

**MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
AGENDA MEETING
October 08, 2019**

7:00 PM Executive Session

The meeting was called to order by President Bruckner at 7:30p.m. He then led all present in prayer and pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Frank W. Bruckner, President	Present
Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Present
Eileen L. Meyers	Present
David Calabria II	Absent
Paul Abel	Present
Stacey Altman	Present
David G. Calabria, Vice President	Present
William Wells	Present
Donald W. Giudici, C.P.A.	Present

PRESENT - 8

ABSENT - 1

ALSO PRESENT: Denise H. Fitzgerald, Secretary – Manager
Robert McTiernan, Esq., Solicitor, Tucker Arensburg, PC
Ned Mitrovich, P.E.; Engineer, Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.
Marie Hartman, P.E.; Engineer, Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.
Bert Smelko, Public Works Foreman
Todd Tulowitzki, Code Enforcement Officer
Lisha Mihalko, Assistant Secretary
James Secreet, Chief of Police
Matt Podsiadly, Police Officer

Public Comments on Agenda Items Listed Below

To be addressed at the beginning of each Committee report

Mr. Calabria stated that the money which was collected for the 50/50 raffle from Oktoberfest, is being donated to the Williams family for Blake Williams.

Mr. Cavey said that the family appreciates all the assistance Scott Township has provided to them and their family. The family has been overwhelmed by the response and very grateful.

Mr. Calabria also stated that a lunch will be provided to the Public Works Department on Friday, October 11, 2019 at 11:45; to say thank you for volunteering their time for Oktoberfest.

Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement

Mr. Tulowitzki provided updates on the items listed below:

1. 42 Violation Notices.
2. 27 Rental Inspections - \$1,550.00.
3. 1 Hearing
4. 9 Building Permits - \$180,200.00 and \$5,731.50 in fees.
5. Providence Point is on track. They had a fire and occupancy inspection which went well.
6. Planning Commission met on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 to discuss revisions/upgrades to the grading ordinance and billboard ordinance.

Mr. Bruckner asked about El Camposino.

Mr. Tulowitzki replied that they were still working on the piping issue from Kings. When Kings was there, they never did any maintenance to the pipes, so when Kings left all the pipes closed up. El Camposino had to replace all of the pipes and they couldn't find the grease traps so they had to run camera's and replace all of that as well. The building has become a big expense.

Mr. Wells asked about the parking.

Mr. Tulowitzki explained that the company is currently reevaluating the facility; however they have been notified of the parking issue.

Ms. Altman asked about the Mance Property on Bower Hill Road. She stated that last year the Township put in their budget the amount of \$30,000.00 for demolitions.

Mr. Tulowitzki advised that there is a gentleman who has done demolitions for our Township in the past and he always does the work for a lower amount. The Township has two options they can research one being to leave the concrete slab, which would save the Township approximately \$4,000.00; or option two; having the public works crew remove the debris, which would save the Township approximately \$2,000.00.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that the advertisement for bids to demolish the property would have to be added to the agenda for approval.

Mr. Bruckner asked to have the motion added to the agenda.

Solicitor's Report

Discuss the approval to advertise a hearing for, and advertise notice of adoption of an amendment to the Township's Zoning Ordinance concerning billboards and electronic message signs.

Mr. McTieman mentioned that the Planning Commission reviewed the billboards and electronic message signs ordinance. The Ordinance has been sent to the County for review.

Engineers Report

Discuss the ratification to pay Invoice #2019-49 from Soli Construction for the sewer line work at 1198 Lindsay Road in the amount of \$18,657.12. (To be paid from the Sanitary Sewer Fund).

Mr. Mitrovich stated that he asked Soli Construction for more information prior to paying this invoice.

Discuss the adoption of the revised Grading Ordinance #1650-19; as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Place on next Council meeting agenda to be voted on.

Discuss approval of Partial Payment #1 to Glenn Johnston, Inc. for Contract #19-S1; Worcester Drive Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project in the amount of \$214,696.84. (To be paid from the Sanitary Sewer Fund).

Place on next Council meeting agenda to be voted on.

Discuss approval of Partial Payment #1 to Youngblood Paving, Inc. for Contract #19-R01; 2019 Roadway and Storm Sewer Improvement Project in the amount of \$304,144.67. (To be paid from the General Fund).

Place on next Council meeting agenda to be voted on.

Mr. Bruckner asked if the Township could start working on the 2020 roadway improvement projects. He also inquired on getting the shoulder of Lindsay Road in front of the municipal building done. He asked the Board of Commissioners if anyone was opposed to that.

Mr. Mitrovich advised that he can get a price quote from Youngblood.

Discuss Pines Drive.

Patty Shell & Jay Nathenson
The Pines Drive Residents

Mr. Nathenson and Ms. Shell attended tonight's meeting to try to work with the Township in getting their road up to standards to possibly turn the road over to the Township.

Mr. Nathenson and Ms. Shell stated that the reason the Culdesac is not up to state specs is because the individual who originally paved the culdesac did what he wanted. Mr. Nathenson stated that the residents of the culdesac along with the Township have paid to get the road paved.

Mr. Bruckner said it is a private road and asked if they agreed.

Both residents did agree. However, Mr. Nathenson stated that he is one of the original owners and at that time there was a lot of grey area. There was no bond on the road. He paid half the fee to get the road redone and put a lien on the house.

Mr. Mitrovich mentioned that each one of these houses abuts a public roadway (Vanadium Road). He continued to state that initially you don't have to construct a road there so there is no obligation. The Ordinance is each lot must abut a roadway.

Mr. Nathenson asked Mr. Mitrovich if the road needed to be widened.

Mr. Mitrovich responded that he would have to verify that. When he drove it the width was 24 foot, plus the curbs. He also, advised that the residents would be treated similarly to everyone else, if you have a roadway that meets the township standards and eligible for liquid fuels funding you can offer that to the township for dedication, you could also have an agreement made stating that if you do 'x', 'y', and 'z' and identify all the problems you can offer that as well.

Mr. Mitrovich advised that it is an approximate cost of \$200,000.00.

Mr. Nathenson asked if that would be their obligation.

Mr. Mitrovich responded, 'yes' and also stated that if the road was to need widened that would be an additional cost.

Discuss proposed alterations at Scott Pool.

Mr. Mitrovich suggested installing a splash pad in the zero entry level of the swimming pool.

Mr. Bruckner asked if Mr. Mitrovich was able to look at the water level, he stated that it seemed very low.

Mr. Mitrovich agreed.

Mr. Bruckner asked Mr. Smelko about it.

Mr. Smelko responded that the water has to be below the steps and the railings, in the past he has always kept the water level low because throughout the winter the water level is going to increase from the rain and the snow melting.

Mr. Mitrovich stated that he has been trying to find accurate levels as to where the water should be to keep the liner in place properly.

Mr. Smelko said that they have to be cautious of the water level staying below the railings. If water reaches the railings it gets in side and freezes and cracks the railings. He continued to state that last year the water level was about the same level it is now and by spring the water rose up about two feet.

Mr. Bruckner stated that the conversation will return to discussing the proposed alterations of the Scott Township Pool.

Mr. Mitrovich suggested installing a splash pad in the zero entry level of the swimming pool. He gave different ideas like the rainbow and the mushroom that the old pool use to have. He also, stated that the splash pad would approximately cost \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00.

Mr. Calabria suggested doing the work that the township requested in arbitration. The pool is only 3 years old and the Township is already looking at redesigning it. If the work from arbitration is completed they can fix the pipe to the buckets while they are correcting everything that was requested to already be fixed.

Mr. Bruckner asked what was going on with Orchard Springs pumps.

Mr. Mitrovich stated that Mr. Briggs was on site televising the lines today. He also spoke with the resident there and advised her of the locations of the lateral pipes. He still has to get the exact location of the lateral pipes.

Mr. Mitrovich also mentioned the following items to be added to the Regular Agenda:

- Ratify approval to refuse the bid for the ADA Ramps.
- Change Order to Road Program not to exceed 20k for the paving on Lindsay Rd in front of the municipal building.

Standing Committee Report - Finance

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Discuss the possibility of a traffic study at Greentree Road and Cochran Road for a possible crosswalk.

Mr. Calabria stated that the location is in front of the tire company. The individuals have to cross the street there to the island and then from the island toward Giant Eagle. He stated that this was a request from a resident; however he feels that it would be very dangerous to install a crosswalk there.

Mr. Calabria continued to state that there are crosswalks on Cochran Road, but no crosswalk to get to them from Greentree Road and therefore, the township as to address this issue.

Mr. Castello asked if the crosswalk could be taken out.

Mr. Calabria wouldn't suggest doing that. He suggests doing a site distance study first and then see if the township would want to implement it.

Mr. Abel mentioned that Rob Zimmerman took the position of a crossing guard for Scott Township.

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Mr. Calabria asked Mr. Mitrovich if November 4, 2019 was a good date for a public works meeting to discuss the roadway program.

Mr. Mitrovich replied 'yes'.

Mr. Calabria also mentioned that there was a public works committee meeting with Mr. Smelko this past Monday to discuss the items for 2020 budget with possible new equipment. He shared a couple request like the request to have a new truck. Mr. Calabria stated that they compared a Chevy with a Ford and the Ford was cheaper. He also said that the front loader and back loader are over 20 years old, so they are suggesting some of the equipment be leased.

Mr. Bruckner also mentioned that the township could use liquid fuels for heavy equipment.

Mr. Mitrovich agreed, but he would have to look up the requirements of it.

Mr. Smelko stated that they recently spent \$900.00 to repair the front loader.

Mr. Calabria mentioned that the Board of Commissioners approved to hire Mr. Kelley as the Director of Public Services, there will be a formal vote during the regular meeting.

Mr. Giudici asked if he could inquire about the catch basins along Greentree Road. He stated that they are all full with debris and the water is just running right around it.

Mr. Calabria mentioned that it is Penndot's responsibility.

Mr. Smelko stated that he would make a call to Penndot to advise them.

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)

Mr. Mitrovich stated that there are some sanitary sewer lines that had gas lines broken thru them.

Mr. Smelko stated that he contacting Peoples Gas this week and they are looking into this issue.

Mr. Mitrovich stated the miscellaneous list of sanitary sewer issues are being discussed due to budgeting issues. He suggests the Township budget for any issues that would reoccur during the year.

Parks and Recreation

Public Relations Report

Library Liaison Report

Mr. Bruckner mentioned a Library meeting scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2019.

SHACOG

Mr. Bruckner mentioned the sewer committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019. He also, advised Mrs. Fitzgerald that they are not getting any emails or physical mailings for the SHACOG meetings.

Administration

Discuss the approval of advertising the annual meeting dates for 2020.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that she suggest the Board goes back to two meetings in November if the Board is in agreement with that.

Place on agenda for vote.

Discuss the approval of designating Scott Township Municipal Building as a drop off location for the Toys for Tots 2019 campaign. Collections accepted thru Monday, December 2, 2019.

Place on agenda for vote.

Discuss the Board Meeting minutes of Tuesday, August 27, 2019.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that she received requests from Mr. Calabria and Mr. McTieman for modifications to the August 27, 2019 minutes.

Mr. McTiernan stated that his comment made at the August 27, 2019 meeting in reference to the stop sign discussion was not complete. Mr. McTiernan stated that the comment should read as such: 'Mr. McTiernan stated that as long as the Board of Commissioners feels that there is a need for public safety the Township could install the signs. He continued to say that he has never encountered a situation where a municipality has been held liable for installing stop signs. He stated the usual procedure is to have a Traffic Engineer and the Police Department Traffic Officer determine whether the stop sign satisfies state regulations'.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that the other correction requested was in reference to the roll call.

Conferences and Workshops

Mr. Abel stated that he attended a different amount of classes. He continued saying that they discussed traffic signal regulations and active shooter classes. One of the items he thought was important for the Township was with regard to homes that are rented out for a night or a couple of days and possibly setting up an ordinance to outline requirements for these situations.

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Commissioners Request

Mr. Wells mentioned that Mrs. Fitzgerald has been working with the Knolls to come up with a solution for the trash collection. He also stated that he is still waiting from McGrail on Sherriff Sales and they are also going to give back the townships \$12,000.00 on Sherriff sales.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Attest:

