

Chairperson, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 6:03pm, 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, Bruce Zarnick, Michael Manley, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mark Petros led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

An Executive Session was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 5:30pm to discuss legal matters.

Report of Township General Fund Accounts, Susan Leukhardt

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Interest	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
JUNE, 2023				
FNB General Fund	\$ 322,257.78	\$ 32,739.20	\$ 306,530.40	\$ 48,466.58
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 532,449.97	\$ 86,218.53	-0-	\$ 618,668.50
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 147,079.37	\$ 290.13	-0-	\$ 147,369.50

Report from Public Works Director, Rich Hill

- Completed drain work on Crescent Drive – installed 620 feet of pipe and five (5) drain boxes.
- Mulched Hutchinson Playground
- Mulched Crabapple Playground
- Replaced wood border at Lowber Playground
- Trimmed several downed trees.
- Crews are cleaning ditches throughout the Township.
- PA One Call for sink hole on 3rd Street – gas company will locate the gas lines prior to us digging.
- Met with Gibson-Thomas Engineering to get recommendations for pond at Crabapple.
- Gibson-Thomas Engineering will be surveying Stewart Lane, the road they we'll be cutting in.
- Gibson-Thomas Engineering will be surveying Clinton Drive. Half of the street will be piped, and drainage will go toward park. The piping will run into the woods and will be approximately 700 to 800 feet in length. We will also put a turnaround in for the plow trucks. We want to get this part of the project done this year, but the Lowber Road part of road will depend on PennDOT.
- Gibson-Thomas Engineering surveyors have work to do on Davis Road which is part of the paving project for this year. Once that's done, we can get that drainage project done and get it paved this year.
- Next week, we'll start the camera work for the Rillton Phase I Project.

Supervisor Harvey asked if a low-income study needs done for the remainder of the Rillton project. Mr. Hill answered that we will need another low-income study to get funds for Phase II. We're going to try and get the \$172,000 earmarked for Lowber moved to Rillton. It costs \$182,000 to excavate and pave two streets in Rillton. The entire town of Rillton will cost approximately \$1.2 million to complete.

Jason Capenos stated that Comcast lines were finally put in on Hildenbrand Road. The problem is that the lines are so low that farm equipment can't get beneath them. Solicitor Demosky stated there are regulations on that.

Report from Recreation Director, Chad Albert --- given by Mark Petros

- The Recreation Department is hosting Movie Night in the Park on Friday, July 28th at 8:00pm at Crabapple Park pavilion. The Super Mario Bros. movie will be featured. Bring your blankets, chairs, friends/family, and join the community for a night of fun.
- Kerber's Dairy has donated 100 orange drinks for the kids. Concessions will be sold at the pavilion.
- We are in the planning phases of adding internet and public wi-fi accessibility to the park facilities. Surveillance cameras from the Recreation Center have been relocated to the park.
- We are awaiting shipment of pickleball posts and nets. The Crabapple Park Improvement Grant will be completed following the installation of the nets.
- Park Maintenance has been working hard on revitalizing projects throughout the park including cleaning, groundskeeping, mulching, painting, and weeding.
- The pool remains temporarily closed as we have faced various hurdles that have delayed us filling the pool; electric light repair, leak detection and connected plumbing concerns, and staffing which have prevented the pool from safely operating.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Bruce Zarnick

This month has been busy with ordinance calls as usual.

- 5 parking complaints
- 2 animal complaints
- 4 junk and rubbish complaints
- 2 blocked alleyway complaints
- 3 junk vehicle complaints
- 1 noise complaint
- 23 high grass/weeds calls.
- a self-initiating call for grass blown into the roadway which was quickly cleaned up.
- multiple complaints regarding building and occupancy issues without permits

There were 26 Violation letters sent out this month with several of them resulting in citations being filed. I have a court date set by the Magistrate's Office for an illegal burn on August 11th. I expect more court dates to follow soon. I'm waiting for the Magistrate to set the dates and notify me via mail.

These past two (2) weeks, I have been working with Joanne and Rich to get the Office of Code Enforcement to become more efficient in handling complaints. Their help is greatly appreciated. Joanne was able to update and improve the database I designed earlier this year with new features to better track complaints and their progress. We have been working on streamlining the process to make things more efficient and easier to track among all of us involved in the process. Data is accessible to anyone involved in the process. Rich has been able to do initial investigations when I am unavailable to do so myself. Working together and moving forward, I believe we will be able to better serve the community and handle future ordinance issues within a quicker time frame for better results. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. I look forward to keeping our community safe, healthy, and a nice place for everyone to live.

Report from Emergency Management Director, Michael Manley

Notable Incidents:

6/24/2023 – Crabapple Park

Township resources were requested by PSP Greensburg to assist with the search for a 16-year-old male missing from the back pavilion. Crews began search operations at 19:08. Units on the scene were Herminie, Hutchinson, Rillton, Lowber, Turkeytown (UTV), Adamsburg (UTV), Collinsburg (UTV), Greensburg Bloodhound Team and

Port Vue S/R. EOC Opened at 19:15 – the individual was located at 20:33. Incident Terminated at 20:45. The individual was found by a State Trooper approx. 1.5 miles from the site where he was missing.

Tasks and Noteworthy Meetings

Name	Title	Date
EMA Meeting Wed 7/12	General Business Meeting	7/12/2023
Incident Management	Preplan Hutchinson Community Days	7/2/2023
Incident Management	Sewickley Grange Detail	Ongoing
Community Outreach – Keystone Clippers	Met with Keystone Clippers – Drone program training session. We have our pilot back and it will be in service for Sewickley Township only. Staff will need to be trained.	6/26/2023

Upcoming Meeting with WCDPS – Project Identification for Hazard Mitigation Plan – August 23rd, 2023, 09:30 at Sewickley Twp EOC. The Board of Supervisors and EMA Staff, if available, are invited to attend. More details and info to follow.

Report from Gibson-Thomas Engineering --- given by Rich Hill

Rillton Project Phase I – Nagy Construction was awarded the contract and will start work in mid-August.

We received a \$500,000 grant for Turner Lane. Gibson-Thomas Engineering is submitting paperwork for the hydraulic analysis and the joint permit to the DEP.

Rillton was rejected for funding for Phase II of the stormwater project. We're going to try to flip the \$172,000 from Lowber's stormwater project to keep the Rillton project going. The County will decide if we can do that. If we need to apply for grants every year, it may take approximately ten (10) years to get the roads in Rillton paved.

Chief of Staff for Commissioner Chew, Bob MacPherson

Mr. MacPherson started by congratulating the Township for being awarded the ARPA Grant for the Municipal Sewage/Water Priorities for Lowber and Waltz Mill Flats. The money must be used on the projects you've identified as a priority. He expressed sorrow about the demolition of the Recreation Center. The County has a demo fund to assist communities who don't have the resources to pay for a large project like this. We are in the process of going through the paperwork to assist with the project. The Township will continue to own the lot which may then be used for another purpose.

Before the Commissioners right now is the Shaner Housing Sanitary Sewage Extension which was submitted by the County's Housing Authority for \$350,000. This is something that needs to happen due to the failing system in place right now. The Shaner Project will not start until the end of this year or the beginning of next.

Mr. MacPherson then explained how the earnings from the casino are divided. \$21,000,000 from the casino stays in Westmoreland County. The County does not control this but does have partnerships at the State level. Moving forward, we will have more communication with Sewickley Township to see what the needs are. They are awarding between \$1,000,000 to \$1,300,000 for each grant.

Mr. MacPherson took questions from the residents and provided answers to what he could.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

Nancy Bickus Neel feels it would be very favorable if there would be an evaluation done of the pool soon as far as what the revenue is, what the expenses are, etc. I think the public would like to know this information before the Board of Supervisors makes a decision.

Jason Capenos stated that the small pavilion does not have electricity available, but the website says it does. Mr. Petros stated it will be corrected on the website.

Linda Harvey 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 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	\$ 186.38

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

Proposals for the 2023 Hot Mix Paving Program, Contract 3/2023 were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 1:00pm as follows:

Company Name	Bid Amount
A. Liberoni, Inc.	\$ 300,476.40
El Grande Industries, Inc.	\$ 315,513.00
Tresco Paving Corp.	\$ 319,777.50
Nagy Construction	\$ 322,042.50
A. Folino Construction, Inc.	\$ 327,261.00
Derry Construction	\$ 355,012.50

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to award the 2023 Hot Mix Paving Program, Contract 3/2023 to A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$300,476.40. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion seconded by Mark Petros, to award the 2023 Shot and Chip Program, Contract 4/2023 to Russell Standard Corporation in an amount totaling \$117,108.94. This includes the base amount of \$89,659.89 plus alternate 1 (fog seal) for \$27,449.05. Russell Standard was the only bidder for this project. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve Pay Estimate No. 3 in the amount of \$33,301.30 to Lutterman Excavating for the Crabapple Grant - Basketball Court & Batting Cages Project, Contract 1/2023. Payment will be made by Sewickley Township with reimbursement from the PA Commonwealth Financing Authority. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution 18-2023 to apply to Westmoreland County for the demolition of a blighted structure located at 201 Highland Avenue, Herminie, PA 15637. Board Comments: Mrs. Harvey asked for more information. Is this going through the County or Land Bank? Are there matching funds? Mr. Petros stated this is going through the Redevelopment Authority. The Township filled out the application and sent in the check for \$250.00. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to renew Weight Limit Permit 2019-1 with Olympus Energy for Dick Station Road through August 30, 2024. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution 19-2023 allocating funds from the American Rescue Plan Account to purchase a new Renegade 8.5' x 81" Wide Single Read Wheel Aluminum Utility/Service Body for the Dodge 3500 Pickup Truck in the amount of \$12,200.00. The used pickup bed will be traded in. This is being purchased through Co-Stars with Smouse Trucks & Vans Inc. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution 20-2023 appointing Rich Hill to serve as Sewickley Township Manager at an annual salary of \$80,000.00 subject to signing an employment contract approved by the Solicitor. The start date shall be listed as June 5, 2023. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to transfer the MSATS Sale Account funds from First National Bank to PLGIT (Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust) to receive a better rate. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to hire Liam Buzas and Maria Vanyo as Crabapple Maintenance at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to close 5th Street in Herminie from the intersections of Church Street and Station Street on Saturday, August 12, 2023, from 9:00am to 12:00pm and from 4:00pm to 5:30pm. These closures are for the 5th Annual Michael Pils Memorial Bike Run. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:

Checks 13273 to 13292 - \$ 35,304.02 (6/27/23)
Check 13293 - \$ 250.00 (7/11/23)
Check 13294 to 13327 - \$ 24,935.96 (7/17/23)

ACH Payments:

First Energy (3 invoices) - \$ 397.99 (6/26/23)
First Energy (5 invoices) - \$ 194.24 (6/26/23)
S & T Loan - \$ 2,487.28 (6/30/23)
Columbia Gas - \$ 35.90 (7/5/23)
First Energy - \$ 43.11 (7/7/23)
MAWC - \$ 114.21 (7/17/23)

Act 13:

Check 1166 - \$ 472.78 (7/14/23)

Crabapple:

Checks 4992 to 4994 - \$ 2,736.29 (6/27/23)
Checks 4995 to 5001 - \$ 1,561.90 (7/17/23)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 47.40 (6/28/23)

First Energy - \$ 25.79 (6/28/23)
First Energy - \$ 120.54 (7/7/23)
First Energy - \$ 100.20 (7/7/23)
Credit Card Machine Fee - \$ 48.45 (7/10/23)

Payroll / Paychex ACH Liabilities:

Paychex - \$ 128.79 (6/20/23)
Paychex - \$ 151.75 (6/23/23)
Paychex - \$ 155.60 (6/30/23)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,047.73 (6/23/23)
Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,143.37 (6/30/23)
Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,471.64 (7/7/23)

Paychex - \$ 183.40 (7/7/23)
 Paychex - \$ 155.60 (7/14/23)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,168.35 (7/13/23)

Recreation:

Check 3011 - \$ 198.38 (6/27/23)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 19.22 (6/23/23)
 First Energy - \$ 227.25 (6/28/23)
 First Energy - \$ 13.75 (6/28/23)
 Columbia Gas - \$ 47.32 (7/5/23)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,637.85 (7/5/23)
 First Energy - \$ 628.20 (7/6/23)
 First Energy - \$ 395.21 (7/6/23)
 MAWC - \$ 3,051.00 (7/17/23)

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

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

Employees Payroll: 6/30/2023 - \$ 10,737.22
 7/07/2023 - \$ 12,289.95
 7/14/2023 - \$ 10,515.67
 7/21/2023 - \$ 12,113.56

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

General Public Comment

Daryl Dermotta asked if the Township will be hiring a Public Works Director with Mr. Hill moving into Township Manager and why is the pay being backdated? Mr. Petros said no, he is holding both positions and has been for a while now.

Ray Benninghoff spoke about how three (3) years ago, he asked when is Oak Street being paved. The answer he received was "next year." That was two (2) years ago. Why didn't it happen when you said it was going to? Mr. Petros stated there were a few hurdles and some things came up. Mr. Benninghoff stated it is like a washboard. Mr. Petros agrees. Mr. Hill stated that the Township isn't who decides which streets get done when dealing with this grant. The application is submitted through the County. The feds tell them what streets they can pave. Mrs. Harvey added that we are working on getting more grant funds for Rillton to get more coverage.

Teresa Dubich stated that she saw in the paper that Kim Ward was making payments to municipalities from profits from the casino. Mr. Hill responded that we got the money last year, but not this year. We were awarded four (4) out of five (5) grants.

Madison Hinkle of the Mountain Watershed Association: See attached sheet.

Nancy Bickus-Neel spoke regarding SSMSA. They finally have a full board of members. We have very good meetings. We've submitted to West Newton, MAWC, and PAW complete packets of information regarding all the information normally required to sell the Sewage Authority. We received letters from West Newton and MAWC that they were not interested. We should know within 120 days if PAW is interested. I think there's going to also be a rate increase in the near future.

Jason Capenos added that he was at the West Newton meeting and they stated that they were entertaining the thought of adding a third tank for SSMSA then they got an offer to buy the sewage authority. West Newton didn't know why that offer came. It seemed SSMSA changed gears, and nothing was pursued. Mrs. Bickus-Neel stated that they will have to be in touch with them to make sure they didn't misinterpret our letter.

Margaret Sensui is with the Friends of the Sewickley Township Library. We do a lot of fundraising. We have a tent at the Grange Fair this weekend and it's a fundraising event for us. Each month we give \$500 to the Library to help cover their expenses.

Don Mansfield stated that there are some plaques on the walls of the Rec Center. We'd like to make sure we get those out of there before the building is demolished. We have a 50-year class reunion each year and there are normally 250 people that attend. If we can get some of the old bricks from the building, we'd like to hand them out.

Jon Turik asked if you have to build a house before you build a detached garage? He was told two (2) years ago that he couldn't build his garage until his house was built. Solicitor Demosky answered if you are looking for a legal opinion, you need to submit an email to Susan in writing. She will forward for review.

Dee Holmquist asked about parking for the Senior Center. We used to park next to the building, but now we are told we can't park there because they're making it a thruway. We're losing five or six parking spaces. Mr. Petros will look into this.

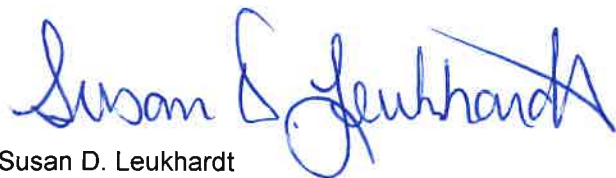
Old / New Business

Sewickley Township has been awarded a \$172,500.00 grant for Stormwater Repairs/Maintenance from Westmoreland County.

Crabapple Pool will not be opening this year due to a lack of staff.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 6:00pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, Bill Dull made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Petros. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.



Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer



Sewickley Township: Westmoreland County

Your Local Watershed Update: July 2023

- Joint Municipal Agreement to regulate potential impacts from MAX
 - MWA is continuing to evaluate potential avenues under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act
 - Potential areas of regulation include:
 - Nuisances to township residents
 - Setback provisions
- Township Emergency Response Plan
 - MWA is working to help strengthen South Huntingdon's plan, as well as incorporate potential impacts from MAX.
 - Given that discharges from MAX enter Sewickley Creek, we would be happy to loop Sewickley Township and its Emergency Response team into those conversations.
- The Lake at Crabapple Park & Pool
 - Working to coordinate a meeting between MWA staff and municipal staff to discuss potential avenues.
- Signs: Working to post signage at MAX Outfall 001 and Fishing Access area to bring awareness to the hazardous waste outfall.
 - Once MWA has approval for the sign design and locations, the signs will be ordered and MWA will work with the Township for installation.
- Swimmable Waters Sampling: MWA continues to conduct weekly water sampling at the Sewickley Canoe Launch for the presence of harmful E. Coli.
 - As of July 13th, the Sewickley Canoe Launch passed the swimmable waters requirements.