

Chairperson, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 7:00pm, called the Regular Meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors to order as advertised in the Tribune Review on Thursday, January 6, 2022. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Mark Petros, Linda Harvey, and Bill Dull. Also attending the meeting were Tom Methven, Solicitor Lee Demosky, Chad Albert, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mark Petros led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report of Township General Fund Accounts, Susan Leukhardt

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Interest	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
OCTOBER, 2022				
FNB General Fund	\$ 104,978.76	\$ 208,007.04	\$ 186,187.44	\$ 126,798.36
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 395,673.71	\$ 36,021.46	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 256,695.17
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 144,251.07	\$ 794.30	-0-	\$ 145,045.37

An Executive Session was held at 6:50pm on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 to discuss labor issues.

Report from Public Works Director, Tom Methven

Patching potholes is being completed as complaints come in. Now that we have moved to a project first schedule, we will patch holes during inclement weather or breakdowns.

Right-Of-Way mowing has been completed for the year. The tractor has been parked for the remainder of the year due to mechanical issues. The crew will start trimming trees by hand with the bucket truck.

Theft of street signs has calmed down. If you notice a STOP sign down or damaged, please call the Township office number immediately. We want to get them fixed as soon as possible.

The crew completed the hot asphalt patching of streets and pipe replacements we did work on this month and last month. They also patched the large area on Third Street that has needed patched for some time.

The NO PARKING signs have been put up on New Blocks Road. This limits the on-street parking to only one side of the street. This also eliminates cars blocking the street in the winter and gives the plow truck room to access the street.

The Columbia Gas line replacement project in Hermine is still in progress. This will last into next month while NPL crews work in phases to update the gas lines. They do have many streets closed. Please be patient and aware there will be daylight street closures and flaggers during the length of the project.

The new contractors are still working on the residential gas line tap-in installation. This will require the crews shutting your gas service off, then checking your homes for gas leaks and re-lighting pilot lights. They are also replacing gas meters that are sub-standard. They have started on Wilps Drive and Meadow. They will follow the same path as the main line installation.

Cole Contracting has moved into Hermine to mill out and re-pave the pipeline ditches in the streets. I have not heard if all the hot asphalt paving will be completed this year. Weather and product availability will be factors in the schedule.

Crabapple Park is officially closed to vehicle traffic for the winter. The winterization of the complex has also been completed.

This will be my last public works report and monthly meeting for Sewickley Township. This is the best move for me and my family personally. Thank you to the residents, crew, and Supervisors for allowing me to serve the Township.

Mr. Petros thanked Mr. Methven for everything he has done for the Township.

Report from Recreation Director, Chad Albert

Crabapple Park & Pool:

- Final winterizing at Crabapple Pool, baseball, and football fields concession/restroom facilities has been completed. Thank you to Tom Methven and the Township crew for all their help.
- Crabapple Park is now closed to vehicular traffic for the season.
- Park Maintenance will begin... picnic table repairs, reseal, as side project during winter months.
- Also, a reminder that hunting is prohibited on park property as is use of off-road ATVs, motorcycles, or any vehicle that may cause damage to the grass.

Recreation Center:

- Winter rentals have begun at the Rec Center gymnasium. All weekday evenings are filled with only some time available on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Fitness Class - Spots are available to join the P90X, Body Sculpt, and STEP classes at the Recreation Center on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings at 9:30am. You can sign up on the spot.

Upcoming Events:

- Offered by Mr. Bob Stark of Rostraver/West Newton Emergency Services:
 - Community CPR/AED classes on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. First class is on Wednesday, December 14th, and the cost is \$40.
 - As of now, he does not have the amount of inventory to host a flu shot clinic at our Recreation Center this year. He is hosting at other clinics. He will let me know if that changes.
- Saturday, December 3rd is Light-Up Night on Main Street in Herminie. Event will include a light-up ceremony, parade, pet parade, and vendors.

No Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve as presented below. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to disburse 2021 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Sewickley Township Emergency Management as follows:

Bearcom – monthly maintenance on portable radios	\$ 92.00
Comcast – monthly EOC phone & internet	\$ 311.74
FNB Credit Card – Microsoft Office for laptop	\$ 74.19
FNB Credit Card – wind speed meter	\$ 35.99

Voting: Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution 35-2022 authorizing an agreement between Sewickley Township and the Westmoreland County Transit Authority to provide public transportation within the community. Based on population, population density, and the number of trips within the community, the share assessment for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 will be \$850.50 and paid in January, 2023. There is no increase for this service. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize the renewal of Township health insurance through UPMC Health Plan with an increase of 3.5%. The estimated annual premium is \$200,149.32. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to accept Tom Methven's resignation effective Friday, November 25, 2022. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to ratify the advertisement for the position of Public Works Director. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve the following bills for payment:

General Fund:

Checks 12820 to 12823 - \$ 32,858.52 (10/26/22)
Checks 12824 to 12864 - \$ 60,205.77 (10/27/22)
Checks 12865 to 12891 - \$ 24,197.55 (11/9/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 185.85 (10/19/22)
MAWC - \$ 62.13 (10/19/22)
First Energy (8 payments) - \$ 548.63 (10/28/22)
PSATS UC Group - \$ 2,394.23 (10/31/22)
Columbia Gas - \$ 95.72 (11/1/22)
First Energy - \$ 39.88 (11/9/22)

Act 13:

Checks 1146 to 1147 - \$ 93.29 (10/27/22)
Checks 1151 to 1153 - \$ 2,162.47 (11/9/22)

Crabapple:

Check 4962 - \$ 43.00 (10/27/22)
Check 4963 - \$ 39.56 (11/9/22)

First Energy - \$ 93.16 (11/9/22)
Credit Card Machine Fee - \$ 40.03 (11/10/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 1,031.56 (10/19/22)
MAWC - \$ 61.95 (10/19/22)
First Energy - \$ 49.60 (10/28/22)
First Energy - \$ 21.56 (10/28/22)
First Energy - \$ 112.39 (11/9/22)

Payroll / Paychex ACH Liabilities:

Paychex - \$ 133.56 (10/20/22)
Paychex - \$ 156.75 (10/21/22)
Paychex - \$ 149.45 (10/28/22)
Paychex - \$ 145.80 (11/4/22)
Paychex - \$ 149.45 (11/10/22)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 4,106.72 (10/21/22)
Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,606.23 (10/28/22)
Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,573.52 (11/4/22)
Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,588.69 (11/10/22)

Recreation:

Checks 2981 to 2984 - \$ 610.72 (10/27/22)
Checks 2985 to 2987 - \$ 213.24 (11/9/22)

First Energy - \$ 12.55 (10/28/22)
Columbia Gas - \$ 102.72 (11/1/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 123.90 (10/19/22)
MAWC - \$ 30.97 (10/19/22)
First Energy - \$ 19.86 (10/25/22)
Trunk Treat Candy - \$ 72.26 (10/26/22)
First Energy - \$ 266.58 (10/28/22)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,103.85 (11/7/22)
 First Energy - \$ 570.90 (11/7/22)
 First Energy - \$ 359.14 (11/7/22)

Voting: Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the following payrolls for payment:

Employees Payroll: 10/21/2022 - \$ 13,813.39
 10/28/2022 - \$ 8,531.92
 11/4/2022 - \$ 9,322.11
 11/10/2022 - \$ 8,923.95
 11/18/2022 - \$ 10,022.71

Voting: Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

Daryl Dermotta asked the price on the half ton pickup voted on at last meeting. Mr. Methven stated we received quotes from Ford and CoStars. There is a supply issue. Mr. Petros explained that the two-wheel drive is better to use around the parks and general use for around the Township. Mr. Dermotta then asked about if the gas well monies are coming in. Mrs. Leukhardt explained how we receive the Act 13 funds and do not receive royalties from Crabapple yet. Mr. Methven explained that until they start extracting gas, we will not see any funds from it. This will take some time.

Nancy Bickus Neel thank the Board of Supervisors for the appointment of two (2) new board members to SSMSA. When Sutersville fills the sixth seat, we will have a full working board. Last meeting, someone asked me why there wasn't a website to announce sewage authority meetings. A Yough High School IT teacher will be helping to develop a Facebook page with hopes of posting meetings, minutes, and information regarding SSMSA. For a long period of time, the Township has not been informed as to what is going on with SSMSA. I'd like to read to you a very important piece of information from the last audit report. SSMSA is disputing the rates being charged by Elizabeth Township Sewage Authority and has requested an amendment to the agreement. On August 12, 2019, Elizabeth Township filed suit against SSMSA regarding the outstanding amount owned to Elizabeth Township. Accounts payable as of December 31, 2021 includes \$249,142.00 for 2018 thru 2021 disputed charges. As of this date, there has been no resolution to this suit. Every day or month that this goes by, this amount keeps going up. This needs to end. SSMSA is currently paying \$ 13,679.00 per month to the State. If SSMSA cannot meet its obligations, those obligations will fall back on Sewickley Township and Sutersville Borough to make these payments. We are currently having problems with the pumping stations. Money will be needed to fix these. I've applied a letter to West County to get monies to help with this.

John Seanor asked about the meeting minutes on the website. Mrs. Leukhardt stated that the Budget meetings take about 15 minutes to do as opposed to the Board of Supervisors meetings which can take up to three (3) business days to complete. Also, the minutes are one month behind on the website due to the Supervisors having to vote on them at a public meeting first.

Tom Couch asked if there is any information will be provided prior to the Budget Meeting being held Monday evening. Mrs. Leukhardt stated that the agenda will be posted on Friday after the Solid Waste Bid opening that morning.

Frank Sever stated that he has not seen a Code Enforcement Officer or Ordinance Officer at the house on Hood Street which he has reported on many times. He has three (3) kids and the house has rats and snakes that are coming onto his property. Mr. Petros stated that they will be hiring an Ordinance Officer in-house very soon. He then asked about open road crew positions which Mr. Methven stated we are accepting applications.

Old / New Business

The Township Building will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2022 and Friday, November 25, 2022.

The Annual Sewickley Township Light-Up Night will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022. Doors open at noon at the Herminie Fire Hall with registration for the Pet Parade at 12:30pm. There will be hayrides, face painting, auction baskets, and homemade food and refreshments. The parade down Sewickley Avenue begins at 4:30pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mark Petros made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Linda Harvey. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Susan D, Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer