

**MINUTES
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
301 LINDSAY ROAD, MAIN MEETING ROOM
SCOTT TOWNSHIP, PA 15106
AGENDA MEETING
November 10, 2020**

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

Roll Call:

David G. Calabria	Absent
Thomas M. Castello, Esq.	Present
Kathy Gazda	Present
Angela Wateska	Present - Zoom
Michelle Sedlak	Present
Nicholas Seibel, Vice President	Present
William Wells	Present
Stacey Altman, President	Present
Eileen L. Meyers	Present

PRESENT - 8

ABSENT - 1

ALSO PRESENT:

Denise Fitzgerald, Township 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 – Via Zoom
Mark Mox, Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer
Sandy Wilkins, Finance Director – Via Zoom
Matt Podsiadly Chief of Police, Via Zoom
James Stoker, Information Technology Technician Manager
Lisha Mihalko, Assistant Township Secretary

Public Comments on Agenda Items Listed Below

To be addressed at the beginning of each Committee report

Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement

Discuss the Building Permit and Zoning Permit fees.

Mr. Mox provided a proposed fee schedule for the Township. He reviewed the revisions and additions which he is recommending.

Ms. Altman asked if this Resolution will have a clause or a stipulation which would allow a family who lost their home to a fire to rebuild their home again minus the building permit fees. She explained that a Constituent of hers lost their home due to a fire and they were not able to re-build due to the cost of the building fees.

Discuss the approval to advertise for a Conditional Use Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2020, for the application filed by Bower Hill Volunteer Fire Department for the replacement of an existing sign with an LED sign.

The Board agreed to move forward with the advertisement.

Ms. Altman advised that the motion will be ratified at the next meeting.

Discuss the possible donation of property located on Finley Avenue; Lot & Block #102-P-224.

Mr. Mox explained that the Township received a letter from the Estates Attorney. Mr. Mox advised that he looked at the property and the property is not very useful for building on. He stated that he contacted the Flood Authority to see if they would be interested in obtaining the property and Mr. Mox stated that the gentleman told him that he wasn't aware the property was available.

Mr. Castello stated that he is on the Flood Authority Board and they spoke about this subject several weeks ago and the Authority determined that they do not want the property. However, a Board member of the authority thought there was grant money that the Township could get and asked the Engineer to check into this.

Solicitor's Report

Engineers Report

Discuss Change Order No. 1 (Scope Change - No Change in Contract Price) for the Scott Park ADA Ramps and Sidewalk Improvements Project (CD 45 7.5).

Motion will be placed on the next agenda.

Discuss Partial Payment No. 1 (Final) in the amount of \$42,316.00 for the Scott Park ADA Ramps and Sidewalk Improvements Project (CD 45 7.5) submitted by Joe Palmieri Construction, Inc.

Motion will be placed on the next agenda.

Discuss Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$180,960.88 for the 2019 Source Flow Reduction and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project submitted by Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting Company, Inc.

Motion will be placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Castello asked for an update to be provided on Cherrydell Drive.

Mrs. Hartman stated that the main pipe repair is completed. They are currently connecting the laterals so that shouldn't take much longer, maybe another week or two to complete the construction end of the project.

Standing Committee Report - Finance

Discuss the ratification of approval for the advertisement of the 2021 Budget for public inspection, contingent upon approval at the Wednesday, November 11, 2020 Budget meeting.

Motion will be placed on the next agenda.

Discuss the ratification of approval for the advertisement of the 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance, contingent upon approval at the Wednesday, November 11, 2020 Budget meeting.

Motion will be placed on the next agenda.

Discuss the ratification of approval for the advertisement of the 2021 Budget Ordinance, contingent upon approval at the Wednesday, November 11, 2020 Budget meeting.

Motion will be placed on the next agenda.

Discuss the approval of payment to The Phoenix Benefits Group, Inc. for Investment Consulting Services for the Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$828.75 and the Non-Uniform Employees' Pension Fund in the amount of \$1,267.50. *(to be paid from the respective funds).*

Motion will be placed on the next agenda.

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Discuss the intersection of Magazine and Summit.

Joe Changle
502 Summit Street

Mr. Changle attended tonight's meeting to discuss the intersection at Magazine and Summit. Mr. Changle's property is located at the corner of Magazine and Summit. Mr. Changle advised that he was here about a year ago to request a stop sign at this intersection. He has had damage to his house numerous of times and he is worried about his kids playing in the yard. The Township previously installed a guardrail for those individuals coming down the hill and some warning signage which worked for a little bit, but then they stopped being so effective.

Mr. Castello asked if he was referring to installing stop signs coming down the hill or up.

Mr. Changle stated that would be up to the Township and what would be best for the situation. He did state that the majority of the speed is obviously heading down the hill, but he also stated that you would be surprised at how fast people go up the hill.

Mr. Changle also provided photos and videos for the Commissioners to review the area in discussion.

Mr. Seibel asked if the stop sign would interfere with the residents who park on the street there.

Mrs. Meyers stated that the stop sign would have to be installed on the other side of the street where the Cemetery is located.

Mr. Wells asked if the stop sign can be installed on the other side of the street.

Mr. Changle asked if a stop sign can be installed on both sides of the street.

Chief Podsiadly stated that he would have to research this item and get back to the Board. Chief suggested a red blinking light be installed at the top of the stop sign as well.

Ms. Altman asked Chief if he could look into the installation of two stop signs being installed on each side of the street and possibly getting warning signage for heading up the hill for tractor trailer trucks.

Mr. Castello said the only down fault with putting a stop sign on both sides of the road would be for those individuals who are not familiar with the area they may think that the road is a one-way road.

Chief said he would research this issue and report back to the Board.

Mrs. Meyers mentioned that a resident contacted her about the corner of Carothers Ave. and Creek Street who claim that you cannot see pulling out of Creek Street because there are SUV's that are parked there. There are lines painted there for no parking, however the Police cannot enforce it due to there being no sign.

Chief Podsiadly recommended that the Board pass a Resolution, under Ordinance #1450 and install a sign that states no parking from here to corner. This will allow the Police Department to enforce the no parking in that area.

Ms. Altman asked in reference to the mirror at the under pass on Vanadium Road.

Chief stated that there have been some accidents in that area recently. He will notify the County.

Mrs. Gazda mentioned that there will be no Public Safety Meeting until January 2021.

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)

Discuss PaDEP Revised Consent Order and Agreement anticipated to be issued later this year.

Mrs. Hartman stated that there was a Sewer Committee Meeting on November 2, 2020. This is expected to be released prior to the end of the year.

Discuss stormwater issue at 322 Boden Avenue.

Mrs. Hartman stated that the application was previously submitted. She advised that the State is currently reviewing the applications. In the meantime, Mr. Kelley has made contact with the Railroad Company and the Railroad Company has done some work in that area.

Mr. Kelley stated that he has been communicating with the Railroad Company. It is their responsibility for maintenance. They installed a new inlet on the side of the hill. The inlet should direct the water in a proper way so that it does not go under the tracks.

Discuss Acid Mine Drainage meeting scheduled for November 12, 2020 with PennDOT and PaDEP.

Mrs. Hartman stated that PennDot has scheduling a meeting for December 8, 2020 to discuss the Acid Mine Drainage.

Parks and Recreation

Mrs. Meyers stated that the Recreation Directors would like direction on the Tree Lighting Event and they would like to do a Scavenger Hunt.

Mrs. Watson stated that the Tree Lighting Event is scheduled for the first Thursday in December 2020. They are looking at scheduling the Scavenger Hunt for sometime in January 2021. They were looking at including the local businesses in Scott Township with providing different clues to the hunt. The Scavenger Hunt will include any resident that would like to participate. Those families would drive in their cars to each location finding the clues through-out the Township.

Mr. Seibel asked how the Directors plan to handle the Tree Lighting Event.

Mrs. Watson stated that the Lodge is usually used for this event, However the social distancing would not be able to be followed so they were thinking about utilizing the Lodge to pick up your hot chocolate and cookie only. There would be one door used for an entrance and one door used as an exit. There will not be any tables set up to eliminate any congregating.

Mr. Wells thinks that the COVID-19 impact keeps getting worse and he feels that this event can't be handled in a safe manner.

Mrs. Gazda stated that she also feels that the event cannot be done in a safe manner.

Mrs. Meyers stated that the Directors need direction tonight as to whether they should move forward with the planning of the Tree Lighting Event.

Ms. Altman suggested holding the event outdoors and instead of handing out hot chocolate, we can hand out a gift bag or something similar.

Mrs. Sedlak suggested a drive thru event and have Santa stationed somewhere so that the children can drive past and wave at him. She also suggested a possible contest for house decorations, any resident willing to participate can sign up and then a map can be provided outlining all the participating houses and the residents can rate the house decorating.

Mrs. Watson stated that they have different ideas for the event. She suggested sending an email outlining all the options.

The Board of Commissioners seemed to be in agreement with a drive thru event. Ms. Altman advised the Recreation Directors to plan for this type of event. Ms. Altman suggested Mrs. Watson and Mrs. McFerron outline their ideas and email the Board so they can make a decision prior to the next meeting to give the Directors time to plan accordingly.

Ms. Altman asked the Board their thoughts on the Scavenger Hunt.

Mr. Wells asked the Solicitor if there would be any liability to the Township.

Ms. Altman said that the contest can be handled in a different way so that there is not a rush to be the first one back with the clue(s).

Ms. Altman also mentioned that the last Scott Eats Event was well participated and went really well.

Mrs. Watson stated that this event was well received by the Residents of the Community. The Food Drive was also well received and there were approximately 400 cans in total collected.

Public Relations Report

Discuss the following proclamations:

Edward Stevens
Noblestown Road Incident Response
Edward Povirk

Mrs. Meyers mentioned that the above Proclamations will be presented at the December 8, 2020 meeting.

Diversity & Inclusivity Committee

Mrs. Wateska mentioned that the Committee held a meeting on November 2, 2020. She would like to schedule future meetings for December 5, 2020, January 5, 2021, and February 2, 2021 and have them posted on the website.

Library Liaison Report

Discuss the approval for the request from the Friends of the Library for the use of the Community Room from Sunday, October 3, 2021 – Tuesday, October 12, 2021 to host the annual Book Sale Fundraiser.

Mrs. Sedlak also mentioned that February is going to be 'Love Your Library' Month, if anyone is interested in providing items for the gift basket that would be greatly appreciated.

SHACOG

Administration

Conferences and Workshops

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Commissioners Request

Mrs. Meyers mentioned a reminder for the Toys For Tots program.

Executive Session

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23p.m.

Attest:

