

Chairperson, Mark Petros, on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00pm, called the meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors to order as advertised in the Tribune Review on Friday, March 17, 2023. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Mark Petros, Bill Dull, and Linda Harvey. Also attending the meeting were Solicitor Lee Demosky, Rich Hill, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mark Petros led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items Only**

Jon Turik asked about the fire siren at the Sewickley Township Library. Firemen said the parts are in and ready for the Township to erect the fence around it. Mr. Petros stated that we are currently working on purchasing a new fence.

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meetings held on October 19, 2022 and November 16, 2022. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to disburse 2022 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

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to disburse 2022 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

WCCC – j. hall evot & pumps 1 classes	\$ 150.00
WCCC – o. kiehl FF II skills prep	\$ 115.00
WCCC – j. marincic 21 sg pprx 1600 78	\$ 80.00

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to disburse 2022 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Palko Truck & Trailer Shop – repairs to engine 16	\$ 3,075.78
Palko Truck & Trailer Shop – repairs to rescue 16	\$ 4,673.00

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

Proposals for the following were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 10:00am as follows:

<b>"TOWNSHIP MOWING"</b> Includes the following locations	<b>The Lawnfather</b>	<b>JD Renovations</b>	<b>Joshua Fox Cutting Edge</b>	<b>Little Mike's Lawn Care</b>	<b>Dapper Landscaping</b>
a) Township Building lawn including maintenance at the front and sides of the building b) Recreation Center lawn & bank facing Pike Street c) Quaker Cemetery d) Shaner Honor Roll e) The Project 70 property located at the Sewickley Township Rillton Volunteer Fire Company f) Reservoir Road Cemetery g) Lower Playground (inside and outside of fence) h) Hutchinson Playground i) Township Property located at Pike Street and Sewickley Avenue j) Cameron Avenue Property, Hutchinson	\$ 401.99	\$ 385.00	No Bid	\$ 570.00	\$ 395.00

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to award the "Township Mowing" contract for the locations listed above to JD Renovations. This includes the cutting and trimming of those locations every five (5) to seven (7) days. The Contractor shall be responsible for labor, fuel, materials, equipment costs, and Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals for the following were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 10:00am as follows:

<b>"CRABAPPLE MOWING"</b> Includes the following locations	<b>The Lawnfather</b>	<b>JD Renovations</b>	<b>Joshua Fox Cutting Edge</b>	<b>Little Mike's Lawn Care</b>	<b>Dapper Landscaping</b>
<b>a)</b> John C. Bruno Memorial Football Field  <b>b)</b> All Baseball and Softball Fields  <b>c)</b> Crabapple Park	\$ 745.99	\$ 725.00	\$ 735.00	\$ 860.00	\$ 727.00

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to award the "Crabapple Mowing" contract for the locations listed above to JD Renovations. This includes the cutting and trimming of those locations every five (5) to seven (7) days. The Contractor shall be responsible for labor, fuel, materials, equipment costs and Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to advertise and receive proposals for Sewickley Township's annual road maintenance materials per the Second-Class Township Code. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to ratify the sale of the 2009 Massey Ferguson Tractor w/ Tiger Boom Mower through Municbid to the City of Chardon in the amount of \$62,100.00. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to accept the resignation of Jared Petterson as a member of the Sutersville-Sewickley Municipal Sewage Authority. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to advertise the seasonal position of Crabapple Pool Manager at the rate of \$ 16.25 per hour. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve the following pavilion rates for the 2023 Crabapple Park season:

**2023 CRABAPPLE PARK PAVILION RATES**

	RESIDENT	NON - RESIDENT
Large Pavilion	2022 rate -- \$ 125.00	2022 rate -- \$ 175.00
	<b>2023 rate - \$175.00</b>	<b>2023 rate - \$225.00</b>
Small Pavilion	2022 rate -- \$ 25.00	2022 rate -- \$ 50.00
	<b>2023 rate -- \$50.00</b>	<b>2023 rate -- \$ 75.00</b>
Time Extensions are available until 10:00 pm for an additional \$ 25.00.		

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

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize the Sewickley Township Recreation Committee use of the Sewickley Township Baseball Fields on Saturday, April 1, 2023 for their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**General Fund:**

Checks 13044 to 13064 - \$ 41,135.47 (2/23/23)

Check 13065 - \$ 11,120.00 (2/28/23)

Checks 13066 to 13096 - \$ 70,611.52 (3/7/23)

MAWC - \$ 62.14 (3/17/23)

MAWC - \$ 185.85 (3/17/23)

**ACH Payments:**

MAWC - \$ 185.85 (2/17/23)

MAWC - \$ 62.13 (2/17/23)

First Energy (8 invoices) - \$ 597.15 (2/28/23)

Columbia Gas - \$ 426.74 (3/6/23)

First Energy - \$ 43.39 (3/10/23)

S & T Loan - \$ 5,252.37 (3/15/23)

**Act 13:**

Check 1158 - \$ 9,328.80 (2/23/23)

Checks 1159 to 1160 - \$ 4,811.12 (3/7/23)

**ARPA:**

Check 1001 - \$ 168,546.05 (2/8/23)

**Crabapple:**

Check 4972 - \$ 104.93 (2/22/23)

Check 4973 - \$ 350.00 (3/7/23)

Credit Card Machine Fee - \$ 9.16 (3/10/23)

MAWC - \$ 61.95 (3/17/23)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 61.95 (2/17/23)

First Energy - \$ 30.02 (2/28/23)

First Energy - \$ 22.74 (2/28/23)

First Energy - \$ 121.54 (3/10/23)

First Energy - \$ 100.97 (3/10/23)

**Payroll / Paychex ACH Liabilities:**

Paychex - \$ 136.45 (2/17/23)  
 Paychex - \$ 128.79 (2/21/23)  
 Paychex - \$ 132.80 (2/24/23)  
 Paychex - \$ 132.80 (3/3/23)  
 Paychex - \$ 132.80 (3/10/23)  
 Paychex - \$ 140.10 (3/17/23)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,492.92 (2/17/23)  
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,470.76 (2/24/23)  
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,421.26 (3/3/23)  
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,340.94 (3/10/23)  
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,597.51 (3/17/23)

**Recreation:**

Checks 2997 to 2998 - \$ 1,903.46 (2/22/23)  
 Check 2999 - \$ 300.00 (3/7/23)

MAWC - \$ 30.98 (3/17/23)  
 MAWC - \$ 123.90 (3/17/23)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 123.90 (2/17/23)  
 MAWC - \$ 30.97 (2/17/23)  
 First Energy - \$ 25.89 (2/23/23)  
 First Energy - \$ 511.52 (2/28/23)  
 First Energy - \$ 15.63 (2/28/23)  
 Columbia Gas - \$ 501.54 (3/6/23)

**Street Light / Fire Hydrant:**

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,313.90 (3/9/23)  
 First Energy - \$ 628.05 (3/9/23)  
 First Energy - \$ 395.11 (3/9/23)  
 First Energy - \$ 616.94 (3/16/23)

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

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

**Employees Payroll:** 2/24/2023 - \$ 9,111.85  
 3/3/2023 - \$ 9,992.55  
 3/10/2023 - \$ 9,565.30  
 3/17/2023 - \$ 11,246.11

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

**General Public Comment**

Lynn Wackenhuth read the following statement....

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and Friends of the Sewickley Township Public Library, we wish to thank the current and past Township Supervisors for providing us with a space at the old Sewickley High School for so many years. Now that we have had to vacate due to maintenance and structural problems, we are very grateful to the current Supervisors, office administration, Public Works Director, and the Recreation Director for their assistance in providing us with a temporary location on Sewickley Avenue. As you are all aware, we are planning on building a new library on the H.W. Good campus which will be located just down the hill from the current location on Highland Avenue. Part of our planning includes garnering support from the Township, our patrons, and the entire Sewickley Township community. With that being said, we just want to clear up a few things regarding statements that were made at last Wednesday evening's Board of Supervisors meeting. Neither the current or past Township Supervisors offered to buy the old First National Bank building for \$95,000 for us. They suggested that we purchase it and we did take a look at it, as well as a few other locations. At the time, the FNB building was listed for over \$300,000. We all agreed that the building is much too large for our needs. Besides it needing completely updated and renovated to meet ADA compliance, it would require a great deal of maintenance while the utilities and insurance would be well beyond our very modest budget. It was suggested to us that we use some of the unneeded space and rent it out. While that's a great idea for a businessperson, it just isn't appropriate or ideal for a non-profit public library. We don't have the time, resources, and maintenance staffing to be landlords. The second statement made was that the Township offered to help us move a portion of our collection and furnishings to the new temporary location and we said we didn't want their help. Nothing could be further from the truth. We were very appreciative of the offer. In fact, Chad, the Township Recreation Director, was with us all day this past Saturday helping us pack and move items. Perhaps there was a miscommunication because we obtained a bid to move the

majority of our collection and furnishings that don't fit in the temporary location to an off-site storage facility. We would like the minutes for this evening's meeting to reflect our sentiments and hopefully clear up any misunderstandings. The library works very diligently to be a positive organization in our community and we do not want to appear ungrateful, greedy, and unappreciative to our supporters and the community. We are very appreciative of the Township's support and it is important to us that the records reflect that. Thank you.

Mrs. Wackenhuth then asked if they had permission to paint two (2) of the front rooms at our temporary location. Solicitor Demosky stated that the lease arrangement will address anything you would like to do.

Tim Luft asked why aren't we charging more for pavilion rentals? Mr. Petros stated we did increase the rates. Mr. Luft doesn't feel that is high enough. Mr. Petros stated small steps. We don't want to price ourselves out. Mr. Luft then asked when Shaner Road will be open by the gun club. Mr. Petros responded that our Engineer is looking into what we can do and come up with a plan.

Joe Mahar, who owns the FNB Building in Herminie, spoke about the posted "No Parking" signs. He is in negotiations with two (2) other businesses in Herminie to use it for overflow parking, but they have to provide him with insurance. There is only 315 sq. feet of parking. You're not going to get many cars parked there. I'm waiting for an email from the Township regarding the legal ramifications of having cars parked there. He is not against the library, but there are issues the Township must take care of with trash removal and catch basins. He needs to protect his interests. He is also in the storage business and has offered space to the library at no charge until they have a permanent location. Mrs. Suggars asked if it is climate controlled. Mr. Mahar stated no.

Daryl Dermotta stated that Sewickley Avenue is a mess. A resident stated that Columbia Gas is supposed to send someone out to do better patchwork and all work should be completed by the end of April. Mr. Petros stated that they're going to do it according to PennDOT specs.

### **Old / New Business**

The Board of Supervisors is looking for any persons interested in serving on the Sutersville-Sewickley Municipal Sewage Authority. Please send letters of interest to the Sewickley Township Municipal Building for consideration.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6:00pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mark Petros made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Linda Harvey. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.

Susan D, Leukhardt  
Secretary-Treasurer