

**MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
AGENDA MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2015**

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 | Absent | Arrived 7:40 p.m. |
| William Wells | Present | |
| David A. Jason, Vice President | Present | |

PRESENT - 8

ABSENT - 1

ALSO PRESENT:

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

Mr. Jason asked that they observe a moment of silence for the victims of violence in the recent incident in California.

Planning Zoning and Code Enforcement

Mr. Jason asked the status of the houses to be torn down.

Mr. Fischer said 310 Duncan has been approved for demolition through SHACOG. The township will have to pay for 636 and 638 Idlewood Avenue he said he wants to piggyback with whoever is tearing down 310 Duncan since they are already in the area.

Mr. Jason said they have the money in the budget.

Mr. Fischer said it is his recommendation to bring back a contract for 636/638 Idlewood.

Mr. Wells asked about the Thepitt Building.

Mr. Fischer said Allegheny County was there last Friday. It was a plating plant at one time. Mr. Lennon gave an estimate of \$50,000 to tear it down and they had a contract with an estimate of \$50,000 with no hazard.

Mr. Wells said he heard it was used to process animals.

Mrs. Meyers said it was used to plate materials. If they get a heavy snow, the roof might collapse on it.

Mr. Fischer said John Vogel is working with Mr. Mikus' attorney. He wants the owner to tear it down.

Mr. McTiernan said his attorney wants to have a repayment plan and he was told it needs to be torn down immediately.

Mr. Wells said they have to be proactive on the O'Hommel property. This is a brownstone area and the buildings are deteriorating. He could walk away and the taxpayers will be stuck with another Thepitt building.

Mr. Fischer said he was up there with Randy and there is water coming down onto Route 50. They are contacting them to get that opened up and rerouted off the roadway.

Mr. Wells said the board needs to discuss options to get this guy to clean this up. He said he called Bert last week because Petite Kitchens had water draining onto the street.

Mr. Fischer said Petite Kitchens had drains clogged, but it is opened up and the water problem is resolved there.

Mr. Jason asked if there is any money out there for Brownfields.

Mr. Fischer said before Mr. Federouch purchased the property, there was a man interested in purchasing it with a Brownfield grant.

Mr. Wells said he does not want the taxpayers to be on the cusp for repairs. They can talk about options in Executive Session.

Solicitor's Report

Discuss adoption of Ordinance repealing Ordinances 1210-84 and 1212-84 concerning employee benefits

Mr. McTiernan said the repeal of these ordinances has been advertised and it should be put on the agenda for a vote.

Engineers Report

Discuss request for Partial Payment No. 3 for Contract No. 15-PK4 General Construction 2015 Scott Park Pool Replacement from Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting Company, Inc. in the amount of \$128,551.50

Discuss request for Partial Payment No. 4 for Contract No. 15-PK4 General Construction 2015 Scott Park Pool Replacement from Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting Company, Inc. in the amount of \$96,5525.00

Mr. Mitrovich said these have been reviewed, they are in order and he would recommend payment.

Mr. Wells asked where they are with the dirt at the park.

Mr. Castello said it should be any day now. They have the permit.

Mr. Mitrovich said they are putting walls up at the pool and will turn the project over to the pool contractor. The pool contractor is from Philadelphia and it has been a challenge. Stefanik waited two weeks to fine grade and subgrade. The locals have been running a week or two behind schedule, The weather has been perfect so they can make it up.

Mr. Wells said he hasn't received any complaints about the dirt, but the residents get upset when there is nobody working on the pool.

Mr. Castello asked about the Hardman subdivision. The e-mail said he dropped everything off here – not signed.

Mr. Fischer said he did drop everything off here and it was not signed.

Mr. Wells asked if there is anything on the sewer lids.

Mr. Calabria said on Lindsay they just left a sharp edge of the sewer exposed in front of someone's driveway.

Mr. Mitrovich said the castings are low.

Mr. Wells said the castings are high and they haven't done anything with the curbs yet.

Mr. Castello asked about Wendy's.

Mr. Fischer said the property has been sold.

Mr. Castello said they are not moving forward. \

Mr. Wells said asked about the properties that were under-assessed.

Mr. Castello said they would discuss that in Executive Session.

Mr. Stephens said they are finally working on the storm sewer on Orchard Spring Road and they are done on Ryan Drive.

Storm and Sanitary Sewer Report

ACHD/EPA Administrative Consent Order- this is on the agenda.

Hope Hollow Interceptor – Jet Black was cleaning and pulled out a bowling ball. This is a good sign because the sewer did not collapse. It was intentional and it was a notable find. It worked out well. It was a 16” pipe and forced out with high pressure. They did a very good job.

Finance Committee Report

Discuss adoption of 2016 Tax Levy Ordinance

Discuss adoption of 2016 Budget Ordinance

Discuss adoption of 2016 Budget

Mr. Castello said these have been advertised and should be put on the agenda for a vote at the final meeting.

They will deal with tax under-assessment in Executive Session.

Public Safety Committee Report

Public Works Committee Report

Mr. Stephens said they are done with the branch and leaf pick-up program, but they will pick up as needed,

Mr. Wells asked about the Clairview Drive sewer issue.

Mr. McTiernan said they asked the engineer to draft a drawing to attach to the agreement.

Mr. Castello said Mark Mox was going to get hold of Bob and transmit the changes.

Mr. Mox said he did. Attached are two exhibits for easements and two drawings were sent to Bob. They addressed items he and Tom discussed and gave each of the property owner’s names and a section of the agreement goes with each. They resurveyed each manhole and drafted an easement agreement and sent it to the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Castello said it was a very good meeting and they worked out a lot of issues. Maybe Bob McTiernan can have it done before the 21st.

Mr. McTiernan said there were changes to the easement agreements.

Mr. Wells said it was a drawing that showed exactly where the easements were located.

Mr. Mox said they created two separate exhibits so they would match the agreements.

Mr. McTiernan said he will revise the agreements, attaching these and send it back. And will make sure Larry and Ned get it.

Mr. Mox said it was Larry Lennon's recommendation that he prepare the agreement.

Mr. McTiernan said it was subject to everyone agreeing.

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked if he felt confident going with her to discuss with the homeowners.

Mr. McTiernan said he will have the letters prepared for hand delivery.

Mr. Wells said they are going to have to realize this is the best agreement they are going to get. He doesn't want to go to court.

Mr. McTiernan said he doesn't see any down side to the homeowners with this.

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee)

Discuss adopting Resolution entering into Consent Order and Agreement with the Allegheny County Health Department regarding alleged sanitary sewer overflows in township sewer system and to authorize proper township officers to execute Consent Order and Agreement

Mr. McTiernan said he prepared the resolution to be adopted at the next meeting.

Parks and Recreation

Mr. Jason said it was a great Tree Lighting.

Library Liaison Report

Mr. Wells said he has an issue to discuss in Executive Session.

SHACOG

Public Relations Committee Report

Administration

Discuss appointing Dana Ann Slizik to the Planning Commission, to complete the term of Ralph Murovich, expiring August 12, 2016

Mr. Castello said she will be here on the 21st.

Mrs. Caruso said she has worked with her several times and she is outstanding.

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

Discuss appointing Joseph Woznicki as permanent member on the Zoning Hearing Board with term expiring October 14, 2018

Mr. Jason said to put this on for a vote

Discuss appointing Amber R. Grier as 1st Alternate on Zoning Hearing Board with term expiring June 18, 2017

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

Conferences and Workshops

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

None.

Commissioners Requests

Mrs. Caruso – nothing.

Mrs. Meyers – nothing.

Mr. Castello – nothing.

Ms. Altman said this is Craig’s last meeting and they will miss him.

Mr. Castello said he and Craig have been here since 1995 and there have been some highlights over the years,

A funny story: Herb Ohliger was a Republican and the 2nd Ward Commissioner in 1995 and Craig’s first two votes were to send them to Seven Springs and approve a raise or the Board.

The darkest days in the township were the sewer days- they were toxic. It was not unusual on meeting nights to be here until 1:00 a.m. listening to people. Jude Pohl tried to attack them in a meeting and have to be removed trying to break into Executive Session.

Their mentor was Dom Colarosa and his words of wisdom were “Five beats four; then you move on.”

Over the past twenty years, they always walked out speaking to each other, even when they disagreed. He said he wishes Craig the best in the world in his new endeavor and he appreciates his professionalism over the years.

Mr. Stephens thanked him for his words.

Mr. Jason said he and Craig have been friends since high school. Craig and Herb were the ones who talked him into running for commissioner. Craig has been a good friend over the years. They both married later in life and he has always looks to Craig as a big brother.

Proclamation

Whereas, the Township of Scott is blessed with residents dedicated to the enhancement of the quality of life and safety of our neighborhoods and the community as a whole; and

Whereas, Craig C. Stephens was appointed as Commissioner of the 7th Ward of the Township of Scott in November, 1995 and has served the residents of that area for twenty years; and

Whereas, Craig C. Stephens' commitment to our community serves as an inspiration to all of us. While serving on the Board, he spent countless hours attending Commissioners' meetings, and represented the Township as Delegate to the SHACOG Board of Directors. While a student, Craig worked in the Public Works Summer Program and currently serves as the Chairman of the Public Works Committee; and

Whereas, Craig will leave the Board of Commissioners to serve as Magisterial Judge of District Court 05-2-22, effective January 2016; and

Now, Therefore, the Board wishes to honor and recognize Craig C. Stephens for his many years of service as Commissioner of the 7th Ward of Scott Township and for setting a high standard of commitment and wishes him success in his new position.

Signed this 8th day of December, 2015 David A. Jason, President - Scott Township Board of Commissioners

Mr. Stephens thanked everyone and said he is leaving with mixed emotions. For 20 years he had the privilege to serve. He started basically in the sewers in the summer work program. He was a skinny kid so they put him in the sewers.. Now, he is looking forward to his new position. It will be a challenge He thanked Denise, Kathy, Randy, Bob and the Chief who have all supported and helped him.

He welcomed Mr. Bruckner who will be here in a few weeks.

Mr. Calabria said his friendship with Craig goes back to high school when he was his football coach in 1985. It was an honor to sit next to him. Craig has a great work ethic and he will make a very good judge.

Mr. Wells wished him good luck.

Mr. McTiernan said he has considered Craig a friend and colleague. He worked with Craig and he was always entrusted with a large amount of work. He recently asked if they had begun to interview the three people who will replace Craig Stephens.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said Craig was a wonderful boss and she will miss him. When he was the President of the Board, he certainly made her job easier.

Mrs. Meyers said when she joined him on the board sixteen years ago, she told him he had the potential to go on to bigger and better things.

Executive Session

Adjournment.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Attest:
