



Scott Township Workshop Meeting Agenda Minutes
04/08/2025 7:30 PM EDT to 9:30 PM EDT
Scott Township
301 Lindsay Rd, Carnegie, PA 15106, and Zoom

Attendance

Present:

Members: Stacey Altman, Tom Castello, Sam Dalfonso, Brandon Edwards, Denise Fitzgerald, Kathy Gazda, Marie Hartman, Tom Kelley (remote), Karla McGill, Eileen Meyers, Lisha Mihalko, Mark Mox, Matt Podsiadly (remote), Michelle Sedlak (remote), Nick Seibel, Jim Stoker, John Vogel, Angela Wateska (remote)

1. Call to Order, Moment of Prayer, and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with a call to stand for a moment of prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by welcoming remarks emphasizing community service and values.

2. Public Comments on all Agenda Items Listed Below

The purpose of public comment is to hear the public's comments and express their views. Please email the Manager or your Commissioner if you have any questions concerning agenda items.

3. Proclamation Presentation

Recognition of achievements - CV Boys Basketball and Head Coach Corey Dotchin.

The highlight of this section was the formal recognition of the Chartiers Valley Boys' Varsity Basketball Team's achievements during the 2024-2025 season. The Scott Township Board of Commissioners celebrated their triumphs, including winning the Whitfield boys section five title and advancing to the PIAA Boys 5A state championship. Special mentions were made of individual players and the team's coaches.

4. Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement

4.A. Code Enforcement Update

March updates included the issuance of 20 building permits valued at a total of \$380,000, 36 Notices of Violations, as well as 21 completed rental inspections for March 2025. No building inspections were conducted, and there were zero requests for Right to Know Requests.

5. Solicitor's Report

Discuss the proposed Resolution to authorize the condemnation of an easement over private lane identified as lot and block #253-A-104, located within the Township of Scott, for the purpose of constructing stormwater best management practices.

Solicitor Vogel discussed a proposed resolution to authorize condemnation of an easement over a private lane in block 253-a-104 for stormwater management purposes.

6. Engineer's Report

Discuss bids to be opened for the 2025 Road Improvement Program on April 15, 2025.

Engineer Hartman reminded the Board that the bids for the 2025 Road Improvement Program will be open on April 15, 2025, via an online bidding platform.

Discuss approval of Partial Payment No. 1 submitted by Vertex Roofing Inc. for the Scott Park Lodge and Community Center Roof Replacement Project (Contract No. 24-R2) in the amount of \$103,570.90 for work completed from March 1, 2025, to March 25, 2025.

Engineer Hartman mentioned the Partial Payment #1 for the Scott Park Lodge and Community Room Center Roof Replacement Project for work completed from March 1, 2025, to March 25, 2025.

Discuss approval of Change Order No. 2 submitted by Bronder Technical Services, Inc. for the 2024 Traffic Signal Improvements - Cochran Road / Robinwood Drive Project in the amount of \$535.50 to increase shoulder pavement marking width in accordance with PennDOT comments.

Engineer Hartman stated to include the traffic signal improvements change order vote on the Regular Meeting Agenda at the end of the month.

Discuss approval of Partial Payment No. 1 submitted by State Pipe Services, Inc. for the C-48 Phase II COA Source Flow Reduction and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project (Contract No. 24-S3) in the amount of \$179,915.70 for work completed from February 3, 2025, to March 28, 2025.

Engineer Hartman mentioned the Partial Payment #1 for Phase II COA Source Flow Reduction and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project for work completed from February 3, 2025, to March 28, 2025.

Discuss bids received for the PRP Phase I project. Bids are being reviewed.

Engineer Hartman stated that the bids received for the PRP Phase I Project will be under further review and unit price discussions to be finalized by the next meeting.

Discuss PA Small Water and Sewer Funding Applications due April 30, 2025; resolutions to be prepared for Board consideration.

Engineer Hartman stated that the PA Small Water and Sewer Funding Applications are due April 30, 2025, with Resolutions for three projects under consideration.

7. Standing Committee Report – Finance

Discuss the payment request from Acrisure Mid-Atlantic Partners Insurance Services, LLC for administrative actuarial services related to the Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$465.00 (to be paid from the Police Pension Trust Account).

Commissioner Castello mentioned the payment request from the Acrisure Mid-Atlantic Partners Insurance Services, LLC.

Discuss the request from the Bower Hill Volunteer Fire Department for the partial release of their 2025 allotment in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Commissioner Castello stated the Board typically gives an allotment of funds per year, and this is a request to release a portion of the total.

Discuss adopting the proposed Ordinance to change the current Non-Uniform Pension Ordinance (1500-02) to reduce the normal retirement age to 62 as requested by the Non-Uniform Pension Representative, with the understanding that their contributions will be increased to cover the cost of the request. (Advertised on Thursday, April 10, 2025).

Commissioner Castello mentioned a proposed Ordinance to change the current Non-Uniform Pension Ordinance (2500-02) to reduce the normal retirement age to 62, as recommended by the Pension Board. The reduction in the retirement age is contingent on the increase of participant contributions to cover the association's costs, with contributions increasing from approximately 4.5% to 5.6%.

8. Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

There were no new items presented for the Public Safety report as part of the standing committee report.

8.A. Chief of Police's Update

The Chief advised that in the month of March 2025, we had 456 reports with 13 arrests, 22 citations, and for those of you who do not know, the FBI held a press conference on April 4, 2025, over the indictment of Louis Alfonso and Bono Rodriguez in connection with the grandparent scam. Scott Township detectives were kind of a key in identifying him and ultimately in his arrest.

9. Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Commissioner Seibel stated that the new street sweeper is scheduled for delivery to facilitate public works in their upcoming maintenance activities on Thursday. This will allow for team training and usage for cleanups and storm drain service. This vehicle is CDL licensed to operate.

10. Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)

Commissioner Wateska mentioned an upcoming meeting scheduled for the Environmental Advisory Council for tomorrow (April 9, 2025, at 6:30 pm).

11. Parks and Recreation

Discuss the request from the Pool Manager to consider the Scott Sharks to have an evening practice option. (This request is for lap lanes only for June and July.)

Benon Brewer stated that the swim club that rents the pool every year for their use would like to come back and rent the pool again. They are requesting two changes, one of which would be to offer an evening practice. There would be 30 kids that would come on Mondays between June 16, 2025, and July 25, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm to swim. They would be using the lap lanes only, and we wouldn't close down the pool, and that practice would end prior to the family night swim.

Discuss the request from Beth El Congregation of the South Hills for the use of the Locust Shelter for three (3) outdoor services on Friday, June 27, 2025, July 25, 2025, and August 29, 2025 for of charge.

Commissioner Meyers mentioned that the Beth El Congregation of the South Hills is requesting the use of the Locust Shelter for three outdoor services. Meyers asked if this is something they are asking the Township to donate, or if the Church is paying for them.

Manager Fitzgerald stated that she needs to get clarification because this does not fall within the current donation policy.

Discuss the request from the Pittsburgh Elite Aquatics (PEAQ) swim team to open the pool from May 5, 2025, to August 29, 2025, for the use of swim meets. (PAEQ agrees to pay a fee of \$6,000.00 to Scott Township for the rental of the Community Pool from May 27, 2025, to August 29, 2025, and an additional fee of \$1,000.00 for additional costs for chemical usage).

Benon explained that the Scott Sharks swim at Scott Township Pool, but the team is actually run by Pittsburgh Elite Aquatics. Carissa is the Board President for the swim club, she sent this contract to me to go through the Board to solidify using the pool again this summer.

12. Public Relations Report

There were no new items presented for the Public Relations report as part of the standing committee report.

13. Library Liaison Report

The library is participating in National Library Week celebrations, hosting a trivia night event on April 11, 2025. Tickets are available for \$20.00 each at the library or at the door, and the next book sale is scheduled

for May 1, 2025, through May 4, 2025. For more information and to register for library events, please visit www.scottlibrary.org.

14. SHACOG

There were no new items presented for the SHACOG report as part of the standing committee report.

15. Standing Committee Report – Administration

Discuss the request from the American Legion and Sons of the American Legion Post 290 to use the same route as years past for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2025, beginning at 11:00 am, and a donation in the amount of \$400.00 for financial assistance for the parade.

Commissioner Altman stated that this is a typical request every year and asked if there were any questions and/or concerns.

Commissioner Edwards just wanted to make sure they had a place to line up, since Nixon School is no longer there.

Commissioner Altman stated that in years past, everyone lined up on the street.

Manager's Update

Manager Fitzgerald stated that the Board, the Chief, and herself recently attended an ALOM conference. The Community received a Banner Community Certificate at a recent conference. Information about dog licenses and a senior citizen tax relief program is available at the Administrative Offices. Manager Fitzgerald also mentioned that the 2025 Newsletter should be going out next week.

16. Conferences and Workshops

Discuss approving the Finance Director's attendance at the Annual Pennsylvania Municipal Administrators conference to be held at the Wind Creek Hotel in Bethlehem, PA, from August 10, 2025, to August 13, 2025, in the amount of \$400 for conference registration and \$174.90/night for 3 nights of lodging.

Commissioner Altman stated to have this placed on the next agenda for a vote, if there are no questions.

17. Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

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18. Commissioner's Request

Commissioner Sedlak raised concern about the potentially unsafe railroad tie wall that is located behind where Max & Erma's use to be.

Commissioner Castello asked if we heard anything more as far as who the proposed occupant is that's going in the shopping center where the liquor store and beer store are at.

Commissioner Wateska mentioned that Waste Management did not pick up again on Blue Jay. They did come back.

19. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Dalfonso, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

20. Executive Session:

- Personnel and Litigation.

