

Chairperson, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 6:06pm, called the Regular Meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors to order as advertised in the Tribune Review on Saturday, January 7, 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, Chad Albert, Bruce Zarnick, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mark Petros led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

An Executive Session was held on May 17, 2023 at 5:00pm to discuss personnel matters.

Report of Township General Fund Accounts, Susan Leukhardt

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Interest	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
APRIL, 2023				
FNB General Fund	\$ 103,100.40	\$ 143,737.02	\$ 129,563.31	\$ 117,274.11
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 363,479.18	\$ 47,588.36	-0-	\$ 411,067.54
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 146,491.22	\$ 269.70	-0-	\$ 146,760.92

Report from Public Works Director, Rich Hill

- Replaced drainpipe on 2nd Street in Herminie in the alley between Church Street and Elk Street and on New Blocks Road
- Road crew has been mowing with our new mower Monday through Friday since the beginning of this month
- Hauled millings out of Herminie related to gas line project
- Installed erosion fencing and other materials at Keystone
- Road Crew spent approximately five (5) days working at Crabapple Park and Pool due to low manpower within the Recreation Department
- Installed safety barrier fencing at the Township Building above the rooms that were constructed

On-Going Projects

- Call into PennDot regarding Clinton Steet paving project. The Township cannot do our part until PennDot addresses Lowber Road drainage
- Waiting for Gibson Thomas Engineering to provide easement/swell construction for Davis Road
- Purchased a sewer camera which will reduce cost for Rillton Project and has already paid for itself
- Meeting with Shaner Gun Club on June 1st regarding moving Stewart Road and the potential slide
- Sewickley Township has spent \$2,800 on replacing road signs from people stealing them. At this rate, the Township will spend approximately \$10,000/year replacing road signs

Report from Recreation Director, Chad Albert

Crabapple Pool:

- Pool open date is still TBD and we expect a delayed start to the season due to electrical, plumbing, and staffing issues. The electrical issues are being taken care of today and into tomorrow. We will have more information on the extent of the plumbing situation next week.

Crabapple Park:

- The Crabapple Park Improvement Grant is underway and on schedule to be completed by July 1st. The ground is paved and they are working on installing fencing this week.

- SAAA has received a grant from Scott Electric to install new lighting over this area. Approval is needed by the Supervisors to proceed with that addition.
- Gibson Thomas Engineering provided us with a report on Crabapple Lake regarding the expiration of our dredging permit. The DEP can reissue the permit at any time. The original agreement would temporarily relocate existing fish and sediment. Local 66 Operating engineers ran into a union issue causing them to back out of the plan to use the project as a training tool in their apprentice program. The Township has also reached out to various gas drillers working in the area in hopes of a public relations partnership to benefit the community but has had no luck reaching any agreement. A new plan is needed to preserve the diminishing lake conditions. We're looking at in-house options, but we still need plans for the fish and sediment before we can move forward.
- The Annual Candlelight Vigil Walk honoring beloved youth of our community will be held at Crabapple Park on Thursday, May 25, 2023 from 7:30pm to dusk. Please join for a time of reflection, including prayer, music, remarks, and lighting of the vigil candle.
- Thank you to Rich Hill and the Road Crew for all their help at the park facilities.

Recreation Activities:

- The Recreation Board is planning fun events for the community this spring/summer, including Movies in the Park, as well as some other events that will be announced in the near future. We have established relationships with local food truck vendors and plan to invite them to our community events this summer.

Mrs. Harvey asked if there is an update on the Recreation Center. Mr. Albert stated that we have no further information from last meeting. Mr. Petros stated that we'll schedule a workshop meeting to discuss our options.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Bruce Zarnick

Address: 2361 Clay Pike	Date Received: 4/17/23	Date of Investigation: 4/17/23
Complaint: Illegal Burn after hours		
Status: Verbal warning given		

Address: Fir Dr @ Earth Elements	Date Received: 4/20/23	Date of Investigation: 4/20/23 & 4/21/23
Complaint: Stone pile next to roadway coming out into the roadway		
Status: Spoke to the business and they would move the stone back further off the roadway		

Address: 679 Lowber Rd	Date Received: 4/20/23	Date of Investigation: 4/20/23 & 4/21/23
Complaint: Possibly construction without a permit		
Status: Per Mike Stack, the taking down of a chimney does not require a permit, only if putting a new one up		

Address: 238 Kangaroo Hill Rd	Date Received: 4/24/23	Date of Investigation: 4/24/23
Complaint: Yard debris and branches sticking out into the roadway		
Status: Nothing found, someone placed them over the fence into the yard prior to my arrival		

Address: 113 Carnegie Rd	Date Received: Ongoing	Date of Investigation: 4/28/23
Complaint: High Grass and Weeds		
Status: A Second Violation Letter was sent Certified mail		

Address: Clopper St	Date Received: Ongoing	Date of Investigation: 5/02/2023
Complaint: Multiple Complaints for a trailer illegally parked, loose dogs, junk vehicles		
Status: Trailer has been removed, dogs not found out at times of investigating and will follow up with complainant who was unable to talk at the time I contacted them. Will be following up with Mullaerts about the junk vehicle being stored at the link. New permit applications will now have sections of pre-requirements before being accepted and permits issued		

Address: 340 Jackson St	Date Received: 5/02/23	Date of Investigation: 5/03/2023
Complaint: Sewage coming out into the road		
Status: Nothing found at the time of investigation. Will follow up with the complainant at the end of this week to gain further information		

Address: Clopper St	Date Received: Ongoing	Date of Investigation: 5/08/23
Complaint: Follow up investigation		
Status: Rechecking area for any further parking issues, dog issues, etc.		

Address: 215 Oak St	Date Received: 5/05/23	Date of Investigation: 5/08/23
Complaint: Junk Vehicle abandoned		
Status: Vehicle off the roadway, poor condition, will check back and if not moved or being worked on I can request owner information from PennDot to send a letter		

Address: 916 Waltz Mill Rd	Date Received: 5/08/23	Date of Investigation: 5/08/23
Complaint: Garbage Being dumped by someone onto his property		
Status: Unsure who is dumping this here, owner will try to get a better description if this happens again		

Address: Violet St	Date Received: Ongoing	Date of Investigation: 5/08/23
Complaint: Garbage cans out constantly and overfilled, garbage blowing into neighbor's yard		
Status: Letter sent		

Address: 3008/3006 Clay Pike	Date Received: 5/11/2023	Date of Investigation: 5/11/2023
Complaint: High Grass/Weeds		
Status: Violation letter sent		

Address: 2155 Gracin Ln	Date Received: 5/12/2023	Date of Investigation: 5/12/2023
Complaint: Illegal Burning Complaint		
Status: No violation found at this time		

Address: 1448 Van Kirk Rd	Date Received: 5/15/2023	Date of Investigation: 5/15/23
Complaint: High Grass/Weeds		
Status: Violation Letter to be sent		

Address: 607 Sewickley Ave	Date Received: 5/15/2023	Date of Investigation: 5/16/2023
Complaint: High Grass/Weeds		
Status: Violation letter to be sent		

Address: Church St	Date Received: 5/16/23	Date of Investigation: 5/16/23
Complaint: Debris from remodeling		
Status: Unable to locate, will follow up later this week		

Mrs. Harvey asked if the Ordinance regarding burning in agricultural zones is different from other zones. Mr. Zarnick answered that it used to be different, but now it is not. The Ordinance is written that no burning shall take place unless it is 500 feet away from anyone else's building, not the property line. Many of the complaints are illegal materials so we need to look into this at the meeting to discuss ordinances.

Report from Emergency Management Director, Michael Manley

Notable Incidents

Structure Fire – 5/7/2023 at 1008 Waltz Mill Rd - Herminie Fire District - No unmet needs or issues to report

Weather Events – None



Nixle Alerts – Water Line work , no water , Monday May 15th - Lowber Rd /Dick Station – (notified Township Fire Chiefs)

Notable Meetings / Trainings

Name	Title	Date
EMA Meeting	General Business Meeting	5/7/2023
Pre Plan - Incident Management	Crabapple Vigil Event	5/7/2023
Pre Plan – Incident Management	Prep for large scale outdoor event	TBA
	Yough HS Graduation	

Report from Gibson-Thomas Engineering

CDBG 2022 Funded Project – Rillton Storm Sewers and Paving (Phase I):

The Bid Opening took place on Friday, May 12, 2023. The low bid came in higher (by approximately \$50,000.00) than estimated two (2) years ago. We will reach out to Amanada McDivitt, Grants Coordinator with Westmoreland County Community Development, to discuss options.

Turner Lane Streambank Stabilization:

- A. Awarded \$500,000 through CFA LSA Funds.
- B. Grant Agreement has been fully executed. Engineering and Permitting costs going forward to be applied to grant.
- C. Hydraulic analysis and joint permit application being prepared for submittal to PA DEP.

2023 Paving / Shot and Chip Seal Program:

Gibson Thomas Engineering will work on specifications and quantities for the paving and sealing project next week.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only --- None

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Meetings held on January 18, 2023 and February 15, 2023. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, 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	\$ 347.13
FNB Commercial Credit Card – 15.6 inch dual band antenna	\$ 36.00

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to disburse 2022 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Rillton Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Fire Penny – (6) firefighter helmets	\$ 2,012.22
Control International – dual head remote radio pkg w/ speakers	\$ 4,445.20
Control International – (6) motorola minitor clips	\$ 113.10
Control International – radio install in rescue pumper	\$ 950.00

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

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

Black Mountain Enterprises – 1993 emergency truck inspection	\$ 61.00
Fast Attack – fireground command training for five (5) members	\$ 500.00
PennCare – three (3) defibrillator pads	\$ 139.49

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to enact Ordinance 1-2023 setting the speed limit at 25 mph on Wineberry Ridge Court. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to award the Rillton Area Phase 1 project to Nagy Construction & Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$228,390.00. This bid is \$40,800.00 over the allocated CDBG funding amount of \$187,590.00. The Township is requesting additional funding consideration from the County to help cover the difference in cost. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve the Lauffer Farm Plan located on Lauffer Lane. This plan subdivides the original 75.54-acre parcel into four (4) lots. Lot 1 is a 1.75-acre side lot addition to an existing property owned by Donald Lauffer. Lot 2 is a .34-acre side lot correction to be conveyed to Leonard and Susan Crawford. Lot 3 is a 1.48-acre non-buildable parcel to be retained by the estate of Lois Lauffer as well as the residual Lot 4 containing 71.97 acres with an existing house, garage, and barn with an on-lot septic system. All the properties are zoned A-1 except the southeastern corner of Lot 4 which is R-R. Public water, gas, and electricity

are available. A MAWC sanitary sewer line runs through the southeastern part of Lot 4. This has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution 15-2023 Plan Revision for New Land Development identified as the Eori Plan Phase 2 Revision to Lot 12. Component 4A of the Sewage Facilities Planning Module has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution 17-2023 allocating funds from the American Rescue Plan Account to purchase one (1) 2023 Ram 3500 Crew Cab truck and two (2) 2023 Ram 5500 Regular Cab trucks in the amount of \$166,859.60. These are being purchased through Co-Stars. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Rich Hill stated his recommendations for the new hires listed below.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to hire Robert Herpak and Dean Komlenic as full-time Road Crew Equipment Operators at the rate of \$20.36 per hour for a 90-day probationary term. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, yes; Mr. Dull, no. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize the renewal of the Township vision insurance through Highmark. There is a minimal increase from the past benefit period. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution 16-2023 appointing Norma Wunder to the Sutersville-Sewickley Municipal Sewage Authority. This term is completing the term of Jared Petterson and shall expire the first Monday of January, 2027. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve the Sewickley Township Public Library use of the Crabapple Park Large Pavilion for their Summer Reading Program. 12:00pm to 3:00pm on Wednesday's June 14th, June 28th, July 5th, July 12th, and July 19th and evenings 4:00pm to 7:45pm on Wednesday's July 5th and July 12th. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to approve relocation of Recreation Center cameras to Crabapple Park facilities, which requires purchase of a new 4 camera NVR 4k recorder system, 2TB hard drive for storage, 350 watt battery backup, wireless router to connect – all included in the estimated cost of \$1,600 to ProSite Systems in Herminie. This will provide, install, configure, and aim on all areas of the park. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve increasing the rate of pay for Pool Facility Manager position from \$16.00 per hour to a range of up to \$20.00 per hour, pending experience. This has been listed on Indeed and Handshake for multiple weeks. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve planning of hosting "Movies in the Park" events this summer, June, July, and August, which requires the purchase of proper licensing. Board Comments: Mr. Albert explained that the Township needs a copyright license for each movie event. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize a Road Closure Request from Hutchinson Volunteer Fire Department for their annual Community Days and Parade. Event is being held on July 7, 2023 from 5:00pm to 10:00pm and July 8, 2023 from 8:00am to 2:00pm and 5:00pm to 10:00pm with Firehall Avenue being closed from Lee Street to Hood Street. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to grant approval to the Sewickley Area Athletic Association (SAAA) to light the field by the new basketball court / batting cages. This field is used by T-ball through 12U baseball and 6U softball through 15U softball. This will be done through a grant they received from Scott Electric and is contingent upon final plan review. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:

Checks 13142 to 13172 - \$ 28,788.51 (4/19/23)
 Checks 13173 to 13189 - \$ 27,309.05 (4/27/23)
 Checks 13191 to 13207 - \$ 21,672.17 (5/4/23)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$185.85 (4/19/23)
 MAWC - \$ 62.13 (4/19/23)
 First Energy (8 invoices) - \$ 524.55 (4/28/23)
 Columbia Gas - \$ 146.09 (5/4/23)
 PSATS UC Group Trust - \$ 7,200.57 (5/10/23)
 First Energy - \$ 43.40 (5/10/23)

Act 13:

Checks 1161 to 1162 - \$ 16,711.11 (4/27/23)

Crabapple:

Check 4976 - \$ 39.57 (4/19/23)
 Checks 4977 to 4978 - \$ 351.53 (5/4/23)
 First Energy - \$ 100.99 (5/11/23)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 61.95 (4/19/23)
 First Energy - \$ 29.17 (4/28/23)
 First Energy - \$ 20.15 (4/28/23)
 First Energy - \$ 121.57 (5/10/23)
 Credit Card Machine Fee - \$ 62.75 (5/10/23)

Payroll / Paychex ACH Liabilities:

Paychex - \$ 128.79 (4/20/23)
 Paychex - \$ 140.10 (4/21/23)
 Paychex - \$ 136.45 (4/28/23)
 Paychex - \$ 140.10 (5/5/23)
 Paychex - \$ 140.10 (5/12/23)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,201.41 (4/21/23)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,134.39 (4/28/23)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,665.22 (5/5/23)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 6,090.68 (5/12/23)

Recreation:

Check 3005 - \$ 93.39 (4/19/23)
 Checks 3006 to 3007 - \$ 3,127.18 (4/27/23)
 Check 3008 - \$ 1,258.32 (5/4/23)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 123.90 (4/19/23)
 MAWC - \$ 30.97 (4/19/23)
 First Energy - \$ 20.39 (4/25/23)
 First Energy - \$ 324.31 (4/28/23)
 First Energy - \$ 14.55 (4/28/23)
 Columbia Gas - \$ 48.66 (5/4/23)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,637.25 (5/4/23)
 First Energy - \$ 628.05 (5/5/23)
 First Energy - \$ 395.11 (5/5/23)

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

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

Employees Payroll: 4/28/2023 - \$9,667.94
5/5/2023 - \$12,060.09
5/12/2023 - \$16,970.26
5/19/2023 - \$13,841.48

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

General Public Comment

Daryl Dermotta asked about the motion for the Eori Lot 12 New Land Development. What does that entail? Mr. Petros stated that is for storage buildings.

Frank Buffalini lives at 114 High Street. This is a residential area and there is a neighbor who is scrapping. They let it build up and then they truck it out. He has spoken to the Ordinance Officer, but wanted to bring it to the attention of the Supervisors also.

Nikki Tomich lives at 111 High Street. She spoke of the same issue. There are rats and garbage and truck running in the middle of the night. She doesn't believe the trailer is safe to live in.

Richard Steele asked about the cameras at Crabapple. Can they be faced towards the baseball fields also? Mr. Albert stated that this quote is for the pavilion areas and the lake. Crabapple Pool already has cameras. Mr. Steele stated that with SAAA getting another lighted field, there is concern of vandalism. Regarding Crabapple Lake, has the Township reached out to the Fish and Wildlife Commission for grants? Mr. Petros stated that we have tried in the past and are still trying to do something with the lake. Mr. Hill had a conversation with Gibson Thomas asking if the Township can get a permit to relocate the fish, then drain the pond. Let it all dry out, build a head wall with jumbo blocks, and then fill it up. He was told that as long as the Township doesn't go more than fifteen (15) feet, the permits are easier to get from the state.

Madison Hinkle is a Community Advocate with the Mountain Watershed Association and is talking about the MAX hazardous landfill facility across the border of South Huntingdon Township. While it's another township, they have discharges into Sewickley Creek where there are residents who live within 1,000 feet of that facility. At the last meeting, she had a resident ask if they have meetings regarding the MAX facility. The next one is June 15th at 6:30pm at the Yukon Firehall. She also spoke with Mr. Zarnick about enacting some ordinances to protect residents who are not within 1,000 feet of these facilities. She also had a resident ask if they could do anything about Crabapple Lake. She talked with the conservation team who said they can come out and do some sampling of the lake. It's at no cost. Regarding the discharge of MAX into Sewickley Creek, we would like to install signs to make sure residents are aware that it is a discharge point. We also do swimmable water sampling. Let us know if there are any locations to add to the sampling list, please let us know. A resident asked about potential cleanups for Sewickley Creek. They do tire cleanups with the most recent one in West Newton. Let them know of any clean-up areas we would like them to look into.

Margaret Sensue informed the room that if you go to Country Custard this evening, please say you're with the Friends of Sewickley Library and they will give us 20% of the sales they make that night to the Library.

Old / New Business

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 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 7:07pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer