

Chairperson Wanda Layman on Wednesday, July 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 Stacey Federoff, Norm Vinsick, Jacob Leukhardt, Linda Harvey, Steve Solomon, Tom Lord, Sharon Cerne, Ruth Lucov, Jack McWilliams, Ann McWilliams, Dean Zimmerman, Paula Alcott, and Susan Leukhardt.

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

Report from Road Master, Joe Kerber

We repaired all the storm pipes and catch basins on Library Alley and 8th Street. We have completed the paving project on 8th Street and have started paving on Library Alley. We pulled a ditch near the Lowber Firehall. We did prep work for paving on South Second Street. We also had an emergency storm pipe repair in Hutchinson.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork (given by Alan Fossi)

The Greensburg Panthers concluded their season at Bruno Field. They were very happy with Bruno Field and expressed interest in doing it again next year. The free Community Appreciation Splash Party had about 150 swimmers in attendance. Thank you to the Recreation Board for all their work with this event. The Recreation Board will be helping the Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service with a Safety Awareness Day. This is in the planning stages but will be held in September. In regards to the pool, the chair lift has been used and is working very well. Norwin Aqua Club is renting the pool. Wednesday evening night swims have been about average. When the band is playing, we had about 180 people. We are looking to get a country dj that will not only play music, but will also offer line dancing lessons. In general, everything is going very well at Crabapple Pool.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman

The last month has been fairly typical of summertime activity. He has continued to have many complaints about uncut grass and weeds, junk vehicles, and a few about dumping. We did put the "No Dumping" signs up in two locations and it seems to have helped. However, other out of the way locations have surfaced on a couple occasions. He reminded everyone that fines for those folks caught illegally dumping is \$1,000.00 per incident plus Court costs. We have received word from the RACW that the first house slated for demolition has been approved and the job has been put out for bids. Hopefully, next month he will be able to report one less blighted property in the Township. The second property on the list remains in limbo right now as it is a commercial property and needs to be assessed by the RACW to determine how much matching monies will be needed from the owner for the demolition. On June 26th, he had the two trials scheduled at District Court. One was rescheduled and is now scheduled on August 7th along with another case. The other trial was held. The individual was given a warning and the case was dismissed with the understanding that if he reoffends, Mr. Zimmerman is to file a new criminal complaint. He now has the two trials on August 7th plus a third scheduled for October 10th. He checked with the District Court this morning and the four arrest warrants are still outstanding. We now have the finalized version of the Sewickley Township Code book which our Solicitor, Dan Hewitt, has been working on for some time. The Board of Supervisors voted to approve the codification at the May meeting. He believes that the Ordinances will be available in the near future for residents to view on the Township website.

Public Comment

Sharon Cerne asked what is the purpose of the MAWC taking over the Sewage Authority. Mrs. Layman stated that she's not sure that is going to happen. She then explained what is going on. Sutersville Sewage is in serious trouble. The Supervisors are trying to find a way to solve the problem. They met with MAWC to talk about the Sutersville Project. MAWC put Sewickley Sewage on the table. That doesn't mean they are doing anything for sure. MAWC is just looking at the whole project. We're trying to find a solution to solve the Sutersville problem. If they go under, Sewickley Township has to pay 60% of the loan. We are co-signers from long ago. We will look at everything to save this project. Mr. Fossi then added that they have also talked to the State Senator, our State Representative, a member of the Governor's action committee, among others. We are reaching out to everyone to help us.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve the Mitchell-Kowalski plan located on Pinewood Drive. This separates parcel two containing 1.358 acres from parcel one containing the residual 6.672 acres. Both parcels have public water and on-lot septic systems. There currently are residences on both lots. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve the Fennel easement and right-of-way for repairs on Volk Road in accordance with a design plan to be prepared by the Township Engineer. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to advertise for sale the three underlying lots of record adjacent to the public library and part of Tax Map No. 58-07-11-0-165. Bids are to be received and opened prior to the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to adopt Resolution 29-2012 authorizing the placement of an overhead banner on Sewickley Avenue. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to accept Joseph Ponsi's resignation from the Municipal Sewage Authority of Sewickley Township effective June 25, 2012. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to ratify Dean Zimmerman, Ordinance Officer, to participate in the "Working with District Judges" Webinar on Thursday, June 28, 2012 from 12:00pm to 1:30pm. The cost is \$75.00. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to close the Township Office at Noon on Friday, August 10, 2012 so the Township employees may attend the Annual Picnic hosted by the Westmoreland County Association of Township Supervisors at Mammoth Park. Employees will be paid their regular hourly rate while attending this event. 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 4641 to 4674 - \$ 39,563.29 (6/28/12) Checks 4675 to 4679 - \$ 4,696.23 (7/9/12)
Crabapple:	Checks 3849 to 3869 - \$ 47,615.92 (6/26/12) Check 3870 - \$ 32.28 (6/29/12)
Highway Aid:	Checks 408 to 409 - \$ 5,398.62 (6/29/12)
Payroll Invoices:	Draft 90132 - \$ 13,284.34 (6/26/12) Draft 90133 - \$ 702.52 (6/28/12) Checks 2600 to 2603 - \$ 3,080.89 (6/29/12) Draft 90134 - \$ 909.85 (7/16/12)

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:

(twp)	6/29/12 - \$ 8,659.36 – check 2582 , drafts 22793 to 22803
(pool)	6/29/12 - \$ 3,562.04 – check 2583 to 2599 , drafts 22804 to 22805
(twp)	7/6/12 - \$ 9,697.28 – checks 2604 to 2605 , drafts 22806 to 22816
(pool)	7/6/12 - \$ 4,123.65 – checks 2606 to 2622 , drafts 22817 to 22818
(twp)	7/13/12 - \$13,827.29 – checks 2623 to 2625 & 2642, drafts 22819 to 22829
(pool)	7/13/12 - \$ 4,401.93 – checks 2626 to 2641 , drafts 22830 to 22831
(twp)	7/20/12 - \$ 8,297.09 – check 2643 , drafts 22832 to 22842
(pool)	7/20/12 - \$ 4,300.28 – checks 2644 to 2658 , drafts 22843 to 22844

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

New / Old Business

The Bell's Mill Covered Bridge will be closed beginning Monday, July 23, 2012 for repainting and installing a new roof. The contractor, Lone Pine Construction, has until October 13, 2012 to complete the project and a detour will be posted during construction. This is a County Bridge. The Township will not have answers regarding this project.

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 7:20pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer