

Chairman Joseph Kerber on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building called the Regular Meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors to order as advertised in the Times-Sun on Thursday, December 31, 2015. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Joseph Kerber, Brian Merdian, and Alan Fossi. Also attending the meeting were Av Meyers, Tom Byrnes, Ron Oblack, Jim Balog, Kathy Kerber, Linda Harvey, Mark Pertros, Jim Harvey, Norm Vinsick, Paul Faletto, Tom Lord, Ann Mc Williams, Jack McWilliams, Zachary Kansler, Mitch Gross, Janet Schork, and Erika Horvat. Mr. Kerber led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Report from Roadmaster, Joe Kerber**

The past month we've been out pulling ditches on Pinewood, Overland, Sulpher Springs, Ipnar, Woodland, Crescent, Mickle Lane, Hutchinson, Bells Mill, Morris, Pierce, Whyles, Waltz Mill Flats, McGrogan, Slaughter Hollow, Tomatko, Carnegie, Hildenbrand, Falls, Neff, Curry, Wolf, Cool Springs, Almond, Shaner, and Stewart. We are not yet completed. We replaced a storm pipe on Lauffer Lane. Repaired a storm Pipe on Sewickley Avenue and Second Street, and on Church and Third. The mower has been out mowing also.

### **Report from Ordinance Officer, Mitch Gross**

At our last meeting, I informed everyone that I would no longer be able to hold the position as Ordinance Officer for the Township due to my schooling. Since then, the Supervisors and I have come to an agreement that I would attempt to work on a part time basis in the evenings. These last two weeks have been relatively busy on my end, restricting me to about 10 Hours. Once things settle on my end, I expect to be putting more hours in for the Township. Last Week I received notice from the Westmoreland County Land Bank that the Mortgage Company for the Former Mikes Bar is looking into having the property Demolished. In the meantime, I have received notice that the Mortgage Company will begin to have the property Secured.

### **Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork**

- **Crabapple Pool:**
  - We've had a great season so far. However, it has slowed down a bit at the pool. This is normal for mid-August as families prepare for the beginning of school.
  - The pool will be open through Sunday, August 28. Then we will be closed from Monday, August 29 through Friday, September 2. We will re-open for Labor Day Weekend on Saturday, September 3 through September 5. And then close for the season on Tuesday, September 6. All dates are weather permitting
  - Our final Wednesday evening swim will be on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - I'll have a final report at next month's meeting.
  
- **Community Day:**
  - I was on vacation during the community day event but spoke with committee member Lori Jones who was pleased with the success and of the event.
  - Thank you to the community day committee members and volunteers for all of their hard work not only during the day of the event but in preparing Bruno Field to look its best!
  
- **Boy Scout Herminie Troop 259:**
  - Update on the cleared property at the corner of Sewickley & Pike Street:
    - We sold four wooden benches
    - Flag pole and pavers have been ordered
    - Herminie Boy Scout Troop 259 will be working at the site in September

- **Recreation Center:**

- I am now accepting reservations from our resident sports' groups for the 2016-2017 gym season at the recreation center.
- November 1 is set as the "open" date for non-resident groups to reserve any available spots.
- We will once again be offering our basketball/volleyball camps Saturday mornings starting in December.
- New this year, we hope to start a morning Yoga class on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings. I am waiting to hear back from the Yoga instructor.

A resident asked what is being done on the corner of Pike Street. Mrs. Schork stated that a flagpole with a fourteen circle around it with pavers is being installed. Four benches on pavers will be put in as well. There will also be a solar light installed for the flagpole. Linda Harvey asked if this is through the Recreation. Mrs. Schork stated no, that is per the grant. The Supervisors stated that this is through a grant and the Boy Scouts needed a project and we are all in agreement that they should complete this.

A resident asked Janet if some improvements were done to Hutchy Playground. Mrs. Schork stated that we got the trash cans, I am getting another bid to put in the dusk to dawn light, we are going to see if the kids from Vo-Tech will put together some benches, and I am going to get the mulch ordered. The original plans stated the playground is for children age's four to twelve.

### **Public Comment**

A Pennsylvania State Trooper from the Greensburg barracks attended the meeting as a guest speaker. He wanted to come and answer any questions and to reach out to the community to see if there were any concerns. Linda Harvey stated that with Crime Watch she would get a monthly statement as to what was going on in the Township like car wrecks, drug arrests, etc. Mrs. Harvey asked if we could start to get something like this again. The State Police Officer stated that our point of contact would be Trooper Steven Lamoni.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to disburse 2015 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to approve the Faletto Plan. This property is situated in both Hempfield and Sewickley Townships. This subdivides the Faletto farm located on the Herminie- Wendel and Buffalo Hill Roads and was discussed at the July meeting. All the checklist requirements for the sub-division were present at that time. This submission included a letter from Hempfield Township indicating their approval and that they would sign the plan upon approval from the Sewickley Township Supervisors. The plan was approved 5-0. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to approve the Vanyo Plan. This plan was presented at the June meeting and received preliminary approval then pending a land hook being added to connect parcels A & B. Also a DEP letter approving the sewage hookup to the municipal sewer line was needed. This letter and one from MSATS were included with the submission. The land hook was also added to the drawings. The approval was 5-0. It was noted that any future subdivisions of this property would require a major subdivision being filed. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossin to approve and adopt the Code Update Ordinance which improves the uniformity and enforcement mechanisms of the Township Code, and obtain approval from the Westmoreland Development Council, if necessary, through the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to use Act 13 Impact Fee funds made payable to Gibson Thomas Engineering in the amount of \$2,277.40. This is for the MS4 Permit Program. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to rescind motion number 14 of the July 20, 2016 meeting transferring the ambulance building at 2 Medic Street Herminie into the name of The Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service. . Mr. Fossi stated he will abstain because he is a member of the Ambulance Service. Voting: Mr. Kerber, yes; Mr. Merdian, yes; Mr. Fossi, abstained. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to approve gifting the ambulance building at 2 Medic Street, Herminie to The Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service on the condition that the property be returned back to The Township of Sewickley if it is not used by the Ambulance Service for Emergency Management Services. Mr. Fossi stated he will abstain because he is a member of the Ambulance Service. Voting: Mr. Kerber, yes; Mr. Merdian, yes; Mr. Fossi, abstained. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to approve Resolution No. 38-2016 adopting the study of the Waltz Mill Industrial Park Act 537 Plan received from the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify accepting the quote submitted from Russ's Lawn and Landscape to mow the property on 321 Madison Ave., Herminie at a price of \$150.00 for the first cut then \$45.00 monthly. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to purchase a Johnson Sweeper Truck from Unity Township the amount of \$25,000.00. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to purchase a 2001 International 4900 truck from Honey Brook Township, in the amount of \$25,200.00. Mr. Merdian asked for some background information on the truck. Mr. Kerber stated the truck has 32,000 miles on it, comes with a spreader and plow, and it was completely sandblasted and repainted two years ago. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 39-2016 setting the compensation for the Ordinance Officer at \$16.00 per hour working up to 20 hours per week. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to change Erika Horvat's position from Secretary Treasurer to Secretary-Treasurer/Office Manager effective August 18, 2016. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify Mitchell Gross to work over his allotted hours on the payroll date of July 29, 2016. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify Susan Leukhardt to work over her allotted hours on the payroll date of August 5, 2016. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify Janet Schork to work over her allotted hours on the payroll dates of July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 5, 2016. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:	Checks 7951 to 7962 - \$ 17,675.42 (7/20/16)
	Checks 7963 to 7965 - \$ 455.00 (7/22/16)
	Checks 7966 to 7991 - \$ 36,546.07 (7/28/16)
	ACH Payment - \$ 3,804.15 (8/4/16)
	Checks 7992 to 8011 - \$ 24,435.89 (8/4/16)
	Checks 8012 to 8034 - \$ 14,361.76 (8/10/16)
	Checks 8035 to 8043 - \$ 7,075.64 (8/12/16)
	Check 8044 - \$ 300.00 (8/16/16)
	Checks 8045 to 8059 - \$ 5,744.27 (8/17/16)
Crabapple:	Checks 4357 to 4363 - \$ 914.80 (7/28/16)
	Check 4364 - \$ 9,358.00 (7/29/16)
	Checks 4365 to 4368 - \$ 4,123.44 (8/4/16)
	Checks 4369 to 4378 - \$ 2,495.75 (8/10/16)
	Checks 4379 to 4381 - \$ 2,420.44 (8/12/16)
	Checks 4382 to 4385 - \$ 1,975.56 (8/17/16)

Payroll Invoices:           Checks 4613 to 4614 - \$ 221.19 (8/5/16)  
                                  Checks 4635 to 4637 - \$ 3,320.42 (8/10/16)  
                                  Check 4673 - \$ 39.83 (8/17/16)

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

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

Employees Payroll:  
                  (tpw) 7/29/16 - \$ 10,254.69  
                  (pool) 7/29/16 - \$ 3,798.63  
                  (tpw) 8/5/16 - \$ 10,230.14  
                  (pool) 8/5/16 - \$ 2,887.26  
                  (tpw) 8/12/16 - \$ 9,966.60  
                  (pool) 8/12/16 - \$ 3,921.34  
                  (tpw) 8/19/16 - \$ 10,532.24  
                  (pool) 8/19/16 - \$ 3,113.91

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

#### **New / Old Business**

Mr. Kerber stated that a letter of resignation was received from Rob Ramono. Alan Fossi made the motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to accept the resignation of Rob Ramon from the Recreation Board. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board, Brian Merdian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alan Fossi. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Erika Horvat  
Secretary-Treasurer