

Chairman, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 7:00pm, called the Regular Meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors to order as advertised in the Tribune Review on Monday, December 28, 2020. This meeting was held through teleconference. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Mark Petros, Brian Merdian, and Linda Harvey. Also attending the meeting were Donn Henderson, Tom Mignogna, Janet Schork, Solicitor Mark Hamilton, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mark Petros led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Public Works Director, Tom Mignogna

We are continuing to sanitize and disinfect daily. Our Safety Toolbox meeting and video this month was on Understanding Storm Water Pollution Prevention, Facilities and Natural Runoffs. We also covered Chain Saw Safety. The Christmas lights along Sewickley Avenue have been taken down and back in storage at the Recreation Center. We are in our third snow weather event this season. After taking care of the snow, the equipment needs to be thoroughly cleaned, greased, and readied for the next storm. There was a catch basin that was rebuilt at Scott Haven and Denne Roads. We keep an eye on the catch basin grates, before and after any rain event. The guiderail has been replaced on Dick Station Road. The old guiderail, posts, and hardware have been put away in our lower stock yard. The crew has been patching potholes all over the Township when the weather is nice enough. Last Wednesday, we had another load of cold mix delivered. There were 21 signs put up this month. The crew straightened old signage all over the Township along the way. We have been keeping busy doing tree work. The pine trees at Bruno Field have been removed. We are working on Pierce Road opening it up to sunlight from end to end and it now has a 25 MPH speed limit on it. We have had other trees that have come down on a few other roads that needed immediate attention; McGrogan, Brunazzi, Shaner, Rodebaugh, and Overland Roads.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Recreation Center:

- The Recreation Center reopened on January 4, 2021.
- Restrictions and guidelines set forth by the CDC and PA Department of Health, including the updated mask mandate requiring ALL coaches, athletes, and spectators are to wear a face mask at all times including during physical activity on the basketball court, are still in effect and were communicated to all Recreation Center users upon their return to scheduled activities.
- Otherwise, all is going well at the Recreation Center.

Fitness Classes:

- P90X classes are now on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am. Walk-ins are welcome. The cost is \$10 per class.

Recreation Activities:

- I am also working on an Easter Egg Hunt that would comply with the CDC and PA Department of Health guidelines for outdoor activities. Details to follow at next month's meeting.

Report from Treasurer, Susan Leukhardt – December, 2020

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Interest	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
FNB General Fund	\$ 28,892.40	\$ 197,084.96	\$ 178,848.37	\$ 47,128.99
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 227,908.32	\$ 47,274.99	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 100,183.31
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 109,023.21	\$ 27.78	-0-	\$ 109,050.99

Sewickley Township Public Library Events and Programs – Lynn Wackenhuth

We continue to try and offer as many programs as we can virtually, given the current circumstances.

Story Time continues to be held on Facebook Live through at least the end of January.

We are working on Winter "Loot Lit" bags geared toward teens and adults. Patrons will be asked to fill out a request form listing their favorite genres, and we will pull books for them based on their preferences. Books can then be picked up with a goodie bag that will include things like lip balm, stress balls, tea, hot chocolate, etc. This will be in place by the end of the month.

Our "Take & Make" kits for preschool and school-age children continue to be popular, and we are working on a new theme for February.

The Friends of the Library are holding a hoagie, pizza, and pepperoni roll sale now. Orders are due by January 25th with delivery on January 29th. They will also have a Soup and Bake Sale on February 13th from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Plans are already underway for Summer Reading 2021, which has an animal theme, "Tails and Tales."

Public Comment

Margaret Sensui asked Solicitor Hamilton if there was any progress on the court issue they have been discussing.

Linda Markle spoke about Clopper Street being zoned R-R. Solicitor Hamilton stated that this needs to be brought in front of the Zoning Hearing Board. She also stated that neighbors have built buildings, garbage, etc. on Township property.

Michael Hudock represents the gas station at 9 Highland Avenue. They are seeking permission from the Board of Supervisors to do an intermunicipal transfer of a liquor license into that location. His client would like to sell beer and wine to go along with the food service that is being established in the building.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to disburse 2019 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	\$ 268.73
PennCare – isolation gowns	\$ 425.00

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to enact Ordinance 1-2021 creating the position of Township Manager. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to adopt Resolution No. 2-2021 appointing Donn Henderson as Township Manager and Treasurer for the Township of Sewickley. Salary will be \$53,000 per year. No additional compensation will be paid for overtime worked. Major medical, dental, vision, and benefit time is also offered as compensation for this position per the Employee Handbook. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to update the Treasurer's Bond to be set for Donn Henderson, Township Manager/Treasurer. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution 13-2021 establishing the compensation for a Tax Collector of the Township of Sewickley as three (3%) percent. This shall take effect upon the next public election of a Township Tax Collector. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise Ordinance 2-2021 which would ban hunting on all Township Property and Crabapple Park and Pool. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to appoint Brian Merdian as the representative and Linda Harvey as the alternate representative for the Township of Sewickley at the Central Westmoreland Council of Government meetings. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$67,070.00 to Green Acres Contracting Co., Inc. for the Dick Station Road Guiderail Project, 4/2020. A 5% retainage remains unpaid in the amount of \$3,530.00. This will be paid from the Turnback Account. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve Amendment 01 to Subrecipient Agreement 19-24C for Stormwater Facilities in the amount of -\$144.75. This closes out the grant with Westmoreland County. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to approve the Breig Plan of Lots located on Mars Hill and Slaughter Hollow Roads. Falls Road also cuts through the property. This plan divides Lot 1 with 56.99 acres containing two (2) residences with individual on-lot septic and several out buildings from Lot 2 that has 26.46 acres containing a mobile home park. The existing mobile home park has a private sewage treatment plant and both lots have public water. The property is located in both A-1 and R-1 zoning districts. This plan was approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:

Checks 11677 to 11688 - \$ 4,129.80 (1/7/21)

Checks 11689 to 11696 - \$ 5,492.60 (1/8/21)

ACH Payments: Columbia Gas - \$ 218.29 (1/5/21)

MAWC - \$ 71.36 (1/14/21)

Act 13:

Check 1118 - \$ 72.67 (1/8/21)

Crabapple:

Check 4794 - \$ 38.57 (1/8/21)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 116.08 (1/6/21)

First Energy - \$ 96.66 (1/6/21)

Cred Card Machine - \$ 59.09 (1/11/21)

Payroll Invoices:

Paychex - \$ 353.00 (1/5/21)
Paychex - \$ 401.83 (1/7/21)
Paychex - \$ 366.33 (1/14/21)
Paychex - \$ 185.50 (1/19/21)

ACH Payments: Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,053.47 (1/8/21)
Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,724.67 (1/15/21)

Recreation:

Check 2905 - \$ 120.00 (1/7/21)
Check 2906 - \$ 121.94 (1/8/21)

ACH Payments: Columbia Gas - \$ 326.71 (1/5/21)

Reserve:

Check 2025 - \$ 43,957.00 (1/7/21)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,208.30 (1/4/21)
First Energy - \$ 599.55 (1/4/21)
First Energy - \$ 377.21 (1/4/21)
MAWC - \$ 2,863.50 (1/15/21)

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

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

Employees Payroll: 1/8/21 - \$ 11,495.84
1/15/21 - \$ 9,698.66
1/22/21 - \$ 9,799.56

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

No New / Old Business

With no further business to come before the Board, Linda Harvey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Merdian. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary