

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD of SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2013 – 7:00PM**

Business Meeting

I Meeting called to order

The Scott Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly business meeting on September 19, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Joe Terry Civic Center, Route 438, 1038 Montdale Road, Scott Township, PA 18447. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Chairman Makala. In attendance were supervisors Makala, Hlavaty and Giannetta. Guests in attendance were Solicitor Richard Fanucci, CEO Carl Ferraro and Secretary/Treasurer Tom Wicks. Supervisor Makala announced that an executive session of the Board was held September 10, 2013 to discuss personnel issues and review of investigation of sewer system installation by Glace & Glace,

IIA Zoning

A. CEO Ferraro noted that the 2012 recycling performance grant has been awarded and the Township will be receiving a check for \$8,400.00.

**IIB. Michelle Newberry – Lackawanna County Representative
Comments - not present**

III Public Comment –

A. on agenda items

Rose Knick – asked Board to explain what motion #7 was about. Asked what the monetary offer for the purchase of the tech park water system was. Ms. Knick asked about bills for copyfax and when copier was discussed and purchased, Mike's Heavy Equipment, Witmers. She asked if there was a zoning permit log for this evening's minutes?

Collete Hughes asked about reapers revenge.

IV Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Giannetta made a motion to approve as presented the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Business Meeting of August 15, 2013 and a Special Business Meeting August 31, 2013. Motion was seconded by supervisor Hlavaty. Voted aye, aye, aye. Motion carried

V. Committee/Authority Reports

- A. Police – reports attached
- B. Roads – No report
- C. Parks & Recreation – No report
- D. Planning Commission – no report
- E. Zoning Officer – report attached
- F. Zoning Hearing Board – no report

VI Administrative reports

A. Secretary / Treasurer

- 1. Financial Reports – attached
- 2. Presentation of Bills – attached,

B. Supervisors

- 1. Michael Giannetta
- 2. Ed Hlavaty – discussed providing life insurance for Pam Filarsky, Karen Yeager and Tom Wicks and increasing non uniform insurance to \$50,000.00 at no additional cost to Township. He stated that the road crew has nearly finished day lighting of roads. He also stated that Eastern has temporarily stopped work in the Township but was supposed to resume Monday
- 3. David Makala – Supervisor Makala expressed his thanks to all of the volunteers and Committee members who gave of their time and resources for the Veteran's Memorial.

C. Solicitor

Richard Fanucci- The fire service agreement is ready to sign this evening but the process also requires a public hearing which will be set for October 10, 2013 at 7:00pm.

VII Correspondence - previously distributed to appropriate parties

VIII Motions

1. To pay October payroll. Motion by supervisor Makala. Second by supervisor Giannetta. Voted aye, aye, aye. Motion carried.
2. To pay General Fund and State Fund bills as presented to include a bill from Wholesale Tree & Shrub for \$840.00. Motion by supervisor Hlavaty. Second by supervisor Giannetta. Voted aye, aye, aye. Motion carried.
3. To approve financial reports as presented. Motion by supervisor Giannetta. Second by supervisor Makala. Voted aye, aye, aye. Motion carried.
4. To advertise for sale one (1) Husqvarna o-turn lawnmower, model 96899218 , BZ-6172 with 805 operating hours, fully serviced and ready to mow. Motion by supervisor Makala. Second by supervisor Hlavaty. Voted aye, aye, aye. Motion carried.
5. To authorize The Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit an application for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 CDBG funds in the amount of \$87,466.00 on behalf of the Township of Scott for improvements to Hermel, Mary and Hilltop roads. Motion by supervisor Giannetta. Second by supervisor Giannetta. Voted aye, aye, aye. Motion carried.
6. To approve an agreement between the Scott Township Hose Company and the Township of Scott as an Official fire protection unit for the Township to provide fire services as an independent contractor within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Township. Motion by supervisor Makala. Second by supervisor Giannetta. Voted aye, aye, aye. Motion carried.
7. To adopt resolution 13-09-19-001 authorizing a financing project for the benefit of Scott Township Hose Co. No.1 authorizing the Township Solicitor to take the necessary actions to proceed with the financing project. Motion by supervisor Makala. Second by supervisor Giannetta. Voted aye, aye, aye. Motion carried.
8. To approve and sign the revised letter of intent dated August 30, 2013 from Pennsylvania American Water Company for the purchase/sale of the Tech Park water system. Motion by supervisor Hlavaty. Second by supervisor Giannetta. Voted aye, aye, aye. Motion carried.
9. To cancel the lease agreement with Honesdale National Bank previously approved by motion at the August 31, 2013 Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Motion by supervisor Makala. Second by supervisor Hlavaty. Voted aye, aye, aye. Motion carried.
10. To approve a lease/purchase of a Model 310 SK 2013 John Deere backhoe in the amount of \$63,661.90 to be paid in five annual installments with a \$1.00 buyout at the end of the lease period. Financing to be through FNB Commercial Leasing or its assigns at a rate of 3.25% interest. Motion by supervisor Hlavaty. Second by supervisor Giannetta. Voted aye, aye, aye. Motion carried.
11. To approve the use of parking area at the ball fields by Reapers Revenge for the 2013 Halloween season at a rate of \$150.00 per evening. Motion by supervisor Makala. Second by supervisor Giannetta. Voted aye, aye, aye. Motion carried.

IX. Public comment – general

Stanley Stracham – asked the Board’s permission to remove mulch from in front of the building for the memorial and to plant some new trees.

Lloyd Walker - asked if it was legal for four wheelers to travel on the road way?

Steve Pritchyk – cited a newspaper article saying four wheelers were exempt from highway laws.

Mimi Johnson - asked how it was decided which roads were paved stating that she did not want the road she lived on paved

Stanley Stracham –

Collette Hughes – Intersection at Peaceful Valley Road has a damaged sign.

Dennis Davison - noted that several of the U.S. flags were in poor condition and asked if the Board wanted to replace them or take all the flags down for the season.

Rose Knick – asked how many prison work release people were working in the Township. She also asked if there had been a sexual harassment law suit brought against the Township.

Ken West – questioned a letter given to Chief Ganz by the Board outlining shift changes

Dave Makala – stated that he was against cutting police shifts but he was out voted

Kathy Leniewski – stated she felt the Township needed more Police Officers

Rose Knick - stated she understood the school district had other resources for SROs and Dare instructors

Jason Bertocki – noted a loss of police shifts with increased incidents

Stanley Stracham III – only two officers certified to teach DARE program. By changing Officer Patuk's schedule he school will have to discontinue the DARE program.

Lloyd Walker – asked how many officers will be lost with the rescheduling.

Mimi Johnson – stated that the schedule did not reflect 24/7 police shifts and there will be a loss of talented officers because they will not want to work for the Township with their hours reduced.

Jason Berocki – asked if losing the overlap shift would mean less investigations and if so would overtime be authorized to maximize the process.

Andy Makala – stated three men on the road crew, three full time police officers – maybe there are too many road crew members.

Ken West – asked if the Board would rescind the directive until they could meet again to Reconsider.

RoseKnick – asked where the letter was that everyone keeps referring to.

Collette Hughes - asked what co-stars was and asked what the bidding caps were.

Dave Makala – suggested the Board meet to discuss the changes the first week of October.

Bill Masler- asked the Board to reconsider the shift cuts.

Rose Knick – stated she felt the solicitor should not be involved in the decision because of a conflict of interest with his position with the school district and one of the affected officers being on the school board.

Audrey Roman – asked where the recent break-ins had taken place.

Robert Vail Jr. – stated that there are a lot of things that would be nice to have but the problem is the Township and its tax base have not grown to keep pace with expenses. The Chamber of Commerce has not done the Township justice by not filling the Tech Park with businesses like they did for the Jermyn and Jessup industrial parks.

Andy Makala - stated he felt the state was trying to do away with local municipalities and their police and volunteer fire departments.

Lloyd Walker - asked what the Township was doing with drainage before paving was done complaining about work done on Mt. Bethel Drive and the cost to the church to correct a drainage problem.

X. Adjournment

With no further business at hand a motion to adjourn was made by supervisor Giannetta. Second by supervisor Hlavaty. Voted aye, aye, aye to adjourn, Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Wicks, Secretary/Treasurer
Scott Township