

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors to order. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Alan Fossi, Wanda Layman, and Joe Kerber. Also attending the meeting were Marianne Errett, Marie Houth, Micki Patterson, Carole Medved, Lisa Ziske, Tracy Hampshire, Robert Janzef, Linda Harvey, Linda Lachimia, Laura Biondi-Sommers, Ann McWilliams, Jack McWilliams, Bert Steban, Kathy Kerber, Casey Veychek, Sue Veychek, Sandy Dull, Tom Lord, Elaine Holas, Jim Bradley, Paula Alcott, Janet Schork, Dean Zimmerman, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mr. Fossi led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Fossi began the meeting by offering condolences to the Costanza family. John Costanza was a Township Supervisor from 1998 to 2010 and passed away last night. He was very well known in this Township and a lot of people are going to miss him.

Report from Township Coordinator, Wanda Layman

Working with the Seniors and their garbage bills. Waste Management brought their records in and we went over them to get the billing corrected. Met with the Township Engineer and ION regarding the roads that will be used during the seismic testing. They have agreed to pay all our engineering costs. Sent information to Dan Hewitt for an easement for a pipe. Working with our Engineer and PennDOT regarding Circle Drive. Met with the contractor from Chevron to do the repairs that Atlas should've done. Met with The Commonwealth Bank regarding consolidating the two bridge loans. Two years can be knocked off the payments.

Public Works Report

Fixed Sweepster power broom and it is now back on the road sweeping the country roads. Rental sweeper truck should be here April 28th. Fixed collapsed pipe on Rodabaugh Road. Been doing a lot of patching this month due to the harsh winter. Fixed soft spot on McGrew Hill Road. Fixed shocks on springs on #7 and tarper. Fixed soft spots on High Street and Evans Street. Placed cross pipe on Reservoir Road. Fixed bad cross pipe on Hildenbrand Rd. Placed catch basin and pipe on Guffey-Rillton Rd for drainage problem. Cleaned ditch on Greenhills Road. Placed catch basin and pipe on Markle Street for drainage issue. Pipe jobs on Apples Mill and Derr Road are in progress and work is being done by Advanced Contracting. Clean creek out at Crabapple Park from where wall collapsed into creek. Found leak at the pool and water was turned on to all the ballfields.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman

In the last month, the majority of complaints and follow-ups I have been working on have dealt with junk motor vehicles, property maintenance as well as burning on the wrong days and times. The property on Church Street with the house that burned has changed owners again, and for the last time I hope. The new owner has already begun to clean up and dismantle the house. I have spoken to him and it sounds as though he is serious about bringing the property into compliance. I recently had discussions with the County Redevelopment Authority and I am very hopeful that we will be able to have two houses demolished this year through their demolition program. I would like to remind folks that the trash collection companies are no longer allowed to pick up electronic items to take to the landfills. As a result of that law, we are seeing an increase in items, especially televisions, being discarded along our township roads. As with any other dumped materials, the road crew has to take time from other projects to go out and pick up the televisions or other dumped items. As I have said in the past, that is a waste of your tax dollars. If residents have a broken TV or other electronic item they need to get rid of, Westmoreland Cleanways can probably refer those folks to the appropriate disposal sites in this area.

As I reported last month, I had the three Summary Trials on Friday, April fourth. Two were continuances from October and one was new. The Judge continued all three hearings again. One is rescheduled in June, one in July and one in August. The Judge told the gentleman that is rescheduled for August that if his property is not in compliance the next time he comes in, he is to bring his checkbook because the Judge is going to fine him \$1000.00 plus court costs. I also have two new cases that are getting close to being sent to Court.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Recreation Center:

- March Recreation Center Dance was another huge success with over 100 children ages K-6th grade attending. Once again the recreation board did a great job. The profit was approximately \$600.
- Our Final Wednesday Public Time ended on March 26. We had a total of 450 participants over the 4 months the open gym was offered with an average of 30 children per Wednesday.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 19 at noon at the baseball/football fields. As of today, we have 120 children from age infant – 12 registered.
 - Last Recreation Center Dance is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 7:00-9:30, Ages K-6th Grade, \$5.00
 - Saturday, May 17, 2014 Annual Rabies Clinic at the Crabapple Lake Large Pavilion 11:00am-1:00pm \$9/per animal
 - Saturday, June 14, 2014 Movie Night & Swim Party at Crabapple Pool starting at 7:30pm
 - Saturday, July 12, 2014 Band Night & Swim Party at Crabapple Pool starting at 7:30pm
 - Saturday, August 23, 2014 Back to School Splash Party at Crabapple Pool starting at 7:30pm
 - Pirate Bus Trip on Friday, June 27. Tickets are \$21.00 per person. Price includes Game Ticket, All You Can Eat Seats, Roundtrip transportation from Herminie, Free t-shirt.
 - If this is a successful event, we may schedule another Pirate bus trip in September or October.

Pool:

- Water turned on, a couple of leak issues that will be addressed this month.
- Pool Memberships now available at the Recreation Center, Township Office, on the Website.
- New at the pool this year:
 - Sand Volleyball Court (John Paul Eagle Scout Project)
 - Water Slide
 - Concession Awning
 - Soda Fountain Machine
 - 6 Additional Lounge Chairs
- American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course
 - American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor Certified and EMT
 - 24 hours of training per session
 - New Lifeguards: \$250.00 Recertification: \$75.00
- Swim Lessons Details will be available at next month's meeting.

Public Comment

Betty Kovac spoke about the building located next to her on Dick Station Road was issued a non-conforming permit by Mike Stack. Mr. Fossi asked her if she has retained any sort of legal counsel. She stated that she has. Mr. Fossi went on to say that unfortunately that stops the Supervisors from making any comment on the situation. Ms. Kovac stated that she was in contact with Harrisburg today and since 1988, there has never been a driveway permit issued to that building. Mrs. Layman stated that is PennDOT and not us. Mr. Kerber stated that is a state road. She then asked that is a sewage permit and inspections needed to open a business in the Township. Mr. Fossi stated yes and an occupancy permit. A conversation continued between Mrs. Layman and Ms. Kovac regarding a right to know request and the county assessment of the property. Ms. Kovac then stated that it took 10 months for the permits to come through.

Linda Lachimia asked who wrote the zoning. Mr. Kerber stated that a company named Pashek brought it to the Township and then we reviewed it. Ms. Lachimia asked if the Board of Supervisors have the authority to override the Zoning Ordinance. Kathy Kerber stated that there is a process to change the zoning. Hearings, postings, and such.

Ms. Kovac then asked if you are non-conforming, do you still follow ordinances. In a residential area, you're allowed to dig an illuminated sign? Mr. Kerber stated that signage is in the Zoning Ordinance. Mrs. Kerber stated that Mike Stack would be the one who would approve the sign. Ms. Kovac went on to say that there is a lot of rubbish on the property. The fuel tanks are a DEP issue.

Robert Janzef asked if Sunoco Pipeline is permitted and paying a bond. Mrs. Layman stated that they have bonded the roads and are paying the engineering fees. He believes they are hauling 50 ton over our 10 ton roads. Mrs. Layman stated that she will definitely look into it. He then asked what kind of hours are they allowed to work. Mrs. Layman answered that they are state regulated.

John Paul Sommers from Troop 259 presented his Eagle Scout Project. He plans to build a sand volleyball court where the grass one exists. He gave the dimensions and details to the Supervisors. The total cost is approximately \$6,100. Mr. Fossi stated that Crabapple Trust will be donating approximately \$9,200 to \$9,500. This will pay for this project and the slide.

Linda Harvey spoke on how she really appreciates the reports that Dean Zimmerman and Janet Schork give every month. She continues to notice that Brian Nicholls does not come to the meetings to give his reports. She feels that roads are taking a back seat now.

Sandy Dull asked Mr. Zimmerman if they can get together to go over our Ordinances for revitalization. Mr. Zimmerman said that the book is always here to look over.

Ms. Kovac asked if someone is in danger from traffic violations, does it go through litigation. Mrs. Layman stated that it would have to go through the State Police since it is on a State Road.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to disburse 2013 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

S & T Bank – mortgage payment	\$ 602.25
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Voting: Mrs Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to disburse 2013 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Hutchinson Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

ECM2 Corporation – paging system (ratify)	\$ 1,400.00
Witmer Public Safety Group – skull protectors	\$ 179.98

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

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to set the rates for the following positions for the 2014 season at Crabapple Pool.

Pool Manager	\$ 10.00
Asst Pool Manager	\$ 8.75
Head Lifeguard	\$ 8.50
Senior Lifeguard	\$ 8.00
Second Year Guard	\$ 7.75
First Year Guard	\$ 7.60
First Year Concession / Gate	\$ 7.35
Second Year Concession / Gate	\$ 7.45
Third Year Concession / Gate	\$ 7.55

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to offer Lifeguard Training Classes at Crabapple Pool. Details are as follows:

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course	
American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor Certified and EMT	
24 hours of training per session	
New Lifeguards:	\$ 250.00
Recertification:	\$ 75.00
(4) Sessions:	Session 1 ~ May 27, 2014 to May 31, 2014
	Session 2 ~ June 16, 2014 to June 21, 2014
	Session 3 ~ July 7, 2014 to July 11, 2014
	July 13, 2014 to July 17, 2014
	Session 4 ~ August 4, 2014 to August 15, 2014

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to adopt Resolution No. 24-2014 appointing Dana Romano to the Sewickley Township Recreation Board fulfilling Bob Lavella's term. Mrs. Romano's term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2017. Voting: Mrs Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize the Sewickley Township Recreation Board to hold the following events at the locations indicated and to waive any fees that may be involved.

Saturday, May 17, 2014	Annual Rabies Clinic at the Crabapple Lake Large Pavilion
Saturday, June 14, 2014	Movie Night & Swim Party at Crabapple Pool at 7:30pm
Saturday, July 12, 2014	Band Night & Swim Party at Crabapple Pool at 7:30pm
Saturday, August 23, 2014	Back to School Splash Party at Crabapple Pool at 7:30pm

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve an Eagle Scout Project for John Paul Sommers. This project will include building a sand volleyball court at Crabapple Pool. Voting: Mrs Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:	Check 6171 - \$ 5,000.00 (3/24/14) Checks 6172 to 6202 - \$ 28,223.76 (3/26/14) Check 6203 - \$ 11.20 (3/27/14) Drafts 150092 to 150093 - \$ 1,070.68 (3/27/14) Checks 6204 to 6218 - \$ 14,814.96 (4/1/14) Checks 6219 to 6236 - \$ 16,841.67 (4/11/14) Check 6237 - \$ 30.00 (4/11/14)
Crabapple:	Draft 54 - \$ 204.96 (3/27/14) Check 4061 - \$ 133.44 (4/1/14) Checks 4062 to 4067 - \$ 926.76 (4/11/14)
Highway Aid:	Checks 425 to 427 - \$ 31,016.21 (3/27/14)
Light Districts:	Draft 130 - \$ 2,598.92 (3/27/14) Draft 131 - \$ 467.54 (3/27/14) Draft 132 - \$ 526.95 (3/27/14) Draft 133 - \$ 204.92 (3/27/14)
Payroll Invoices:	Checks 3346 to 3350 - \$ 2,809.45 (3/26/14) Draft 90197 - \$ 10,752.13 (3/27/14) Check 3352 - \$ 55.27 (4/1/14) Checks 3357 to 3358 - \$ 650.27 (4/11/14) Draft 90198 - \$ 627.97 (4/15/14) Draft 90199 - \$ 691.07 (4/15/14)

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

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

Employees Payroll:	3/28/14 - \$ 10,525.00 – checks 3345 , drafts 24008 to 24022 4/4/14 - \$ 11,017.00 – checks 3351 , drafts 24023 to 24037 4/11/14 - \$ 13,341.31 – checks 3353 to 3356 , drafts 24038 to 24052 4/17/14 - \$ 12,073.79 – check 3359 , drafts 24053 to 24067
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Voting: Mrs Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

New / Old Business

Mrs. Layman spoke on a letter she received from a resident regarding waiving of residential garbage service due to her recycling and composting.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to exempt Judith M. Hines-Bridge of 17 Whyel Road, W Newton from residential garbage service due to her recycling and composting. Voting: Mrs Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fossi gave a report on the four police meetings that were held in the past month. Herminie, we had 22 people in attendance. Rillton – 13 people, Lowber – 17 people, Hutchinson – 20 people. There was a lot of good discussion. The majority didn't seem to have much interest in a part time police force. There were discussions on safety and welfare. Mr. Fossi didn't see a major response. He feels they did their due diligence regarding this matter. Mr. Kerber stated that basically we're at a stalemate until something else comes along that looks more appealing.

Bert Steban asked the Supervisors if they have anything to do with notifying the residents of Megan's List. Mr. Fossi stated that Crime Watch may have more information than we do.

With no further business to come before the Board, Joe Kerber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wanda Layman. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer