

**MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President David Jason at 5:30 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	
David G. Calabria	Absent	Arrived 5:40 p.m.
William E. Wells	Present	
Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Present	

PRESENT - 7

ABSENT -1

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

Agenda

Approve agenda, as revised and submitted

Motion by Mr. Giudici, second by Mr. Castello to approve the agenda, as revised and submitted.

Motion carried (8-0).

Mr. Jason introduced Dana Ann Slizik, prospective appointee to the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Slizik said she and her husband have been residents of Scott Township for sixteen years. She said she is hoping for the opportunity to be placed on the Planning Commission to help Scott Township make a difference and a better future.

Mr. Wells said he and Mrs. Caruso served on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Jason said they are thankful for citizens stepping forward. He thanked her for doing what she is doing.

Mr. Jason recognized the new Magistrate, Craig Stephens.

Judge Stephens said he did submit his letter of resignation. He was sworn in Friday and his last official day was December 17.

Mr. Jason wished him good luck and said he is sure he will do a good job.

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 \$717,751.32

Mr. Wells questioned an item on Page 2 and asked if the Tax Office received new monitors.

Mrs. Novelli said they were replacement monitors.

Mr. Wells said on the Solicitor's bill, they paid \$6,969 in legal fees because Mt. Lebanon wanted to kill deer; and this is not over. He referenced the tree removal on Boroview Avenue. He asked why the township is paying for tree removal when they have two tree companies using the parking lot in the park every day.

Mr. Lubin said they do come in periodically to work with Duquesne Light Company. Davey and Nelson Tree are there because they have a contract with Duquesne Light.

Mr. Wells said they are saving these companies a lot of money. It is easier to park there rather than move their equipment every night.

Mr. Castello said they should be more cooperative.

Mr. Wells said he doesn't mind them parking there, but they should be getting something in return.

Mr. Castello asked if they do anything for the township gratis.

Mr. Lubin said they could always ask them to do that. In the past, they have done things in the park.

Mr. Jason said there is a branch going out over the Locust grove. They should be told they won't let them park there unless they do something for the township.

Mr. Wells said they would not even help them change light bulbs in the park. They had to call on the fire department.

Mr. Wells questioned a bill from Imperial Auto Body for Truck No. 51.

Mr. Lubin said this was discussed in the budget meetings and they held off taking it out and it got worse as the winter wore on. They are not getting rid of it.

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 \$717,751.32.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0).

Planning Zoning and Code Enforcement

Solicitor's Report

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1623-15 repealing Ordinance No. 1210-84 and Ordinance 1212-84 regarding employee benefits

Motion by Mr. Giudici, second by Mrs. Caruso to adopt **Ordinance No. 1623-15** repealing Ordinance No. 1210-84 and Ordinance 1212-84 regarding employee benefits.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0).

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 883-15 regarding acceptance of the Clairview Sanitary Sewer Line as part of the public sanitary sewer system and discuss Right of Way Agreement regarding Clairview Drive

Mr. McTiernan said this Resolution indicates that the Board of Commissioners will adopt the sanitary sewer behind the Clairview properties. This is conditioned upon the unanimous agreement of the neighbors. He said they are going to exclude #40 as it doesn't connect to that property. A

couple of homeowners have to repair break-ins and they have included that. Also, once the new right-of-way is used, the old right-of-way will be extinguished and they can build over it. Once the Resolution is passed, it will be distributed to the neighbors.

Mr. Mox said it is wonderful that they have a Board of Commissioners that can make this happen.

Motion by Mr. Wells, second by Mr. Castello to adopt **Resolution No. 883-15** regarding acceptance of the Clairview Sanitary Sewer Line as part of the public sanitary sewer system and discuss Right of Way Agreement regarding Clairview Drive.

Motion carried (8-0).

Mr. McTiernan said they are trouble getting an address for the property at 1444 Scrubgrass. Have permission to use a legal ad there.

Mr. Mikus (property on Hammond Street) wanted to pay back agreement that was rejected. He is supposed to call back this week. He said they have a revised easement for the Hardman subdivision. John Vogel has been assisting with that.

Engineer's Report

Approve 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 (to be paid from 2013 Bond Money)

Mr. Lennon said this request has been reviewed and it is in order.

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Ms. Altman to approve 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 (to be paid from 2013 Bond Money).

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0).

Approve 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 \$96,525.00 (to be paid from 2013 Bond Money)

Mr. Lennon said this request has been reviewed and it is in order to be paid.

Motion by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mrs. Caruso to approve 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 \$96,525.00 (to be paid from **2013 Bond Money**).

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0).

Approve request for Partial Payment No. 8 for Contract No. 14-S1 2014 Storm Sewer Improvements from Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting Company, Inc. in the amount of \$86,793.75 (\$13,514.50 to be paid from 2013 Bond Money; \$65,561.75 from 2012 Bond Money; \$7,717.50 for ½ Mil Storm Sewer Money)

Mr. Lennon said this request for payment has been reviewed and it is in order.

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Meyers to approve request for Partial Payment No. 8 for Contract No. 14-S1 2014 Storm Sewer Improvements from Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting Company, Inc. in the amount of \$86,793.75 (\$13,514.50 to be paid from 2013 Bond Money; \$65,561.75 from 2012 Bond Money; \$7,717.50 for ½ Mil Storm Sewer Money).

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0).

Approve request for Partial Payment No. 4 (Final) for Orchardview Drive Emergency Repairs from Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,711.50 (to be paid from ½ Mil Storm Water Projects Money)

Mr. Lennon said this has been reviewed and it is in order.

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Jason to approve request for Partial Payment No. 4 (Final) for Orchardview Drive Emergency Repairs from Stefanik’s Next Generation Contracting Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,711.50 (to be paid from ½ Mil Storm Water Projects Money).

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0).

Approve request for Partial Payment No. 2 for Contract No. 15-PK8-Pool Construction from Stoneridge, Inc. in the amount of \$55,804.60

Mr. Lennon said the request for payment has been reviewed by his office and it is in order.

Mr. Castello asked if this is the contractor that is causing problems.

Mr. McTiernan said he is getting mixed messages from him. He said this is a \$1.3 Million contract. They should pick their battles

Mr. McTiernan said he agrees with the Engineer.

Mr. Castello said he will not vote for it. Forty five days is January 14.

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked when the pay request was dated.

Mr. Lennon said November 27, 2105.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said it should be paid by January 4.

Motion Mr. Wells, second by Mr. Calabria to approve request for Partial Payment No. 2 for Contract No. 15-PK8-Pool Construction from Stoneridge, Inc. in the amount of \$55,804.60 (to be paid from 2013 Bond Money)to be mailed January 4, 2016.

Roll Call

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

Mr. Wells	Yes
Mr. Jason	Yes

Motion carried (8-0).

Standard Reports

Treasurer’s Report

Approve the total real estate commissions due the Tax Collector for the month of November 2015 for the years 2012, 2013, 2104 and 2015 in the amount of \$2,238.49

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Ms. Altman to approve the total real estate commissions due the Tax Collector for the month of November 2015 for the years 2012, 2013, 2104 and 2015 in the amount of \$2,238.49.

Roll Call

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

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1624-15 the 2016 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

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Giudici to adopt **Ordinance No. 1624-15** the 2016 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

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0).

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1625-15; the 2016 Budget Ordinance

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Ms. Altman to adopt **Ordinance No. 1625-15**; the 2016 Budget Ordinance.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0).

Adoption of the 2016 Budget

Mr. Castello said he must commend his colleagues on their work on the budget. Nobody is happy with every item in the budget, including himself, but they compromised and worked together on the budget and they did what they had to do to present a balanced budget.

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Meyers to adopt the 2016 Budget.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0).

Mr. Wells said it is a decent and fair budget. He said he would like to get more money for the road program.

Approval of Employment Contract for Randy Lubin for a period of three (3) years, effective January 1, 2016.

Mr. Castello said there is a typo on Page 3; Item 7.1. It should read \$846.98 for 2016; \$907.20 for 2017 and \$943.42 for 2018.

Mr. McTiernan said severance - 2 months

Mrs. Fitzgerald said it should be three months. That is what the Board agreed to.

Mr. McTiernan said he will get clarification.

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Meyers to approve Employment Contract for Randy Lubin for a period of three (3) years, effective January 1, 2016, with the two above corrections.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0).

Approval of invoice from Phoenix Benefits Group for actuarial service for Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$552.500 (to be paid from Police Pension Fund)

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Giudici to approve invoice from Phoenix Benefits Group for actuarial service for Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$552.500 (to be paid from Police Pension Fund).

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0).

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Standing Committee Report – Environmental Advisory Committee

Adopt Resolution No. 882-15 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. Jason said they will have a Sewer Committee meeting next week.

Motion by Mr. Jason, second by Mr. Castello to adopt **Resolution No. 882-15** 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.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0).

Mr. Jason said they will hold a Sewer Committee meeting January 4 at 10:30 a.m.

Standing Committee Report – Parks and Recreation

Standing Committee Report - Public Relations

Library Liaison

Mr. Wells said he told the Library people they need to meet with the commissioners regarding funding. Their money is locked in with a millage rate.

Mr. Castello said he will meet with them. They are getting more now than when they started.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said the millage rate was 25 mils and they received .05. The rate changed to .58 and their rate changed to .0640.56

Mr. Castello said the millage is set by referendum.

Standing Committee Report – SHACOG

Mr. Giudici said there is no meeting this month.

Standing Committee Report – Public Relations

Standing Committee Report – Administration

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

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Caruso to appoint Dana Ann Slizik to the Planning Commission, to complete the term of Ralph Murovich, expiring August 12, 2016.

Motion carried (8-0).

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

Motion by Mr. Giudici, second by Mr. Castello to appoint Joseph Woznicki as permanent member on the Zoning Hearing Board with term expiring October 14, 2018.

Motion carried (8-0).

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

Motion by Mr. Wells, second by Mr. Castello to appoint Amber R. Grier as 1st Alternate on Zoning Hearing Board with term expiring June 18, 2017.

Motion carried (8-0).

Accept resignation of Craig C. Stephens as Commissioner of the 7th Ward

Motion by Mr. Jason, second by Ms. Altman to accept resignation of Craig C. Stephens as Commissioner of the 7th Ward.

Conferences and Workshops

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda

None.

Commissioners' request

Mr. Jason thanked everyone for their support. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Meyers, Mr. Castello, Ms. Altman, Mr. Giudici wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Calabria said he sent a letter to Penn DOT and they paved the bottom of Swallow Hill Road. He said the manager should send them a letter thanking them. Dean Schmidt was the one who did it.

Mr. Wells said they still haven't contacted Kotik to see if they want to take over Swallow hill Road. He wished a Merry Christmas to everyone.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Meyers to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (8-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Attest:
