

**MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
REGULAR MEETING
June 23, 2020**

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:

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

PRESENT - 7

ABSENT - 1

ALSO PRESENT:

Denise Fitzgerald, 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.
Thomas Kelley, Director of Public Services
Mark Mox, Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer
Matt Podsiadly, Sergeant
James Secreet, Chief of Police
James Stoker, Information Technology Technician Manager
Lisha Mihalko, Assistant Township Secretary

Mr. Calabria made an announcement. He said that if anyone would like to make a comment to do so at the beginning of each agenda item. Three minutes will be provided per speaker. All other comments will be heard at the end of the meeting under 'Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda' each speaker will also be given 3 minutes.

Mr. McTiernan stated that he received a letter from a Diversity and Inclusion Committee which raised some issues. He also wanted to mention that one of the issues raised which was the potential of adopting a local Ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. He continued to state that recently there was a decision passed at the Supreme Court, which extends federal protection to people based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Mr. McTiernan also said that there was a demand for training and there has already been two of the Commissioners that have taken the training. Mr. McTiernan also mentioned that there was a request for the resignation of a Commissioner, and he has

since resigned. He feels the Board of Commissioners will be taking a lot of this into consideration, but in the meantime, a lot of the demands of the Committee have been met.

Mr. McTiernan also mentioned the issue regarding the vacancy which was created by the resignation of Commissioner Abel. Unlike, the resignation made by Commissioner Bruckner, which was for a date certain, Commissioner Abel's resignation was dated for the 16th so that means the vacancy is not created until the Board accepts that resignation. If the resignation is accepted at tonight's meeting the board has to make an appointment by the 23rd of July, which is before the voting meeting in July. If the resignation is accepted in July, then the board has until the August meeting to make the choice.

Carrie O'Connell
33 Janthia Drive

Mrs. O'Connell attended the meeting to address the comment that the Solicitor made regarding the United State Supreme Court decision. She is an Attorney as well. While the Solicitor is correct that certain protections have been afforded to GLTBQ+ Community, as far as work discrimination the Supreme Court was silent when it comes to discrimination based on housing. Theoretical, that means that a heterosexual person and that person did not agree to rent to a GLTBQ+ Community Member, they could not rent to that specific person based on your identity or sexual orientation, The Supreme Court decision does not protect from housing discrimination so this local Ordinance that was proposed would be something that the Community would like to be included. Plus, how the local governments treat and responds to the GLTBQ+ Community. Without getting into any specifics regarding the situation from a couple weeks ago, she feels that it's been clearly made not only by a former Commissioner, but also members of this Community that there is no respect for people that specifically identify as a gender identity. She continued to say that she has read some disgusting and horrible comments about people that live in our Community and just so everyone is aware there are people who live in our Community who identify as transgender, there are also people who live in our Community; her wife and herself included and their children that identify as Lesbian. She thanked the Commissioners in the room for looking at her in the face, she is disappointed that Commissioner Wells and the President of the board are not in person at the meeting because she would have liked to look at them in the face to see what their thoughts were and all those individuals that personally attacked her and those that were trying to stand up and protect and voice their concerns for the fellow Community members. She apologizes for going off on a rant, but she does want to circle back and say as far as that local Ordinance is concerned the Solicitor is incorrect in saying that The United State Supreme Court decision does not take into consideration of everything that we expect from the local Ordinance.

Mr. McTiernan said that the comment that was made only applies under Title 7, which is a very important decision however there could be other aspects that we would anticipate, but at this point that only applies to Title 7. He thought it was worth mentioning to the board. He has not had a chance to discuss it, but he wanted to point out that there has been a resignation and there has been a significant stride forward in the protection against discrimination, plus to be fair to the Managers program there has been some substantial training and non-discriminating aspects with employment and within the Community.

Marlayna Gehrking
33 Janthia Drive

Ms. Gehrking stated that she is Ms. O'Connell's wife. It has become apparent that the Citizens of Scott Township have become placement with respect to the local government, bad habits have formed, the local government was put on auto-polit assuming that adults were in charge and could handle the Township business without each of them losing two nights a month listening to dry discussions about construction bids. The outrageous comments of Commissioner Abel about Dr. Levine have woken this Township up it is now clear to many that their eyes cannot be taken off the local government. When the Community leaders feel comfortable enough to make fun of someone because of their gender identity rather than have a real policy discussion, you remind all the residents that power is corrupted. Freedom of speech offers us freedom from prosecution by the government not freedom from consequences. As a lover of politics nothing over the last two weeks has disappointed her more than seeing so many have such a poor understanding of this basic statistics. If Commissioner Abel believes that he is the only one that has received horrible messages as a result of his comment he is mistaken. Many of them who had the backbone to stand up to his hate speak have received similar backlash. We all live in the same Society and it is currently one were people respond with verbal communication rather with constructive dialogue, but the blame for this mess should not fall on those of us who are willing to stand up, this falls entirely on the shoulders of the speaker at the end of the day this is not a Democrat versus Republican issue, this is a good Government issue. The boards actions and inactions do us all a favor to remind us that good Government is not a given. To those who remain, the Citizens will not tolerate bullies, we will not tolerate anything less than professional behavior as you conduct yourselves on behalf of our Township. Today is a new day and you have made many new partners in building our community. She hopes this is seen for the opportunity that it is. Thank you.

Emily Marko
43 Clairview dr.

Ms. Marko thanked the Solicitor for mentioning the letter, she is one of the organizers of the letter and she appreciates that there has been some acknowledgement. The Community wants to be involved and have made some request which would make a difference. She also wanted to mention that she is thankful the Township has considered the training, and some have even started taking the training. She mentioned that they were very specific within the letter that they feel there is a need for training in Equity and how to include everyone which is not necessarily Diversity Training. She stated that she is grateful that the Township has begun taking the training. The training piece, The Ordinance, and an equal opportunity board; are all bullet points within the idea that the Township would create a long-term plan. They are a group that would like to collaborate with the Township to help with this. They are constituents and they expect all of employees of the Township to respect everyone, to create a Township that is welcoming, and most importantly make it safe. Thank you.

Lynn Richards
1958 Borland Rd.

Ms. Richards stated that she is embarrassed to say, however she has only been at one other meeting. She did not speak; she did not understand half of what was being discussed. Her and her husband were in attendance to discuss a property they have within the Township. She also stated that she is embarrassed to say that on voting day she votes, however she does not know who most of the Commissioners are. She stated that she

usually votes by the name whom she recognizes. She doesn't know what their issues are or what they stand for. She is most embarrassed by what she saw two weeks ago when she watched the Township Meeting on Zoom. She was offended by more than just the comments made by Mr. Abel; she was also offended by how the Commissioners treated each other, how the Commissioners seemed afraid to vote how they wanted to vote and offer apologize for how they voted. Some Commissioners were nervous and scared about placing a vote, this is not the kind of Township representation that we want or need. It is important to her that the training, which was done in the past, continues. Mr. Abel's resignation is the first step, but that is only the first step to each person growing and working with them to make this a Township where people want to live and raise their children. She implores the Board to continue the training, create a mission statement that supports working with one another and making this a wonderful Community. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak tonight.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda, as submitted and revised.

Mr. Castello stated that he would like to make a motion to amend the agenda. He would like to place a motion to consider the resignation of Mr. Abel and the scheduling and advertising of the Special Meeting to consider filling the vacancy on July 8, 2020 at 7:00pm, with a deadline to submit your intent by July 1, 2020 at 5:00pm.

Mrs. Meyers second the motion.

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Meyers to amend the agenda, to reflect a motion to be placed on the agenda to consider the resignation of Mr. Abel and the scheduling and advertising of the Special Meeting to consider filling the vacancy on July 8, 2020 at 7:00pm, with a deadline to submit your intent by July 1, 2020 at 5:00pm.

Mr. Calabria asked for a Roll Call.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries (7-0)

Mrs. Gazda asked if there was supposed to be a motion to accept the Magistrate's Lease Agreement.

Mrs. Fitzgerald replied that it is not ready at this time and she asked Mr. McTiernan to confirm this information.

Mr. McTiernan stated that Mr. Vogel advised the Magistrate that he was contacting the County for their review. The process is moving forward, and they hope to have something prepared for next month

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Meyers to approve the agenda as revised above and submitted.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (7-0)

Mr. Castello stated that he would also like to make a motion to table the appointment of a Commissioner to the 7th Ward. The Board member will serve until the first Monday in January 2022.

Mrs. Meyers second the motion.

Ms. Altman asked if she could raise a question.

Mr. Castello stated that there was a motion on the table.

Mr. Wells asked why this was being done.

Mr. McTiernan stated that usually the motion to 'table' comes after a motion is made.

Mr. Castello confirmed and said that he would withdraw his motion and he will make it when the item is presented.

Mr. Calabria stated that he would like to open the floor for nominations to appoint someone to the 7th Ward.

Mr. Castello stated that he would make a motion to table.

Mrs. Meyers second Mr. Castello's motion.

Mr. McTiernan stated that if there are not 4 Commissioners who wish to make an appointment, no appointment can be made at this time.

Mr. Castello said that he calls for a vote.

Mr. Wells asked when someone must be appointed by.

A resident asked if comments could be made prior to making a vote.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said that Mr. Calabria made the announcement at the beginning of the meeting. If there is anyone that had a comment on items on the agenda, that they were to come up during 'public comments on agenda items listed below' topic.

Ms. Altman asked why this was moved to the beginning of the agenda and taken off the end of the agenda, to appoint a Commissioner to the 7th Ward.

Mr. Calabria said that was done so that the Magistrate could be here in the beginning of the Meeting, not to hold him up.

Mr. Castello asked the Magistrate if he minded staying till the end.

Mr. Stephens replied, He does not.

Ms. Altman stated that Mr. Stephens is fine with staying so that item can remain on the agenda where it is.

Mr. Castello agreed.

Mr. Calabria stated that he is fine with that as well. He said that we usually allow items to be moved up on the agenda, not to hold those individuals up for the whole meeting.

Mr. Castello said that when the Board appointed Ms. Galluze to the vacancy board, it was done towards the end of the Meeting.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Listed Below

To be addressed at the beginning of each Committee report

Tim Wazko
173 Orchard Spring Drive

Mr. Wazko said that he had a suggestion, that after this meeting every Commissioner should be mandated to show up at the building, it is too hard to talk to somebody that is speaking into a speaker. He stated that the comments should be done eye to eye. It is too hard to understand what everyone is saying. Many of the Commissioners are here today so there is no reason for the rest of you to be here. Thank you.

Resident spoke; however, it was difficulty hearing them. Mr. Stoker advised that she asked if there is some type of safety measure that could be placed on Noblestown Road, where the crash occurred last Saturday.

Mr. Calabria said that is a State road, however we could forward the suggestion on to PennDot.

Bill List

Motion to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,394,332.91.

Motion by Mrs. Meyers, second by Ms. Altman to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of: \$1,394,332.91.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries (7-0)

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for the following meetings:

Agenda Meeting: February 11, 2020
Regular Meeting: February 25, 2020
Agenda Meeting: March 10, 2020

Motion by Ms. Altman, second by Mr. Castello to approve the minutes for the following meetings: Agenda Meeting; February 11, 2020, Regular Meeting; February 25, 2020, and Agenda Meeting; March 10, 2020.

All in Favor

Motion Carries (7-0)

Mr. Castello advised that he had asked at the beginning of the meeting to have a motion placed at the beginning of the agenda. The motion is to accept Mr. Abel's resignation. This should have been the first item that was voted on; therefore, he made a motion to accept Commissioner Abel's resignation and the scheduling and advertising of the Special Meeting to consider filling the vacancy on July 8, 2020 at 7:00pm, with a deadline to submit your intent by July 1, 2020 at 5:00pm.

Mrs. Meyers second the motion.

Motion by Mr. Castello, second by Mrs. Meyers to accept Mr. Abel's resignation and the scheduling and advertising of a Special Meeting to consider filling the vacancy on July 8, 2020 at 7:00pm, with a deadline to submit your intent by July 1, 2020 at 5:00pm.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Yes
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
Paul Abel, Vice President	N/A
William Wells	Yes

Stacey Altman	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria, President	Yes

Motion Carries (7-0)

Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement

Solicitor's Report

Engineers Report

Motion to ratify the approval of the Township Engineer furnishing final scoop and budget for the Scott Park Pool House ADA Restroom CD46 Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Mrs. Hartman stated that Mrs. Fitzgerald received a letter from SHACOG, the original offering of funding was in the amount of \$20,000.00. SHACOG has upped the allotment to \$25,850.00, which is the original request amount.

Motion by Mr. Wells, second by Mrs. Gazda to ratify the approval of the Township Engineer furnishing final scoop and budget for the Scott Park Pool House ADA Restroom CD46 Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries (7-0)

Standard Reports

Standing Committee Report – Finance

Motion to approve the Sheriff Sale requested by Don Allen for Lots 102-K-226 and 102-K-228.

Motion by Mr. Wells, second by Ms. Altman to approve the Sherriff Sale requested by Don Allen for Lots 102-K-226 and 102-K-228, with Don Allen owing the taxes to McGrail and Associates Office.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries (7-0)

Motion to seek proposals for delinquent Real Estate Tax Collection (Patricia McGrail's Contract).

Ms. Altman asked if this is being requested just to see what the rates are.

Mr. Wells confirmed. If the Township is going to enter a new contract, different rates should be considered.

Mr. Castello stated most of the contract's delinquents are standard. He also, mentioned that Mrs. McGrail has done an excellent job for the Township thus far. Since, she started on March 1, 2018 she has brought in, from June 23rd \$315,523.25. This past month, June which was a COVID month she brought in \$33,990.00.

Motion by Mr. Wells, second by Mr. Calabria to seek proposals for delinquent Real Estate Tax Collection (Patricia McGrail's Contract).

Roll Call:

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

Motion Fails (2-5)

Motion to ratify approval for the purchase of Logitech equipment, in the amount of \$1,868.97 to stream Township meetings.

Motion by Mr. Wells, second by Ms. Altman to ratify approval for the purchase of Logitech equipment, in the amount of \$1,868.97 to stream Township meetings.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries (7-0)

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Motion to hire Andrew Grace as Patrolman, effective July 12, 2020 at 80% of base salary, subject to physical and psychological exams, as recommended by the Civil Service Commission. (Officer's salary paid for by CVSD).

Motion by Mrs. Gazda, second by Mr. Castello to hire Andrew Grace as Patrolman, effective July 12, 2020 at 80% of base salary, subject to physical and psychological exams, as recommended by the Civil Service Commission. (Officer's salary paid for by CVSD).

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries (7-0)

Bob Shalamon
1416 Orchard Spring Drive

Mr. Shalamon stated that his question relates to Public Works. Earlier in the year he believes three purchases for vehicles, one was a 10-ton dumb truck for Public Works was stated to be purchased, he is inquiring as to if the vehicles have been purchased yet. His second question is regarding the equipment the board just approved to purchase, does that include the televisions which were mentioned as being another required piece of equipment. Mr. Shalamon's third question is regarding an issue which is not on the agenda, but he wanted to inquire on the East Carnegie Fire Department.

Mr. Kelley answered the question related to Public Works regarding the vehicles. He stated that back in February the Township did purchase the equipment. The truck is being fit to put a body on it. The truck was purchased from Woltz & Wind Ford. Once, the body is done all the fall equipment will be added to the truck. The truck should be received by the Township within the next month or two.

Mrs. Fitzgerald addressed the question related to the televisions and whether they were included in the original price of the additional equipment. She stated that they are not included and the televisions would be an additional cost.

Mr. Wells asked if the Televisions are needed.

Mr. Stoker replied that if the board is interested in seeing the individuals on the Zoom meeting as they speak then yes. If you are okay with just hearing them then No.

Mr. Castello asked what the cost would be.

Mr. Stoker stated that he would have to research what two televisions would cost and the cabling would probably average about \$200.00 - \$300.00.

Mr. Wells asked if this is something that would be used after the pandemic is over.

Ms. Altman stated that this is being requested to continue including the public and allowing those to be a part of our meetings whether they are here or not. She hopes that soon all the Commissioners will be present at the meeting. As far as the televisions, she feels that it is up for debate.

Mr. Calabria agreed to discuss it in July.

Mrs. Gazda stated that the board approved an agreement for the School Resource Officer at the May 26, 2020 meeting. However, after a recent meeting at the school board they denied the cost schedules which was listed in the original contract.

Chief Podsiadly stated that at the June 16th School Board meeting the board discussed the agreement previously approved by the Township. They had asked the Township to come more in line with the agreement from the Collier Township Police. They created another agreement and mirrored the salary of that contract and that was approved by the School Board. He provided each of the Commissioners with the fee schedule page (which is the page that was amended). For 2020 it would be \$87,443.97, for 2021 \$90,138.11, 2022 \$92,925.89, and for 2023 the amount would be \$95,799.89.

Mrs. Gazda made a motion to approve the revised SRO contract with the School District amending the annual fee schedule on page #2 as Chief recommended above.

Ms. Altman second the motion.

Motion by Mrs. Gazda, second by Ms. Altman to approve the revised SRO Agreement with the School District amending the annual fee schedule on page #2 as Chief recommended above.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.

Yes

Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	Yes
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	Yes
David G. Calabria, President	Yes

Motion Carries (7-0)

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Mr. Castello mentioned that there will be a Public Works Committee Meeting on July 6, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)

Parks and Recreation

Motion to ratify keeping the pool closed for the 2020 season.

Mr. Calabria asked Mrs. Fitzgerald if the Township received all the chemicals and sanitizing equipment.

Mrs. Fitzgerald replied yes.

Mr. Calabria asked the Park Directors if all the scheduling of swimming and cleaning was all taken care of.

Mrs. Watson answered yes.

Mr. Calabria asked the status as far as the pool being ready. He then asked Mrs. Fitzgerald if she is comfortable with the finances of the pool.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said at the last meeting; based on the anticipated revenues of the pool the Township will not make money on the pool. This is a board decision.

Mr. Calabria said that Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Wateska were on the pool committee and he asked if there was any progress on finding lifeguards and COVID cleaning staff.

Mrs. Meyers said that the last meeting the board voted on opening the pool and that motion was denied. She is making a motion to open the pool with the stipulations that we do get enough lifeguards and knowing that we may have to close the third week in August due to the fact that the kids will be going back to school.

Mr. Calabria asked if anyone has tried to get any lifeguards.

Mrs. Meyers said that they could not try to get the lifeguards due to the motion being denied.

Mr. Calabria stated that he is not in agreement with opening the pool. He also advised that he would not allow his own grandchildren to swim during this difficult time. His main concern is the safety of the residents. If the Pool Directors feel that they can get the lifeguards, then the Board should vote.

Mrs. Meyers asked to make a motion to amend the motion to reflect approval to open the pool for the 2020 season with the stipulations that the Township can get enough lifeguards and knowing that we may have to close the third week in August due to the kids returning back to school.

Mr. Castello second the motion.

**All in Favor
Motion Carries (7-0)**

Mr. Calabria said that this motion should not be made with the stipulations.

Mrs. Meyers said that the pool cannot open if the proper number of lifeguards are not hired. At the last meeting the motion to open the pool was denied and therefore, she could not send the directors looking for more lifeguards.

Mr. Wells asked if there has been any more Committee Meetings.

Mrs. Meyers said that they met on Zoom just to discuss different ideas.

Mr. Calabria asked how much time will be needed in order to find lifeguards.

Mrs. Watson stated that she will start to reach out to individuals. She stated that she has spoke to about half of the guards from last year. If this is the directive the board would like then she will move forward with this.

Mr. Wells stated that a sign has to be posted providing an outline of a safety plan, who will be responsible for doing this.

Mrs. McFerron stated that she would assist with getting a COVID-19 Team established.

Mr. Wells asked if they had enough time to get all the employees if the pool opens on July 1, 2020.

Mrs. Fitzgerald suggested not opening prior to July 7, 2020. It will also take approximately 5 days to fill the pool.

Mr. Castello asked the pool director if she has a preference to when the pool should open.

Mrs. Watson stated that she would need at least until the 7th of July.

Motion to approve opening the pool on July 7, 2020 with the stipulations that the Township can get enough lifeguards and knowing that we may have to close the third week in August due to the kids returning back to school.

Motion by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mr. Castello to approve opening the pool on July 7, 2020 with the stipulations that the Township can get enough lifeguards and knowing that we may have to close the third week in August due to the kids returning back to school.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries (4-3)

Motion to approve the Scott Township Fireworks display for Labor Day or Octoberfest.

Mrs. Meyers recommends Labor Day because Octoberfest is later in the year and at that point we don't know if the County will mandate another quarantine or not.

Mr. Calabria asked how long we have to make a decision on this. He asked if this could be tabled for now.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that she would have to contact the vendor so they can schedule the event on their end.

Motion by Mrs. Meyers, second by Mr. Castello to approve the Scott Township Fireworks display for Labor Day.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries (7-0)

Public Relations Report

Library Liaison Report

SHACOG

Standing Committee Report – Administration

Motion to appoint a Commissioner to Ward 7. Board member will serve until the first Monday in January 2022.

Mr. Calabria opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Castello second the motion.

Motion by Mr. Calabria, second by Mr. Castello to open the floor for nominations.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (7-0)

Mr. Castello nominates Nicholas Seibel.

Mrs. Wateska second the nomination.

Mr. Calabria made a motion to close the nominations.

Mr. Wells second the motion.

Motion by Mr. Calabria, second by Mr. Wells to close the floor for nominations.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (7-0)

Motion by Mr. Calabria, second by Mr. Castello to appoint Mr. Seibel as Commissioner to Ward 7. Board member will serve until the first Monday in January 2022.

All in Favor
Motion Carries (7-0)

Mrs. Fitzgerald introduce the Honorable Craig Stephens.

Mr. Stephens swore in Mr. Seibel.

Mr. Calabria congratulated Mr. Seibel and stated that he did a great job on the presentation and wishes him well.

Mr. Seibel said thank you to the Board of Commissioners and he looks forward to being a part of the Commissioners and supporting the Community.

Conferences and Workshops

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Bob Shalomon
416 Orchard Spring

Mr. Shalomon stated that there was no comment made regarding the East Carnegie Fire Department. He also mentioned that the signs that should be posted at the park and facilities were not posted this past weekend.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that there are signs posted on the Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, the Dek Hockey rink, and Playground areas identifying how many people are allowed in each section at a time required by the CDC.

Mr. Shalomon asked when these signs were hung.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that all postings were hung the day the park was re-opened.

Mr. Shalomon stated that the only sign that was hung in the park was a hand written sign on the restroom facilities which was hung with duct tape.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that she would look into this.

Mr. Calabria told Mr. Shalomon to hold on the Zoom call regarding the East Carnegie Fire Department.

Judith Newton
540 Summerville Road

Ms. Newton attended the meeting today regarding the pool opening. She advised that everyone needs to take in consideration of people's mental health and what parents will do with their children this summer. She does agree with opening the pool. She stated that there has to be something for the children to do this summer.

Joe Cost
1215 Blue Jay Dr.

Mr. Cost attended the meeting today regarding the petition which was created to ask for Mr. Abel's resignation. He stated that there were 200 signatures from the Community and 234 signatures from outside of the Community. He thanked the Board of Commissioners for allowing him to speak.

Chief Mitch Schrager
East Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Schrager was inquiring on the status of the East Carnegie Fire Department. He stated that the Committee was formed, however he has not heard anything as far as the status of the department goes.

Mr. Calabria asked Mr. Schrager if he could hold off on this subject until the end of the meeting.

Mr. Schrager agreed.

Commissioners Requests

Mr. Calabria stated that the Committee was suppose to meet with Mr. Abel and Mrs. Gazda to discuss the East Carnegie Fire Department. He advised that the Committee wanted to make sure that Glendale and Bower Hill Fire Departments are willing to assist Chief Schrager. Mr. Calabria stated that he is impressed with Chief Shcrager. He has a great attitude and has shown total commitment for firefighting. Mr. Calabria also mentioned that Mr. Zappala told him that he was impressed with the new Chief also. He also mentioned the accident that happened over the weekend which was near the East Carnegie Fire Department and how they couldn't respond to this call. During an emergency seconds count and a response can determine life or death.

Mr. Calabria is making a motion to reinstate the East Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Wells second the motion.

Motion by Mr. Calabria, second by Mr. Wells to reinstate the East Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department.

Roll Call:

Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	No
Kathy Gazda	Yes
Angela Wateska	No
William Wells	Yes
Stacey Altman	Yes
Eileen L. Meyers	No
Nicholas Seibel	Abstain
David G. Calabria, President	Yes

Motion Carries (4-3-1)

Mr. Calabria stated that he would like Mrs. Fitzgerald to provide assistants to Chief Schrager. He said Good luck and congratulations.

Ms. Altman suggested having Mr. Wells the Finance Chairman to assist the East Carnegie Fire Department and possibly get a third party involved to assist as well just until they get a good understanding of everything.

Mr. Calabria said he agreed with Ms. Altman's comment.

Ms. Altman inquired about the training and what accountability there is for the Commissioners that do take them. Her suggestion is to possibly have a sign off sheet or something to allow us to monitor whom has completed the training. She stated that this is her 9th year as a Commissioner and they have had training one time which was for antibullying and she knows that not all of the Commissioners attended. She feels that we should be more diligent in completing training courses provided. She also stated that this Diversity training should not be optional it should be mandatory.

Mrs. Meyers asked for a moment of silence for the former Tax Collector; Edward Stevens.

Mr. Wells asked Mrs. Fitzgerald if public comments can be restricted to in-person attendance only.

Mr. McTeirnan said that if you're allowing public participation via a Zoom meeting, people are permitted to participate or the Board can require them to come to the meeting to participate and just have a live stream available for those whom just want to watch. The Board is not obligated to allow the public to participate via Zoom.

Mrs. Wateska wanted to thank everyone who has worked on this packet and for coming to today's meeting. She would like to ask the Board for approval to actively move forward with drafting an Ordinance or Resolution. There are other municipalities that have put this Ordinance in place, for example Ross Township and Robinson Township.

Mr. Castello stated that he has known Mr. Steve Zappala for years. He spoke with Mr. Zappala after the meeting and he advised Mr. Castello without a doubt he has never said any statements specifically about Chief Schragger. He has never met the new Chief.

Mr. McTeirnan stated that it's not fair to the District Attorney to be quoting him at a public meeting. However, he did have a concern as to whether there should be some sort of Court action involving East Carnegie. The District Attorney choose not to take Court action and the Township didn't move forward with it either. Mr. Zappala did mention in passing that when he met the new Chief, he thought he was a sincere individual.

Mr. Castello commented on Mrs. Meyers moment of silence for the former Tax Collector. He feels that the Township should do more for him since he was a big part of the Township for a long time.

Mr. Calabria stated that Ms. Altman is on the Public Relations Committee, she can work on getting a Proclamation for Mr. Stevens. He also suggested maybe installing a plaque.

Mrs. Meyers suggested putting the plaque outside of the Tax Office.

Mr. Seibel stated that he wanted to thank Ms. Altman for her comment on accountability for training and he asked Mrs. Fitzgerald if she could provide him with the information for the most recent training on Diversity. The County Elections Board has been meeting via Microsoft Teams. They do allow similar comments from those participating via Microsoft Teams and from his personal experience it has been working.

Emily Marko
43 Clairview Drive

Ms. Marko commented on the discussion regarding using Zoom for comments. As one of the organizers who assisted with creating the letter, they heard a lot of comments from Community members and something that she would like to have added to the building equity, diversity, and Inclusion to also think about access. She feels that the Board should strongly consider allowing comments when attending via Zoom.

Carrie O'Connell
33 Janthia Drive

Mrs. O'Connell said thank you to the Commissioners for bringing up the letter and petition. A gentleman made a comment earlier regarding how many people outside of the Township signed the petition. She stated that it shouldn't matter to the Community or the Board, if anyone in the Community feels like they do not belong because of their race, religion, gender something needs to change. Mrs. O'Connell stated that she wants to collaborate with the Township in providing resources to help support the Community.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Altman, Second by Mrs. Meyers to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16p.m.

Attest:



