Community Revitalization Project from CDM Smith in the amount of \$18,096.74.

**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).**

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

**Motion** by Mr. Stephens, second by Mr. Castello to approve payment of Estimate No. 008 for Tri Community Revitalization Project from Trans Associates Engineering Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$3,022.72.

**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).**

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

**Motion** by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Meyers to approve payment of Estimate No. 010 for Tri Community Revitalization Project from A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$94,491.25.

**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 carries (9-0).**

Mr. Wells asked how much money is left in the grant.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said she does a spreadsheet once a month to be sure they are on track.

Mr. Giudici asked when this project will wind up.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said this spring.

Mr. Giudici asked if they had insurance for the bollards.

Mr. Wells said they are breakaway.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said they are made to breakaway to protect pedestrians.

Mr. Calabria said they give a false sense of security. They would have been better off to put a guard rail to protect kids.

Mrs. Meyers said they actually did protect the bus shelter.

Mr. Wells said the old ones took a beating and were still standing.

Mr. Calabria said they should move the bus stop for kids.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said she would request a change order on the bollards.

Mr. Wells said he would like to have him come in to talk to them.

Mr. Calabria said he just read the specs and they should look into moving the bus stop. He thought the bollards were there to protect kids at the bus stop.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said she would contact Trans Associates to see if they will come to the next meeting.

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

**Motion** by Mr. Stephens, second by Mr. Castello to accept resignation from Charles H. Edeburn, Jr. from Zoning Hearing Board, effective February 1, 2014 (Term to expire 9/26/14).

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

**Appoint Brandon Dukes as permanent member of Zoning Hearing Board, effective February 1, 2014 with term to expire 9/26/18**

**Motion** by Mrs. Caruso, second by Mr. Stephens to appoint Brandon Dukes as permanent member of Zoning Hearing Board, effective February 1, 2014 with term to expire 9/26/18.

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

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mr. Stephens to approve proposal from Integrated Goose Management regarding goose harassment at Scott Park in the amount of \$2,552.54.

Mr. Stephens asked if they approve and sign, can the cost be increased if they need more visits.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said they might partner with the school district at the Intermediate Center.

Mr. Wells said they should take out the part where they shoot to enforce.

**Roll Call:**

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

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

**Conferences and Workshops**

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

None.

**Commissioners' request**

Mrs. Caruso – nothing.

Mrs. Meyers – nothing.

Mr. Castello asked what is going on with the two sink holes at Denny's.

Mr. Fischer said it is between the state and Denny's.

Ms. Altman - nothing.

Mr. Giudici – nothing.

Mr. Stephens said he received a call about garbage going out on Saturday. There is also a car parking on the grass on Orchard Spring Road.

Mr. Wells said that is a police issue.

Mr. Giudici said they do not enforce it.

Mr. Jason said he had a conversation with code enforcement and the police department. On weekends the police can take pictures of violations and turn in to Bob.

Mr. Giudici said they do not enforce cars parked overnight on the street.

Mr. Calabria said he was talking to someone who said Denny's is not responsible for the sink holes. They come from the apartments. Denny's does not own the property. Penn DOT can press the issue and repair the sinkholes, then bill them. They should meet with him and Penn DOT and call the manager at Virginia Mansions.

Mr. Castello said he wants to meet with them, too.

Mr. Fischer said the storm sewer was put in when Denny's lot was established.

Mr. Lennon said that is a tough call.

Mr. Wells said Oasis Nails told them they would not pave without storm sewers.

Mr. Calabria said he also met with the insurance people on the Ansell system on the hood and duct work.

Mr. Fischer said it does not look like the duct work will be as extensive as they thought. The hood will remain, but they need the duct system out of the building.

Mr. Giudici asked if that is a demand or recommendation.

Mr. Calabria said when they put it in a letter, you have to do it.

Mr. Fischer said they can deny any insurance payment if you do not follow their recommendations. They need a welded seam on the duct work.

Mr. Calabria said there is a makeup component that can be placed in the kitchen to run outside.

Mr. Fischer said the duct system can be in one integrated piece.

Mr. Calabria said he is not sure since it is used only two to three months out of the year. It is only a concession stand

Mr. Fischer said it will cost between \$3,000 and \$8,000.

Mr. Wells asked if there is any movement on the county's project for vacant lots.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said she hasn't had any requests.

Mr. Wells asked if Railroad Street would qualify. They can get the lots free and put back on the tax rolls. They want to get rid of all those parts. He asked when the Finance Committee will meet.

Mr. Castello said 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Jason asked if they are doing a program with trees at the park.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said they can, but she wasn't planning to go in that direction. She said she could have him come out and tell them how many they can plant there.

### **Executive Session**

### **Adjournment**

**Motion** by Mr. Castello, second by Ms. Altman to adjourn the meeting.

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

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

**Attest:**

  

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