

Chairperson Wanda Layman on Wednesday, August 15, 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 Paul Rupnik, Jr., Ann McWilliams, Jack McWilliams, Kathy Kerber, Lillian Schmidt, Stacey Federoff, Bob Lasser, Janet Schork, Dean Zimmerman, Paula Alcott, and Susan Leukhardt.

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

An Executive Session was held this evening at 6:45pm to discuss real estate issues.

Report from Road Master, Joe Kerber

We finished the paving jobs on Library Alley and South Second Street. The roads have all been mowed and sprayed the weeds along the country roads. In the past month, the crew has been out four days patching potholes. Truck No. 2 is down with an injector pump and should be back together on the next rainy day. Truck No. 8 was down with an injector. It is back as of this morning. We had two crew members get hurt with manhole lids. One had a broken toe and will be back Monday. The other lost three days with a hurt ankle. Lastly, they started paving Rillton Guffey Road.

Mr. Fossi asked if the guys are required to wear steel toe boots. Mr. Kerber responded yes they are and they were wearing them. It was just how the cover fell. The guys couldn't get out of the way in time.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

The Recreation Board is sponsoring Yough Youth Fall Baseball League this year. We have approximately 70 children signed up so far. They are also sponsoring a Back to School Movie Splash Party this Saturday from 7:30pm to 11:00pm. \$2.00 admission, children three and under are free. The Board will also be putting up a new digital sign at Bruno Field. The Bruno Family name will remain on the sign. Repairs have been done on the roof at the Recreation Center. There have been water issues with all the rain. The attendance at Crabapple Pool has slowed down. However, splash parties, birthday parties, and the Wednesday night swims have been keeping things going. It has been a great season. Thank you to the Konkol Family for the donation of three Adirondack chairs. Lastly, the end of season is as follows. The Pool will be open now through this Sunday, August 26th from noon to 7:00pm. It will be closed due to school being back in session Monday through Friday, but will reopen for Labor Day weekend Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from noon to 7:00pm.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman

As he had reported last month, the majority of complaints that he has been receiving have been about overgrown properties. At least one of those properties may be going to Court because the owners have not responded to his warning letters. He also had a complaint about a dog running loose in Lowber but he has not seen the dog yet. He has continued to work on junk car issues throughout the Township and as he reported in the past, there are a lot of them. We also have a new dump site that the local contractors have been using which is on Township property. We are going to close that area off in the near future to discourage dumping there. It is his understanding that the Township had previously given permission to the Sewage Authority contractors to dump there while the main lines were being installed in the Herminie area and that is probably why the contractors think it is still ok to dump there. Our first RACW demolition property is ready to be taken down. The contractor that will do the work was awarded two contracts in other municipalities the same day he was awarded ours and we are not sure in what order he plans to demolish the properties. He understands it does not take very long to complete one of these demolition projects so ours should be completed within the next month he hopes.

He had two Summary Trials scheduled last Tuesday in District Court. One trial has been rescheduled to October 10th. The house involved is a duplex with two owners and one of those owners was not available last week so Judge Christner could not hear both sides of their story to make his decision. The other trial had been continued from March until June to allow the individual to bring the property into compliance and then rescheduled until last week. However, the property owner did not do what the Judge had told him to do so he was found guilty and fined. Finally, he had a few instances over the last year where he responded to complaints only to realize that the problem was actually neighbors not getting along with each other. He doesn't mind responding to a legitimate Ordinance violation that involves neighbors, but when it turns out the folks just don't like each other, that is a different matter. He has been advised by our Solicitor that his job is not to mediate neighborly disputes. That is Judge Christner's job and anyone can file a private complaint against someone they have a problem with.

Public Comment

Lillian Schmidt and her granddaughters would like to unofficially adopt a road for an unspecified length of time as a Community Service project. They would provide everything needed to clean up and would ask nothing from the Township other than a letter stating that her two girls participated in community service. It would be helpful with their college applications. They are 15 and 17 years old. They would like to do this on Brunazzi Road to Stewart Lane. Mrs. Layman thanked her for wanting to do this.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to disburse 2011 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Creator Customs, LLC	reflective tape for fire truck	\$ 263.36
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Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to disburse 2011 EMS Tax funds on behalf of the Sewickley Township Ambulance Service as follows:

Harbaugh Diesel Engine Co.	repairs to freightliner ambulance	\$ 803.78
Sewickley Twp Ambulance	reimburse for vehicle repairs from Allegheny Ford	\$ 1,028.85

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to authorize the Township Solicitor to advertise proposed Ordinance 2012-5 to establish legal fees, costs, and interest to be imposed on municipal claims. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to authorize emergency repair work on Volk Road under Sections 3102(h)(1) of the Second Class Township Code. This motion and the authorization to move forward is specifically conditioned upon the receipt of a guarantee of funding for the project. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids for the sale of four underlying lots of record adjacent to the Public Library and part of Tax Map No. 58-07-11-0-165 were received and recorded as follows:

Clifford Smith \$ 5,000.00

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to accept the sale of four underlying lots of record adjacent to the Public Library and part of Tax Map No. 58-07-11-0-165 to Clifford Smith in the amount of \$5,000.00. Voting: Mr. Fossi, yes; Mrs. Layman, yes; Mr. Kerber, no. Motion carried.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve the Fulmer Plan located at 1234 Greensburg Pike. This divides Lot 1 containing 10.43 acres from the residual farm tract containing 43.6 acres. The size of the sub-divided property and the length of time of ownership of the farm qualifies it for a 10 acres sewage exemption. The property is served by public water. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve the Watters Plan located along General Braddock Road near Wendel Road. The plan divides the property containing 30 acres into three plots with Lot 4 containing 20 acres, Lot 3R is the residual lot containing 7.32 acres and Lot 5 with 3.40 acres. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve the Lavella Plan located on Limerick Road. This three lot subdivision adds a small side lot addition from Lot 2 and Lot 1 making it a total of .68 acres. It adds 0.07 acres from the existing Toma property to Lot 2 making it 1.0 acres and adds a small triangle to the eastern side of Lot 3 that contains 0.27 acres. All lots have access to public water and sewage lines. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to ratify a Subrecipient Agreement for the 2012 Community Development Block Grant funding in the amount of \$100,000.00. This is for the rehabilitation of subbase and installation of binder course and wearing course on various streets in Herminie and Rillton previously damaged by installation of a sanitary sewer system. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to authorize Gibson-Thomas Engineering to submit the 2013 CDBG Application to Westmoreland County for a paving project (various roads in the Township). Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to pay \$22.00 for the rock placed at the Memorial Garden at Crabapple Park for the Candlelight Vigil held in May, 2012. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to waive the large pavilion rental fee at Crabapple Park for the Lions Club use on August 22, 2012. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to authorize the Sewickley Township Recreation Board use of Bruno Field on Saturday, September 29th for the First Annual Safety Awareness Day and to waive any fees that may be involved. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve Head Lifeguard, Christopher Casagrande's hourly rate while working as Crabapple Pool Manager to be \$8.50 per hour. This will be a \$.25 increase from his regular rate of \$8.25 as Head Guard. A lump sum payment will be made to Mr. Casagrande at the end of the summer season and will include all hours worked as Pool Manager. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to authorize paying two lifeguards their regular rate of pay while attending the Safety Awareness Day at Bruno Field on Saturday, September 29th. These lifeguards will be demonstrating water safety and lifeguard skills. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to ratify the use of Crabapple Pool on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 from 7:30pm to 10:00pm to Township and Crabapple employees and their families. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication during this summer season. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:	Check 23985 - \$ 3,447.00 (6/13/12) Checks 4680 to 4726 - \$ 46,389.29 (7/24/12) Checks 4727 to 4728 - \$ 2,131.72 (7/24/12) Check 4729 - \$ 2,613.01 (7/31/12) Draft 150057 - \$ 2,029.91 (8/6/12) Draft 150058 - \$ 112.51 (8/6/12) Draft 150059 - \$ 398.84 (8/6/12) Draft 150060 - \$ 255.88 (8/6/12)
Crabapple:	Checks 3871 to 3890 - \$ 7,761.45 (7/24/12) Check 3891 - \$ 29.40 (7/24/12) Draft 32 - \$ 213.43 (7/24/12) Draft 33 - \$ 213.43 (7/24/12) Draft 34 - \$ 629.03 (7/24/12) Draft 35 - \$ 185.37 (7/24/12) Draft 36 - \$ 395.95 (8/6/12)
Light Districts:	Draft 81 - \$ 13,004.20 (8/6/12) Draft 82 - \$ 2,340.20 (8/6/12) Draft 83 - \$ 2,637.09 (8/6/12) Draft 84 - \$ 1,025.55 (8/6/12)
Payroll Invoices:	Checks 2659 to 2660 - \$ 499.26 (7/24/12) Draft 90135 - \$ 691.80 (7/30/12) Checks 2678 to 2679 - \$ 2,373.91 (7/31/12) Check 2680 - \$ 2.96 (7/31/12) Drafts 90136 to 90139 - \$ 1,491.35 (7/31/12) Draft 90140 - \$ 12,075.28 (8/6/12)

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

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

Employees Payroll:

(twp) 7/27/12 - \$ 8,791.77 – checks 2661 to 2662 , drafts 22845 to 22855
(pool) 7/27/12 - \$ 2,989.76 – checks 2663 to 2677 , drafts 22856 to 22857
(twp) 8/3/12 - \$ 8,544.26 – checks 2681 to 2682 , drafts 22858 to 22868
(pool) 8/3/12 - \$ 3,544.57 – checks 2683 to 2698 , drafts 22869 to 22870
(twp) 8/10/12 - \$ 8,867.14 – checks 2699 to 2700 , drafts 22871 to 22879
(pool) 8/10/12 - \$ 3,853.36 – checks 2701 to 2717 , drafts 22880 to 22881
(twp) 8/17/12 - \$ 7,894.51 – check 2719 , drafts 22882 to 22891
(pool) 8/17/12 - \$ 2,991.33 – checks 2720 to 2734 , drafts 22892 to 22893

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

New / Old Business

Sewickley Township received a \$150,000 CDBG Grant from Westmoreland County last year to repair roads in Herminie and Rillton due to damage by sewage construction. We received a \$100,000 CDBG Grant from Westmoreland County this month to continue with the road repairs.

Crabapple Pool will be open for Labor Day weekend! The pool's last day of the regular summer season will be Sunday, August 26th. The pool will then re-open for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of Labor Day weekend from 12:00pm to 7:00pm each day.

There are vacancies on the Sewage Authority Board. If anyone is interested in serving on this Board, please submit an application to Brian Merdian or the Township.

Thank you to Bronson Stapf for doing the wall and landscaping as his Eagle Scout project. He did a great job!

With no further business to come before the Board, Joe Kerber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alan Fossi. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer