



## Scott Township Workshop Meeting Minutes

Scott Township  
 Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 7:30 PM EST  
 301 Lindsay Road, Carnegie, PA 15106 and Zoom

### Call to Order, Moment of Prayer, and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Altman stated, "Good evening, everyone." Ms. Altman stated that she'd like to call Township Workshop Meeting to order for Tuesday, February 10, 2026. Ms. Altman stated, "if we could please start with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance." The township prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were conducted.

### Roll Call: Eileen Meyers --Present

Jane Sorcan - Present

Stacey Altman, President - Present

Samuel Dalfonso, Esq. - Present via

Zoom at 7:34 PM

Thomas Castello, Esq. - Present

Michelle Sedlak - Present

Nick Seibel, Vice President - Present

Kathleen Gazda - Present

Donald Giudici - Present

### Also present: Denise Fitzgerald, Township Manager

Karla McGill, Assistant Township Manager (Finance)

John Vogel, Esq, Solicitor

Marie Hartman, Engineer

Kevin A. Brett, Engineer

Tom Kelley, Director of Public Services (present via Zoom)

Mark Mox, Planning, Zoning and Enforcement Officer

Mathew Podsiadly, Chief of Police

Michael Rudolph, Administrative Assistant

### Public Comments on all Agenda Items Listed Below

No public comments were made.

### Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement

Mr. Mox stated 17 permits were issued for a total of \$1,510,073, \$1,354,673 of which most was from the Nixon School Development. Mr. Mox stated "a couple" of permits were from Better Donuts which will be occupying the former location of Alberto Verde. Mr. Mox stated Store Xpress at 98 Vanadium Road is seeking to add additional self-storage areas at that location. Mr. Mox stated 26 notices of violation, 16 magistrate hearings, 6 rental inspections, 6 building inspections were addressed, and 7 additional building permits were issued for the Nixon School Development.

Ms. Altman stated, "discuss the Conditional Use application for Chabad Lubavitch of the South Hills at 1700 Bower Hill Road to operate a preschool on the premises as recommended by the Planning Commission." Mr. Castello stated, "is this where the old daycare was?" Mr. Mox

stated, "this is where the Good Shepard Lutheran Church was." Mr. Mox stated there were a number of classrooms and open spaces in addition to the main assembly area, and it has been utilized by Boy Scouts and a DART program in the past. Mr. Mox stated that the building is not expanding and everything will go into the building as it currently stands.

Ms. Sedlak stated, "so the DART program does not exist there at all anymore? Do we have it anywhere in our community?" Mr. Vogel stated DART is usually affiliated with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. Ms. Sedlak stated she was familiar with it. Mr. Vogel stated her was unaware if there were any other programs in the area.

Rabbi Rosenblum stated, "my name is Mendy Rosenblum. I reside at 821 Ridgefield Avenue. I'm the Rabbi and executive director of Chabad of the South Hills. We have been located in the South Hills for almost 30 years. Actually, the building that's just mentioned before, we were attending them without an exponent back in the early 2000s till 2007. Then the first building in Mount Lebanon, and then this church came up for sale, so now we're kind of in between two buildings. Our goal over the next few years is to develop that building into our full time space and then move out of Mount Lebanon into that building. Right now we use it for events and now we want to expand it into a preschool, and eventually it will be our full center."

Mr. Castello stated, "I think it's a great idea." Ms. Sorcan stated, "the Jewish Community Center, are you affiliated with them at all? I know they have a wonderful summer program." Rabbi Rosenblum stated, "only in that we're both Jewish, but no, there's no affiliation at all." Ms. Sedlak stated, "congratulations on buying that property, that's wonderful news. Do you think you're gonna have enough parking for the use there? Because the parking, if I remember, is somewhat limited and I'm not sure how much more property there is available."

Rabbi Rosenblum stated, "I really hope the answer to that question is no. From what I can see, we're somewhat of a niche kind of use. There's 80 parking spaces there and we almost never fill that building with more than 70 people or so. And that's 30 cars or so. Once or twice, we've had events where we had a little bit of an overflow, and they were very kind to us over across at that new school. We have a good relationship, they go to us, we go to them, it's a good relationship. Parking is not going to be a problem."

Mr. Castello stated, "tell me about your preschool. What age group did you have? Are you going to be open to everyone?" Rabbi Rosenblum stated, "so this year, it's going to be very small. First of all, because it's new, second of all because we want to start and grow it properly. We have three families signed up with 3 kids and I don't think it's going to exceed 5 kids for the first year." Mr. Castello stated, "I'm shocked because daycares, preschools are needed everywhere and when that place closed at the swimming pool, Bower Hill Swimming Club." Rabbi Rosenblum stated, "they put a new one in there."

Rabbi Rosenblum stated, "I think there's demand. It's a little niche, it's religious based, Jewish. I hope that it grows exponentially, but the building, technically, you know, we'd have to make

renovations. There's a lot more room in there. There's free classrooms and as Mark mentioned, there's a whole downstairs area, there's a lot of room in there to grow if that's what happens."

Mr. Mox stated, "when we look at parking, we kind of look at the uses of when those uses would be in place. Typically, when preschool is going to be going on there's not going to be any other activities going on at the building itself. So, their parking works out well." Ms. Altman stated, "any questions for us at all?"

Rabbi Rosenblum stated, "two weeks from now, thank God, my son will be getting married in New York. I'm supposed to be here to present. I was wondering if there's any way to do it over Zoom." Mr. Castello stated, "we're not gonna need you in two weeks." Mr. Vogel and Mr. Mox stated there was going to be a hearing. Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "we don't normally do Zoom for Personal Use hearings." Mr. Vogel stated an associate of Rabbi Rosenblum being present and calling Rabbi Rosenblum on speakerphone up to the microphone would be sufficient. Rabbi Rosenblum stated a representative of his would be present to do so. Rabbi Rosenblum stated, "it's really a pleasure to deal with Scott Township. We feel very welcome."

Ms. Altman stated, "Discuss a Conditional Use Hearing to be conducted on March 24, 2026 at 7 PM for Chabad Lubavitch of the South Hills at 1700 Bower Hill Road to operate a preschool on the premises as recommended by the Planning Commission." Mr. Vogel stated, "kind of a repeat of the prior motion but also we have begun advertising for that and the like so, kind of tied in with that. We're good." Ms. Gazda stated, "do we have to ratify the advertising?" Mr. Vogel stated, "at the meeting, so Michael if that can be added to the agenda for the voting meeting. Thank you."

Ms. Altman stated, "discuss approving an ordinance (advertised February 12, 2026) for vacating the unopened alley bordering parcels 101-P-65, 101-P-52 and 101-P-60, with the intent that after the alley is vacated it would be part of the Russman Plat Adjustment Subdivision Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission." Mr. Vogel stated the advertising, approval of the plan, and "doing the actual ordinance had elongated the process."

Ms. Altman stated, "discuss second amendment to developers agreement between Flash Point Partners, D.R. Horton, and Scott Township." Mr. Mox stated, "what we're looking at here is the developer has been asked because of the bonding that we required, they would like to split the bonding based on responsibility. With Flash Point Partners, what's happening with the bonding is that it is limiting him on the amount of money he could get because of this outstanding bond. So D.R. Horton has agreed, and I personally think it's a good idea. One is their responsibility, allow Flash Point to bond over their responsibility, and then have a joint development agreement with both parties combined including the township with that, and hold them both responsible for completing their work. So that kind of makes it more secure for us."

Mr. Vogel stated, "over the weekend I draft a version of it. Marie gave her comments on it. Mark, you've been able to see this right? Mr. Mox stated, "I did. It was a little hard on my phone." Mr. Vogel stated, "with all that we would plan to send it over to Horton for their

comments, and have it voted on Tuesday.” Ms. Hartman stated, “in the amendment Attorney Vogel had prepared, we had stipulated which items are to be bonded by D.R. Horton, which ones are to remain with the developer. So that it's clear, and the developer's agreement is cross-referencing the bond reduction table that we typically, that we've been using for the last 9 bond reduction requests. For example, sidewalks are item 33. So, it's referenced that way in the developer's agreement, so that there's kind of dispute as to who is bonding what, and in what amount. There'll be a bond table for D.R. Horton, there'll be a bond table for the developer.”

Mr. Mox stated, “with D.R. Horton's intent, they won't ask for the reduction until they're completely done with everything. So it'll be at the end of the project. Now, they did tell us that they anticipate by the end of the year that we'll be done with this project. All the houses can be built.”

Ms. Altman stated, “discuss data centers. Jane, you wanted to talk about this?” Ms. Sorcan stated, “I have gone to several workshops and they keep bringing up the need for some kind of ordinance to control any data centers that might be growing in the township, and I know that Scott doesn't, I can't imagine there's too many places right now where a data center can go but I can think of a few, and I know that as time goes on, some of the sites may be getting smaller, which would mean, because everything shrinks after awhile. You may end up having somebody coming in, and I thought the board, with maybe the Planning Commission involved, coming up with either a change to the existing ordinance, just to find a place for them, or like we did with Marcellus Shale, we actually wrote a whole new ordinance, added it on. I didn't know Mark, if you have any thoughts on that?”

Mr. Mox stated, “I've been tracking it. The governor, I know, was looking at statewide requirements for data centers and how they are developed because of the demand for utilities when they do go in. That's one of the big issues with the impact they are going to have on the infrastructure, and so that it doesn't take away from what we currently have. I think we can go either way, we can do our own ordinance or we can let the state take it a go from there. John, do you have more to add?”

Mr. Vogel stated, “that project in Harmar, a lot of that may have been done under conditional use as a catch all. I'll check our PR department to see what's been going on elsewhere.”

Mr. Brett stated, “we've been putting together an a la carte ordinance that we'll send out in bulk. We have a number of clients that have adopted an ordinance in the last couple of months. It's ever changing, but I think most communities are going to put something on the books just to have where you would like to see this development happen, and then over time it'll change. It'll be something that you'll tweak. The state's definitely going to weigh in. There's some stuff pending right now. I think locally, you gotta figure out zoning-wise, where somebody may do it. Size-wise, they've been going anywhere from 100,000 up to a million square feet. Obviously, a million square feet in the township would be tough, but an office building getting reused as a data center is very possible. Wilkins is going to adopt theirs in the next couple of weeks.

They've been working on it for about 9 months. They're kind of similar as far as office buildings and nature of the community. We'll put out the draft. Like I said, we're just gonna go with each section and say, okay here's options on setbacks, here's options on location."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "would you mind going over for one quick minute the amount of resources that, let's say a 100,000 square foot data center would take? My impression is that they needed a large quantity of water and I didn't necessarily know if it has to be fresh water." Mr. Brett stated, "it's ever changing. 6 months ago a data center could have needed a 16 inch water line. A lot of flow to cool the computers. Today, the latest one that we got data on was a 2-inch water line. It needed filled once and it's a closed-loop system. The technology is evolving to where they're cooling it without using water continuously. So that was a good thing. The sewage flow coming out of a facility is only for 40 workers, basically for an average-sized one. Power usages for 100,000 square foot, I would estimate that to be 10 to 20 megawatts which is available in most communities but I think the state's gonna indicate it has to be, produced on-site, and then backup power would be from transmission lines, things like that. That's what's right now."

Mr. Seibel stated, "the concern I would have on-site in a dense community like ours is the noise from production on-site." Mr. Brett stated, "the noise is two different things from what I've seen so far. You have noise from the actual data center. The bigger concern I've been hearing now is vibrations because of the fans from both the power producing as well as the computers. So that's one of the thing is one of our communities is going to have a sound expert come in because they have large enough tracts of land that they could get a 500,000 square foot and that tonal noise coming out is what we're hearing as potentially the issue people need to look at because you may not be able to hear it through the ear but you're going to be able to feel it. So I think all that stuff is something the Planning Commission over time has got to look at, and that's going to evolve as far as how the regulations come up. I think the biggest thing is to get a pending ordinance so that you have something on the books on where you want it, and then work through all these issues that are going to be very technical in nature, so but done until probably about a week away, maybe a week and a half, till we release that and then at least get the conversation started. With so much vacancy in offices, I think all the communities have to take a look at it. They're varying in size greatly, so I think you gotta have something on the books.

#### **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Vogel stated that he did not have anything to add.

#### **Engineer's Report**

Ms. Hartman stated that she needed approval of Partial Payment No. 5 submitted by LM&R Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$156,027.22 for work completed between February 1, 2026 and February 27, 2026 for the PRP Phase I Project (Contract No. 24-ST01) to be paid from the Bond Fund. LSSE recommended for payment March 4, 2026; 45-day payment date is April 17, 2026. Ms. Hartman stated, "I would ask that that be put on the meeting for approval at the next regular meeting." Ms. Altman stated, "okay."

Ms. Hartman stated that she needed approval of the rejection of bids received for the North Wren Storm Sewer and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project (Contract No. 26-SW1) and authorization of rebid, following design revisions, as Phase 1 / Phase 2. Ms. Hartman stated, "so you are well aware that North Wren project came in quite high. We discussed some of the reasons for that. You do have grant money on this project, quite a bit of it. Some of the grant money has an expiration and would like to try to get it used before the expiration date in lieu of being pushed up against a deadline with an extension. So what we are proposing is separating a Phase 1 project, which will be a portion of it, starting at the lower end, coming up as far as we can so it will start at the stream and go to Grouse Drive. We're thinking it's going to be between \$800,000 and \$900,000 for that and that would expend all your grant money and include your required match. So with your blessing, we'd like to put that on the agenda."

Mr. Seibel stated, "with the Phase 1, there wouldn't be any redesign. Some of the redesign would come into Phase 2, correct?" Ms. Hartman stated, "Yeah, the redesign is in Phase 2. There's just a few temporary connections that need to be included in Phase 1, because it's not continuing on, but those are minor."

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of Change Order No. 1 (Revised-Final) submitted by A. Liberoni, Inc. in the deduct amount of \$26,143.48 for the Lindsay Road Improvements Project - Phase 1 (Contract No. 24-R02). Ms. Hartman stated, Liberoni "did Lindsay Road from Greentree to our driveway. So the work that was included in his punch list that is now not needed because the gas company is coming through and is going to make those revisions and pave curb-to-curb as well. We can deduct those out of Liberoni's contract, so this is a revised final change order. I would ask that we put this on the meeting for approval"

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of the public dedication of remaining sanitary sewer lines within the Cherry Meadows Development (Nixon School) pending submission of outstanding items. Ms. Hartman stated, "it is my understanding that as of today we have all of the outstanding items. The only thing remaining is the maintenance bond. We did get an email PDF copy. Attorney Vogel was reviewing that. It is in the correct amount. The original bond is to be delivered to Mark. So the township should have that well in advance of the next meeting so we would be prepared to entertain dedication of the remaining sanitary sewers constructed in accordance with the plans, all the testing is passed, so I would recommend that we put that on the agenda as well."

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of the price proposal submitted by Duke's Root Control in the amount of \$21,788.32 for annual Sanitary Sewer Root Control efforts (to be paid from the Sewer Fund); budgeted amount is \$23,000; Duke's Root Control is a COSTARS service provider. Ms. Hartman stated, "Mr. Kelley has been very meticulously maintaining the list of sewers that we do by year. This is a list that contains some that we have done in the past, some we have not. \$21,788.32, so we're below our budget. I would ask that we put this on our agenda as well." Mr. Seibel stated, "I would just say, from what I saw in my area, that this is very effective."

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of Partial Payment No. 5 submitted by Grahamboys, LLC dba Graham Construction in the amount of \$12,357.60 for work completed between December 2, 2025 through January 1, 2026 for the Public Works Garage Roof Replacement project (Contract No. 24-R1) (to be paid from the Bond Fund). LSSE recommended for payment March 9, 2026; 45-day payment date is April 23, 2026.

Ms. Altman stated they vote on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Seibel stated they could vote on it in March. Ms. Hartman stated, "so do you want this on the March regular meeting, or the April regular meeting?" Mr. Seibel and Ms. Altman stated March.

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of Partial Payment No. 6 submitted by Grahamboys, LLC dba Graham Construction in the amount of \$7,958.25 for work completed between January 2, 2026 through February 1, 2026 for the Public Works Garage Roof Replacement project (Contract No. 24-R1) (to be paid from the Bond Fund). LSSE recommended for payment March 9, 2026; 45-day payment date is April 23, 2026. Ms. Hartman stated, "so, we are withholding for 5% retainage. That amounts to \$14,423.25 as well as that number includes the incomplete work. They are not billed out entirely on the exhaust fan, so there's still some work that they have not invoiced for, and on top of that, we have the 5% retainage." Mr. Seibel stated, "so they're still not done?" Ms. Hartman stated, "they are dealing with some electrical issues with the fans."

Mr. Castello stated, "so, you're saying here that you guys recommend payment, is it?" Ms. Hartman stated, "payment for work that has been completed in order for the contract." Mr. Castello stated, "which is the \$7,900." Ms. Hartman stated yes. Mr. Castello stated, "Okay, the other stuff you talked about hasn't been billed yet." Ms. Hartman stated, "no we have not."

Ms. Gazda stated, "I have a question on the dedication of sanitary sewer lines. Is that not done just by a document, or is that an ordinance or a resolution?" Ms. Hartman stated, "So, we take the as-built plans, and we clearly identify the sanitary sewers that are being dedicated to the township. So you have an as-built plan, you have a description, so many lineal feet of 8-inch, you know, those items. Those go to Attorney Vogel, and Attorney Vogel prepares the dedication documents. It's a resolution we do here, correct?" Mr. Vogel stated yes. Ms. Hartman stated, "We have accepted, Kathy, the sanitary sewers that serve only the houses along Lindsay, so those ones run in the back and we've already accepted those. Those come behind the houses on Lindsay and then go down Cherrytree and connect to the manhole, your existing manhole. These are the ones within the development that we're talking about. So, by accepting dedication of the sanitary sewers, that allows the developer to make an actual connection without it being considered a private line, and lots can be sold, houses can be built."

#### **Standing Committee Report – Finance**

Mr. Castello stated he needed approval of the payment request from Acrisure Mid-Atlantic Partners Insurance Services, LLC for Actuarial Services from 01/01/2026 – 03/31/2026 for the Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$4,825.00 and the Non-Uniform Pension Fund in the amount of \$4,045.00 (to be paid from the respective Pension Trust Accounts).

Mr. Castello stated a finance Committee Meeting is occurring on Monday April 6, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

#### **Standing Committee Report – Public Safety**

Ms. Gazda stated the Chief is present for an update. Chief Podsiadly stated February 2026 had 621 calls for service, 372 reports, 5 arrests, and 25 citations issued. Chief Podsiadly stated police officer peer reviews are scheduled for March 21, 2026, and the social worker interviews are scheduled for April 2, 2026. Chief Podsiadly stated, "I believe some of the Public Safety Committee wanted to perhaps sit in and observe. So, you're welcome to come, anybody for that matter, if you would like to see the social workers in action." Chief Podsiadly stated, "our complete policy revision has started. We probably had 4 or 5 already complete. It's a daunting task but it has started. There was some training time with the new software and how it works, and getting that all up and running, and how to make the changes and everything that's involved in a software change. That's all done and we started the ball rolling there, so that has started with myself and Captain Walker."

Chief Podsiadly stated, "all the taser equipment that was approved in the budget has been received. It's completely new technology from what we already had before, so it requires a totally new training iteration to learn this new technology and how it works, and capabilities and whatnot, so that is currently being coordinated and will be completed here shortly. The instructors are already carrying them to get used to them and know how they work because they went through instructor school for this particular technology instead."

#### **Standing Committee Report – Public Works**

Mr. Seibel stated, "just the director update, Tom, if you have anything." Mr. Kelley stated, "February was a pretty good month for us. We only had 4 and a half inches of snow, which isn't too bad. So far this winter we've had 33.5, and I hope it's over. We have liquidated damages of about \$9,017. We've already sent through one invoice to net \$7,400 off of that invoice, and we will continue. We got our last loads in today, so the 400 tons that we didn't have, we finally do have now. Equipment, hard winter on our equipment. We had to replace a transmission with a rebuilt transmission on one of our F-550 dumps. We had some issues with our hydraulic controls. We were able to solve those in-house by adding some new parts. As far as items included in the budget for purchases in 2026, we've ordered the new tag behind the paving box to keep the asphalt while we do our patching. And also the new a new dump body truck, fully equipped and a pickup truck has been ordered."

Mr. Kelley stated, "Road maintenance during the month. We were able to do some pothole paving. We put about 70 hours in. We actually rented a hot box, and we were able to put down some hot patch, and it took pretty well. Concession stand improvements, a new fryer, Health Department had some recommendations that we're following up on and have completed for the most part, and also there was some electrical work that we did. We're also painting The Lodge and Bert has ordered some new tables. That's around some of them are going to be around the concession stand. Others are going to be located in the shelters. But the tables, the

ones we're replacing are old. They're beat down. So, we're going to have some new ones out there. In the municipal building itself, a new VVT control system was installed for the second floor of the building. There was plumbing and electrical work that the department did this month. We completed 90 one call tickets. Utility projects that are ongoing are the water company along Ignatius. They should roll into the paving in April. Lindsay, Columbia Gas, they're working on permit 1 and 2. They indicated they're about 60% done, and at the end of all that work, there'll be paving that's done, restoration work on Tedco, Mary and John Street. Just some meetings attended and working on the annual recycling grant. That's that sums it up."

Mr. Seibel stated, "Mr. Kelley, I just sent photos to Denise, but on the way in tonight I noticed a piece of concrete curb right outside the front door that's crumbling. Then Marie actually noticed a piece of wedged curb by one of the light poles just outside of the library. Looks like it might have gotten kind of plowed away. Probably needs some patching." Mr. Kelley stated, "it'll get taken care of."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "when you said that the Health Department made recommendations, were they recommendations or requirements?" Mr. Kelley stated, "They were recommendations. And they were minor. There was one area on a counter where there was a little crack around the edge, and we actually put a new countertop in. Then there was a space beside one of the units, the stainless steel units. We filled that in. I talked to the person at the health department who did the preliminary inspection. And she said, these are just advisory notes, and we've taken care of them."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "I know with the 35 inches of snow, that was a lot for the Public Works Department to deal with over the winter season, and thank you very, very much. That was a lot. You did a great job. However, we are coming into a spring season that is threatening to be just as much of a weather anomaly as the 35 inches of snow. Is the Public Works Department preparing for these storms?"

Mr. Kelley stated, "what we do is we go, when the weather permits, and right now it is a, it's permissible, we can get into the storm drains. The actual catch basins themselves. That's part of our annual program. We clean them out. Make sure the debris is out of there, make sure the tops are in good order, and then we prepare an inventory of repairs. We also take a look at the swales and the open drains to make sure that they're functional. That's what we do and it's when you have severe weather conditions, you have to be on guard. We'll be there to respond."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "Is there an emergency protocol in place for downed trees and various things like that?" Mr. Kelley stated, "when when those types of emergencies are called in, you know, through 911, or anything that that is reported to us, we will get people out. We've got the chainsaws. We can take them out of there. If it's an event that is an emergency, then you know a contractor could be brought in if the Commission approves that to remove the trees."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "have we heard anything from PennDOT or the state about Greentree Road catch basins?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "they're still reviewing the agreements."

#### **Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)**

Ms. Sorcan stated Angela Wateska would like to be appointed to the Environmental Advisory Council and "can we put that on for a vote for the next time?". Ms. Altman stated, "Forward it to us in the meantime, we can, if anybody has questions, we can talk about them." Ms. Fitzgerald stated she would invite Ms. Wateska to the meeting.

#### **Parks, Recreation and Public Relations Report**

Ms. Meyers stated, "discuss proposals for the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display. I think everybody got their agreement. It looks very good. I hope everybody else got a chance to look at that as well. If everybody's okay with that, we can put them on for a vote, unless somebody wants to go with somebody wants to get somebody else."

Ms. Sorcan stated, "was that the only bid?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "we did receive one more but it was retracted." Ms. Sedlak stated, "what I understand, other municipalities have used them before successfully?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "we did forward the board references and what the references have stated to the assistant manager whenever he had called. They were positive."

Ms. Meyers stated Breakfast with the Easter Bunny was coming up on March 28, 2026. Ms. Meyers stated, "it's 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM, and it's \$8 a person. Children under 2 are free, and if you are interested contact [tcavey@scotttownship.com](mailto:tcavey@scotttownship.com)."

#### **Library Liaison Report**

Mr. Giudici stated, "I attended the board meeting yesterday. They're going to start their 2025 audit field work April 1<sup>st</sup>. They've already submitted all their numbers in to the state, so everything's fine there for 2025. They're in a process of celebrating their 25th anniversary this year. For any more details, they have a website set up for that. They're encouraging photos, memories, and those types of things. They're still accepting donations for the used book sale coming up, May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The library's seeking input from the public on their website. They're going to have a summer reading program that, like, recommendations on some of the subjects, types of things the public would like to see them accomplish."

Mr. Giudici stated, "they're having an employee recognition day on April 26<sup>th</sup>. I think it's to coincide with Library Week. For that week, and I guess they're looking for a proclamation, Michael, did you get what they're asking for? It's a proclamation to be read that on Appreciation Day. So, we could look into that and get that taken care of for them. Either I'll read it, or I'll have someone else read it if I can't make it. That's basically about it."

#### **SHACOG**

Mr. Seibel stated, "One change to the bylaw is creating an executive committee to work with the new director and kind of move some initiatives along between board meetings, so that things are ready to vote on by the board meeting. So that is a change to bylaws. The one debate

that occurred not sure if you've heard, Denise, is whether managers can vote. So, elected members of the board really kind of need to be there, even though managers can be appointed. They can't vote on all issues, so it is something we have to keep in mind there, and then a lot of talk about the sale and really kind of the vendor this year was behind the eight ball from the start dating back to November. I think they estimated a lighter winter. We got a much heavier winter. But that's why the liquidated damages in the contract are there and they're coming in handy. I did recommend diversifying suppliers with the size of SHACOG. One supplier handling 13, 14 communities is a lot. So, you know, I thought the next one, maybe we look at splitting that contract and spreading the risk a little bit more."

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "Nick, just to clarify, it's actually 99 communities that Compass is responsible for in our purchasing alliance. There's a bunch of other COGs that partake in the SHACOG pit, so it's a lot." Mr. Seibel stated, "yeah that's a very good point Sam. Thank you."

Ms. Altman stated, "when we're elected to be a representative for SHACOG, does the township get one vote?" Mr. Seibel stated, "yes. And managers can vote on some issues but not bylaw changes and changes to the organization." Ms. Altman stated, "so we're fine if one of us goes, but if she goes, she may not be able to vote." Mr. Seibel stated, "As long as there's not an issue changing bylaws."

#### **Standing Committee Report – Administration**

Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "One of the items that I've been tasked with this year is to review all of the third-party contracts to see if we are still getting the best proposals and agreements for the township. We recently reviewed our heating and air conditioning contract, and based on the meeting that we just had with them, they're going to be holding last year's rate and waiving the 5% increase, so I thought that was a pretty positive thing for us." Mr. Seibel stated, "I would say, especially given the age of our units, that's a very good deal." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "they also give us a report on all of the items that we have and they do make recommendations to us as to when we think that useful life is going to expire."

Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "We have the fireworks display. We went and received proposals on that, as you just discussed. We're going to be going with a different company with fireworks this year. We received 7 right-to-know requests. The calendar software is on the website and it is active, and it is working. So, the calendar website that we have now, what we can do is put the information out and it goes to all of our social media sites at one time. So, there's no longer going to be different displays for different social medias, they're all going to be the same. Just wanted to get more uniformity on that, so it'll be going to Instagram and to Facebook and our website, and they will all be the same. Lastly, the only thing I have is that we had our pension audit completed today, and we should be receiving a report on that soon. If anyone needs help with that, please let me know, or Mike or Karla, we can definitely help you get started on all of that."

Ms. Altman stated, "Discuss approval of a resolution for the Township to be included in Allegheny County's Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships

programs for 2027, 2028 and 2029." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "this is a housekeeping item. We normally vote on this every 3 to 4 years. If you don't pass the resolution, you are not eligible for the grant funding. That's why it's on the agenda." Mr. Vogel stated, "they did provide a form resolution for you, right?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated yes.

Mr. Castello stated, "the HOME Investment Partnership, is that the one for the light project?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "it's CDBG." Mr. Castello stated, "I knew the first one was, but the HOME Investment Partnership, that's the same thing?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated yes.

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

Ms. Altman stated, "nothing for tonight."

#### **Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda**

There were no public comments on the agenda.

#### **Commissioner's Request**

Ms. Gazda stated, "Happy St. Patrick's Day."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "Happy St. Patrick's Day to those who celebrate."

Mr. Dalfonso stated he did not have anything to add.

Ms. Sorcan stated, "I'm looking at the intersection of Greentree and Kerr Road again, and I know I talked with Chief Matt, it's nothing that the police can really deal with as is, and I wondered, would it be possible for Marie to take a look at it and get back some sort or report, whether it's feasible to do something with it, I know that we can't do anything this year, it's not part of the budget, but thinking towards the future. I saw car parts as I'm coming down, so I know there was another accident down there somewhere."

Ms. Hartman stated, "I think you and I, we'll get together and discuss it, and then we can see what we can try to do there." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "I was gonna say, once you come up with a plan, we could probably put it in the budget for next year."

Mr. Seibel stated he did not have anything to add.

Mr. Castello stated, "When I was down here Friday, which was terrible even trying to get in or out of, I told Denise that we had a raccoon in our area, and this might be for Tom. Since that time, Denise, this morning, there were two raccoons coming down my driveway, and a neighbor called me later today and said at least one of those raccoons was on their porch this late morning, I saw them about 8 o'clock when I was taking the dog out. She saw it later, so sometime after between 11 and 12. So, I don't know if there's 3 raccoons in my area, and I don't know if anyone else is experiencing that, or whether there's two, because I know I definitely saw two this morning on my driveway."

Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "South Hills Animal Control?" Ms. Meyers stated, "I don't think they take them." Mr. Giudici stated, "I don't think they do either." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "if they are out during the day?" Ms. Sedlak stated, "that's not true. I've called. They're like, there's nothing wrong with it. They're like, it's fine. I'm like, it's moving slow. It's probably rabid. They're like, it's not." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "they gave me a trap." Ms. Meyers stated, "you need to take them 10 miles out. They find their way back."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "the ordinance Mark put together was to keep people from feeding cats, right? That's a secondary problem with feeding stray cats." Mr. Seibel stated, "Well, and with a really bad winter, natural food sources are scarce, so they're going into garbage."

Mr. Castello stated, "second thing I had is just somewhat of an announcement. Next Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, the flood authority will have an annual meeting here. You're all welcome to attend. I believe it's at 2 o'clock. I think our executive meetings at 1, and I think the general meeting is at 2. It's very informative, if you have nothing to do, come on down. Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>, Feast of St. Joseph."

Mr. Castello stated the flood authority's website was hacked in January.

Ms. Meyers stated, "behind Summer Street, Railroad Street, kind of behind Aldi's. There's a little girl that lives on the end of the street, has been going down there and cleaning, picking up trash, and she gets a garbage bag or two every other day. But all along that side she's finding TVs, a fire extinguisher, a bicycle and tires. It's really looking nasty, and they wanted to come to a meeting, and I said, let me talk to everybody first, and I'm going to go down and meet with them next week. I don't know whether the board feels that it's okay for our guys to pick this stuff up. This little girl can't pick them up. There's her mother, the grandmother, the mother, and another little girl. They've been trying to clean that up back here, because it looks terrible."

Mr. Castello stated, "Looking at your map, I'm not sure, is that Scott?" Ms. Meyers stated, "yes, this is Aldi. This is Scott, and this is Aldi, this is all ours." Ms. Altman stated, "can we put any barriers up and no dumping signs?" Ms. Altman stated, "She'd love a no dumping sign or no littering sign. Most people aren't going to pay attention to that. It's just going to keep going if we don't do something with it."

Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "one of the issues we have is part of that property is railroad property. That's something that we can ask Mark to follow up on." Mr. Mox stated, "that's something I actually looked at today and what I'm seeing more of an issue with is the people up front using it as a campsite. I did bring this to the attention with Mr. Stoker, when he was with the police department, and he said that that would be considered trespassing. That would be the railroad's responsibility to file something against them. It was really the only thing I could see." Ms. Meyers stated, "I believe this is on the other side of the tracks, behind Little Jim's and the houses there. It's on that side of the track." Mr. Seibel stated, "so it's like Front Street from Short to Washington?" Ms. Meyers stated, "I'll show you the map."

Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "one of the items that I did tell Eileen that we could do is the property that is Scott Township's, when our guys start to cut the grass there obviously they're going to go down and they have to clean it up, because they cut the grass with those items there, so Tom and I did talk about that, and where our property is, we'll be doing a lot of the cleanup. But we have the other issue with the railroad property."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "can we add signage?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "I had asked Eileen if she can is there's a particular." Ms. Meyers stated, "she's taking some pictures, and she's going, I'm going to meet with the three of them next week. It's been a mess for a long time, and the stuff that she's picking up I would not let my kid pick up."

Mr. Mox stated, "Shouldn't we get Tom involved with the railroad to get the railroad to come take a look at this?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "we did talk to him about that." Ms. Meyers stated, "is there any chance if we clean it up, we can track the time that our guys use, and lien something on the railroad property? Make them pay for it if they're not going to come out and do it?" Mr. Vogel stated, "I could foresee it being difficult to lien the railroad property."

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "just related to that, and I know John's saying it somewhat in jest. I have had clients fine railroad properties for not taking care of fences, which led to people crossing the tracks and inevitably getting hit by trains. They'll pay the fines, so they might ultimately just pay the bill as well, if we add that on as restitution." Ms. Meyers stated, "worth the try Sam." Mr. Vogel stated, "worst they can do is ignore it."

Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "so Mark, can you follow up with notices of violation?" Mr. Mox stated, "to the railroad?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "yep." Mr. Mox stated, "I'll contact them first. They've helped us in the past with issues." Ms. Meyers stated, "can they clean up their own mess down there by the mills? They have all those railroad ties just piled up along there, right next to tracks that are no longer used." Mr. Mox stated, "That's why I'm saying, I think we need to schedule a meeting down there to walk the property with them so they can see what we're talking about." Ms. Altman stated, "it's worth asking them first and fining them second." Ms. Meyers stated, "Happy St. Patrick's Day."

Ms. Altman stated, "I have one thing. I was asked again about us developing an ordinance for indoor noise violations. We've talked about this briefly. Again, I don't know how in the world we'd ever monitor this. I was told that there's a Scott Township in eastern PA that has an ordinance." Ms. Sorcan stated, "I read that, yeah, that's not applicable." Ms. Altman stated, "here's the line I wanted to read to you. 'I appreciate your time and effort to communicate to me, and I know the responsibilities of a commissioner likely exceed what you may have initially envisioned.' And this was the response I got when I said I was one commissioner, and I couldn't unilaterally make a decision to develop an ordinance for something that there wasn't enough interest for, in case you wondered."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "How would anyone envision that ordinance? How does the one from Scott Township in Eastern Pennsylvania read?" Mr. Seibel stated, "Correct me if I'm wrong, this is a

duplex issue, right? Where they have a shared wall? So they've got noise between the two units?" Ms. Altman stated yes. Mr. Seibel stated, "I don't want to say a landlord-tenant matter, but it's more of a civil issue."

Ms. Altman stated, "A dog is barking in a house, and you're in the house next door, and you can hear the dog barking. What would...?" Mr. Vogel stated, "it's a nuisance." Ms. Sedlak stated, "It's nuisance, but that's definitely a civil matter, in my opinion, correct me if I'm wrong, we have a 30-minute dog barking ordinance?" Ms. Gazda stated, "if they're outside." Mr. Seibel stated, "The police may not even be able to hear it outside." Ms. Altman stated, "but the neighbor can."

Ms. Altman stated, "how would this even work?" Chief Podsiadly stated, "if we did something similar to the 30-minute rule, we couldn't sit in someone's house for 30 minutes to see if the dog's barking. I mean, if they record it or something, but still." Ms. Altman stated, "the chief has been consulted, code enforcement has been consulted, and I was questioned as to what code enforcement had to do with it." Mr. Mox stated, "in addition to the dog ordinance of the barking, we would also look at the decibel levels at which they're transferring through these walls. When you purchase a home that attached directly to another home you have to expect there are going to be some things you have to give up."

Chief Podsiadly stated the department rarely receives these types of calls.

Mr. Giudici stated he did not have anything to add.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Altman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Gazda

All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. (9-0)

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