

**MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
REGULAR MEETING
January 28, 2020**

President Calabria called a moment of silence for the helicopter accident which killed Kobe Bryant, his daughter, and 7 other passengers.

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

Roll Call:

David G. Calabria, President	Present
Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Present
Kathy Gazda	Present
Angela Wateska	Present
Paul Abel, Vice President	Present
Frank Bruckner	Present
William Wells	Present
Stacey Altman	Present
Eileen L. Meyers	Present

PRESENT - 9

ABSENT - 0

ALSO PRESENT:

Denise Fitzgerald, Manager
John Vogel, 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.
Matt Podsiadly, Sergeant
James Secreet, Chief of Police
Lisha Mihalko, Assistant Secretary

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda, as submitted and revised.

Motion by Mr. Wells, second by Ms. Altman to approve the agenda, as submitted.

All in Favor

Motion Carries (9-0)

Public Comments on Agenda Items Listed Below

To be addressed at the beginning of each Committee report

Bill List

Motion to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of: \$439,466.80.

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Abel to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of: \$439,466.80.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Paul Abel, Vice President	Yes
Frank Bruckner	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria, President	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for the following meetings:

Agenda Meeting:	October 8, 2019
Regular Meeting:	October 22, 2019
Agenda & Regular Meeting:	November 12, 2019
Agenda & Regular Meeting:	December 10, 2019
Vacancy Board Meeting:	December 17, 2019

Motion by Mr. Calabria, second by Mr. Wells to approve the minutes for the following meetings of October 8, 2019, October 22, 2019, November 12, 2019, December 10, 2019, and December 17, 2019.

All in Favor

Motion Carries (9-0)

Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement

Solicitor's Report

Motion to ratify the approval of the advertisement of the prepared bid specs for the sale of the Mance Property.

Motion by Mr. Abel, second by Ms. Altman to ratify the approval of the advertisement of the prepared bid specs for the sale of the Mance Property.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Paul Abel, Vice President	Yes
Frank Bruckner	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria, President	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Engineers Report

Bid Opening: Orchard Spring Road Sanitary Sewer Reconnection project.

SET Inc.
235 East Water
Lowellville, OH.

Bid Bond: 10%
\$156,652.36

Soli Construction, Inc.
120 Tropiano Lane
Irwin, PA.

Bid Bond: 10%
\$73,425.00

Stefanik's Next Generation, Inc.
2267 Todd Road
Aliquippa, PA.

Bid Bond: 10%
\$132,750.00

Mr. Wells asked the Engineer if these prices line up with what he would estimate the project being.

Mr. Mitrovich responded: Soli Construction, Inc. he agrees with, the other two he does not agree with. Mr. Mitrovich suggests that the Board of Commissioners make a recommendation for the Township Engineer to review the bids and provide the Commissioners with a bid report.

Tim Wazko
173 Orchard Spring Road

Mr. Wazko stated that he spoke to one of the contractors who was going to submit a bid. He stated that the residents in this area don't know what was sent out for bids or what the project entails. Mr. Wazko also wanted to know if the Township was going to reimburse the residents for the property value being decreased once a sewage injector is placed in their front yard. He also asked who will be responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of the injectors.

Mr. Mitrovich responded stated that this project is not the solution; this is just an interim to fix the problem. The Township does not have the funds at this time to complete the amount of work that is needed. The grinder pumps will eliminate the waste water from getting into the homes. Mr. Mitrovich advised that a new lateral will be installed and the pump will go on the lateral temporarily and maintained by the Township until the funding is in place for a new sanitary sewer.

Mr. Castello asked Mr. Wazko what he wants the Township to do.

Mr. Wazko replied stating investigating the problem and finding out where the storm water is coming from.

Mr. Mitrovich responded that the Township is aware of where the storm water is coming from.

Mr. Calabria asked about installing a generator in the homeowner's garage.

Mr. Mitrovich stated that it would cost approximately \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00 per home.

Mr. Calabria asked Mr. Wazko if he could attend the next Board of Commissioners meeting to discuss this further prior to the Board making a decision on this.

Motion to approve SOA to prepare the Chapter 94 Report that is due to ALCOSAN by March 2, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Ms. Altman to approve SOA to prepare the Chapter 94 Report that is due to ALCOSAN by March 2, 2020.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Paul Abel, Vice President	Yes
Frank Bruckner	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria, President	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Motion to reject bids for Contract No. 19-S3 Source Flow Reduction and Sanitary Sewer Improvements and authorize advertising for rebidding.

Motion by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mr. Abel to reject bids for Contract No. 19-S3 Source Flow Reduction and Sanitary Sewer Improvements and authorize advertising for rebidding.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Paul Abel, Vice President	Yes
Frank Bruckner	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria, President	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Standard Reports

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the total real estate commissions due to the Tax Collector for the month of December 2019 in the amount of \$1,568.25.

Motion by Mr. Wells, second by Mr. Abel to approve the total real estate commissions due to the Tax Collector for the month of December 2019 in the amount of \$1,568.25.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Paul Abel, Vice President	Yes
Frank Bruckner	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria, President	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Standing Committee Report – Finance

Motion to approve an Ordinance #1653-20 agreeing to provide Police Services to the Borough of Rosslyn Farms.

Motion by Mr. Abel, second by Mr. Castello to approve an Ordinance #1653-20 agreeing to provide Police Services to the Borough of Rosslyn Farms.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Paul Abel, Vice President	Yes
Frank Bruckner	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria, President	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Motion to approve the request from Sergeant James Stoker Jr. to enter the DROP Pension Plan, with an effective date of February 29, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Abel, second by Mr. Wells to approve the request from Sergeant James Stoker Jr. to enter the DROP Pension Plan, with an effective date of February 29, 2020.

**All in Favor
Motion Carries (9-0)**

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Mr. Vogel mentioned that there is a lease with Caterpillar for a backhoe loader. with a 5 year leasing agreement in the amount of \$112,000 including taxes.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that this item was in the budget to lease a Caterpillar backhoe loader as opposed to purchasing a new backhoe. She continued to say that she received all the paperwork for the lease and she has forwarded that information to the Township Solicitor for review. She suggested that if the Board of Commissioners was to make a motion to accept this that it would be subject to the Solicitor's review and approval.

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Abel to approve the lease with Caterpillar for a backhoe loader with an interest rate of 3.89% for 60 months in the amount of \$112,000.00 including taxes; subject to the Township Solicitor review.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
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Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Paul Abel, Vice President	Yes
Frank Bruckner	No
William Wells	No
Stacey Altman	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria, President	Yes

Motion Carries (7-2)

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)

Mr. Mitrovich stated that there is a sewer committee and Public Works meeting scheduled for February 3, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Parks and Recreation

Public Relations Report

Mr. Bruckner presented a Proclamation to the Chief of Police for Law Enforcement Day.

Mr. Bruckner also asked the Board of Commissioners if they would be willing to hire the balloon guy to attend the train display like last year for \$150.00 for 2 hours.

The Board of Commissioners agreed to get in contact with him to see if he is available to attend and the item will be put on the next agenda for approval.

Library Liaison Report

SHACOG

Mr. Bruckner stated that he attended the most recent SHACOG meeting; the main topic for discussions was in regard to recycling.

Standing Committee Report – Administration

Motion to ratify the approval of the advertisement of the Vacancy Board holding a meeting on December 17, 2019 at 6:00pm for the purpose of making an appointment to a vacancy of the position of Commissioner for Ward 8.

Motion by Mr. Wells, second by Mr. Abel to ratify the approval of the advertisement of the Vacancy Board holding a meeting on December 17, 2019 at 6:00pm for the purpose of making an appointment to a vacancy of the position of Commissioner for Ward 8.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Paul Abel, Vice President	Yes
Frank Bruckner	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria, President	Yes

Motion Carries (9-0)

Mr. Calabria handed out a list of the Assigned Committee's.

Conferences and Workshops

Motion to approve Board President or his designee and the 2 new members of the board to attend the Annual Spring Conference of the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) to be held at Seven Springs April 2 – 5, 2020 in the amount of \$656 for Plan A (3 nights stay), \$449 for Plan B (2 nights stay), or \$228 for Plan C (1 night stay) and registration fees. (or daily registration fees for any member who would be interested).

Mr. Calabria explained that he would like to amend the motion to approve 5 members of the board, the Township Manager, and the Police Chief who has not attended more than two ALOM conferences in the past two years (2018, 2019) to attend the Annual Spring Conference of the Allegheny League of Municipalities to be held at Seven Springs April 2 – 5, 2020 in the amount of \$656 for Plan A (3 nights stay), \$449 for Plan B (2 nights stay), or \$228 for Plan C (1 night stay) and registration fees. (or daily registration fees for any member who would be interested).

Further discussion took place.

Motion by Mr. Calabria, second by Mr. Wells to amend the motion to approve 5 members of the board, the Township Manager, and the Police Chief attending the Annual Spring Conference of the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) to be held at Seven Springs April 2 – 5, 2020 in the amount of \$656 for Plan A (3 nights stay), \$449 for Plan B (2 nights stay), or \$228 for Plan C (1 night stay) and registration fees. (or daily registration fees for any member who would be interested).

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	No
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	No
Paul Abel, Vice President	Yes
Frank Bruckner	No
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman	No
Eileen L. Meyers	No
David G. Calabria, President	Yes

Motion Failed (5-4)

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Bruckner to amend the motion to approve all members of the board, the Township Manager, and the Police Chief to attend the Annual Spring Conference of the Allegheny League of Municipalities to be held at Seven Springs April 2 – 5, 2020 in the amount of \$656 for Plan A (3 nights stay), \$449 for Plan B (2 nights stay), or \$228 for Plan C (1 night stay) and registration fees. (or daily registration fees for any member who would be interested).

Mr. Calabria asked where the funds would be coming from and then a resolution would have to be passed to move the funds.

Mr. Vogel replied that under the First Class Township Code, the Township can take the funds and move them via a Resolution.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	No
Angela Wateska	Yes
Paul Abel, Vice President	No
Frank Bruckner	Yes
William Wells	No
Stacey Altman	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria, President	No

Motion Carries (5-4)

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mr. Bruckner to approve any member of the board, the Township Manager, and the Police Chief to attend the Annual Spring Conference of the Allegheny League of Municipalities to be held at Seven Springs April 2 – 5, 2020 in the amount of \$656 for Plan A (3 nights stay), \$449 for Plan B (2 nights stay), or \$228 for Plan C (1 night stay) and registration fees. (or daily registration fees for any member who would be interested).

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	No
Angela Wateska	Yes
Paul Abel, Vice President	No
Frank Bruckner	Yes
William Wells	No
Stacey Altman	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria, President	No

Motion Carries (5-4)

Mr. Vogel stated that a Resolution will need to be created in order to show the funds being moved in order to pay for the conference.

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Commissioners Requests

Mr. Bruckner asked the Board of Commissioners approval to have Mrs. Fitzgerald write a letter to PennDot asking for the status of the signs for Manor View.

Mr. Calabria stated that the Township should install a 'School Bus Stop Ahead' sign at the corner. He also feels that there should be a 'No Left Turn' sign at the traffic signal.

Mr. Castello stated that he would like to make a motion to re-appoint Mr. Palastro to the Civil Service Board for a 6 year term.

Mr. Abel stated that he would like to be added as a member to the Civil Service Board.

Mr. Castello nominated Mr. Mark Palastro to the Civil Service Board.

Mr. Wells nominated Mr. Paul Abel to the Civil Service Board.

Mr. Vogel closed the nomination.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Palastro
Kathy Gazda	Abel
Angela Wateska	Palastro
Paul Abel, Vice President	Abel
Frank Bruckner	Palastro
William Wells	Abel
Stacey Altman	Palastro
Eileen L. Meyers	Palastro
David G. Calabria, President	Abel

Mr. Mark Palastro – 5

Mr. Paul Abel - 4

Motion Carries (5-4)

Executive Session

- Personnel

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bruckner, Second by Mr. Abel to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18p.m.

Attest:

