

Chairperson Wanda Layman on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Sewickley Township Municipal Building, called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors to order as advertised in The Times-Sun on Thursday, January 12, 2012. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Wanda Layman, Joe Kerber, and Alan Fossi. Also attending the meeting were Jim Barlock, Marianne Errett, Paul Rupnik, Jr., Brian Merdian, Joy DeClaudio, Stacey Federoff, Hank Kuzmkowski, Ann McWilliams, Jack McWilliams, Kathy Kerber, Jon Turik, Tom Lord, Steve Solomon, Janet Schork, Dean Zimmerman, Paula Alcott, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mrs. Layman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Road Master, Joe Kerber

In the past month, the shop has been working on the grader (the wiring burnt up). The gradall had the rollers and brakes replaced in it. We are still trying to get the cab replaced on truck #3 and we repaired some wiring issues on truck #9. We have been brushing on Oak Creek Drive and Apples Mill Road. We cleaned the storm drains on Cameron Street. We had five (5) days of snow treatment on the roads. This month, we have gone through 350 ton salt and anti skid equally. Emergency repairs were done on Evans Street due to the road being severely damaged from the sewage project. The road was mud. We used approximately 450 ton of stone this week. Volk Road is caving into the creek as it comes off Guffey Road. We put up cement barriers and one lane road signs. No plan yet as to how it will be fixed. We are waiting for Chevron to see what there plans are with the gas well going in there.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

She is currently working on the Township's website being three quarters of the way through. She thinks we'll be very happy with the end result.

Norwin Baseball Association will be renting the baseball fields all day Saturdays and Sundays plus one day during the week. The revenue generated will be approximately \$3,850. The President of the Norwin Baseball Association was very pleased with everything last year, but there were some complaints about the grass. It wasn't cut until April. He asked if he could cut it himself. Mrs. Layman and Mrs. Leukhardt explained that the Pittsburgh Lawn Care, who had the bid last year, did not come through with their contract. We will not accept their bid in the future.

Mrs. Schork has been receiving phone calls about renting out the baseball fields. Bob Lavella from SAAA said that they have to get their schedule in place before we can rent them out. The Supervisors agree that our community should get the opportunity to use our fields first before renting them out to teams outside our community. Mrs. Alcott stated that we had problems in the past getting a schedule from SAAA... it took too long.

Regarding Crabapple Pool, the Americans with Disabilities Act will be requiring a slope entry and a pool lift. The lifts start at \$2,000 up to \$6,500. Mr. Fossi stated that we may be able to get a variance since the pool requirements are so close.

The Recreation Board has reorganized with Christie Royer being the Chairperson, Rob Romano as Vice-Chairman, and Susan Leukhardt as Secretary. They voted to change their meeting dates to the first Tuesday of every month instead of the first Thursday at 7:00pm at the Rec Center.

We are having a few problems with young children at public time. No supervision by their families. The Rec Board will help with rules for public time. The Supervisors recommend to make the same age limits as we have at the pool.

The Rec Board wanted to ask if there is a policy for alcohol at Rec Board functions. The Supervisors stated there is to be no alcohol at any functions. We have no liquor liability coverage.

There are four (4) dances scheduled at the Rec Center January through April.

She would like to offer a thank you to the renters at the Recreation Center by giving them complimentary coupons for Crabapple Pool. The Supervisors agree that this will generate more admissions to the pool.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman

Last month he reported that he had a case scheduled for court on January 6th as a summary trial. Unfortunately, the attorney for the other side was not available for that date. It has been postponed until February 14th. He has a second trial scheduled for that same date and a third case that was sent to court back in October is still on hold.

He is working on thirteen (13) various violations in the Hutchinson area. There are only four (4) residents that have made any effort to come into compliance to date.

Now that the vegetation is cleared up, he is getting more calls about rubbish on properties. For some reason, the calls are going up regarding burning. The ordinance states that you can only burn on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 6am to 6pm. In Hempfield, it is only on Saturdays from 8am to noon. Burning of plastics, anything with a noxious odor, or harmful smoke is not permitted.

He is still waiting for two (2) County demolitions applications to come in. Once they are in from the residents, he will turn them into the County.

Since things have slowed down a bit, he has been able to work on some of the older, long standing violations. They are more complicated so it takes time to go through the process. He hasn't forgotten about them.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on October 19, 2011 as reviewed. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mrs. Layman; yes. Mr. Fossi, abstain. Motion carried.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on November 10, 2011 as reviewed. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mrs. Layman; yes. Mr. Fossi, abstain. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Joy DeClaudio asked when Brunazzi Road will be fixed. It's just getting worse and worse and worse. Mr. Kerber explained that he has been dealing with Volk Road and other roads that are really bad. He will go down and check on things tomorrow.

Jon Turik asked for a little compassion regarding a young girl that goes to the Rec Center during public time. Her mother is ill and this is the only place she can go since it is right across the street. Mrs. Layman explained there are just concerns with her running across the street.

He then asked if there was any more consideration as to getting the right of way changed. Mr. Kerber stated that the Supervisors all looked at it and they feel as though if there is an emergency at the Recreation Center and it is blocked off, there will be a hindrance to getting emergency vehicles to the Center. Mr. Kerber explained to Paul Rupnik, Jr., our Emergency Management Coordinator, that Mr. Turik bought the property located next to the Recreation Center. Mr. Turik would like to keep the alley open, but turn the right of way over to him. Mr. Kerber stated that this is a township maintained alley and we plow it in the winter. Mrs. Layman stated that the Supervisors and Paul Rupnik, Jr. will take another look at it.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to disburse 2010 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Emergency Management as follows:

Northern Tool – generator and supplies \$ 1,372.15

Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve Requisition No. 65 received on January 13, 2012 from MSATS in the amount of \$61,113.15. Board Comments: Mrs. Layman stated that these types of approvals are required regarding the \$750,000 loan that the Sewage Authority has. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to accept William Miller's resignation from the Municipal Sewage Authority of the Township of Sewickley effective today, January 18, 2012. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to adopt Resolution No. 21-2012 appointing Brian Merdian to the Municipal Sewage Authority of the Township of Sewickley. He will fulfill the term of William Miller's which shall expire on the first Monday of January, 2015. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to advertise for a used sweeper truck. Board Comments: Mr. Kerber stated that he spoke with North Huntingdon's Road Dept today... they have a 2004 sweeper truck that they are thinking about selling. They will let him know tomorrow if they are willing to sell it. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to advertise for two (2) new waste oil burners that will be located in the shop area of the Sewickley Township Municipal Building. Board Comments: Mr. Kerber stated that this may not have to go out for bid under the new laws. He will look into it before we spend money on advertising. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve the following bills for payment.

General Fund: Checks 4289 to 4291 - \$ 5,242.14 (1/3/12)

Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve the following payrolls for payment.

Employees Payroll: 1/6/12 - \$ 8,233.52 – check 2455 , drafts 22473 to 22485
 1/13/12 - \$ 12,271.13 – checks 2456 to 2458 , drafts 22486 to 22498
 1/20/12 - \$ 9,115.04 – check 2459 , drafts 22499 to 22511

Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

New / Old Business

Mr. Fossi asked if we were supposed to approve a Resolution for the Sewage Authority tonight. Mrs. Layman stated the Sewage Authority approved last night to give the Supervisors the ability to place two additional people to the Sewage Authority. With the resignation that came through today, the Solicitor recommended that the Supervisors wait to approve such a Resolution.

With no further business to come before the Board, Joe Kerber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alan Fossi. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer