

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, August 20, 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 Gene Suskalo, Elayne Suskalo, Marjorie Sykes, William Sykes, Kathy Kerber, Av Mayers, Tom Byrnes, Marianne Errett, Lisa Kassler, Ilene Kassler, Diane Farkas, Tracy Hampshire, Gary Grimm, John Fedorko, Norman Vinsick, Sandy Dull, Tom Bonner, Marlene Hoey, Dave Hoey, Jack McWilliams, Ann McWilliams, Carole Medved, Lori Jones, Wayne Jones, Christie Demme, Greg Serakowski, Michelle Smith, Janet Schork, Dean Zimmerman, and Susan Leukhardt. Other names were illegible or did not sign in.

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

Public Works Report

Working on the following roads to get ready for paving... Cool Springs, Curry, McGrew Hill, Reservoir, and Maple. Replaced eight catch basins on McGrew Hill and placed around 1,000 ft of storm pipe. Placed six catch basins and 700 ft of storm pipe on Curry Road. Fixed shoulder and replaced cross pipes on Cool Springs Road. Mowing and working in the shop to repair some equipment.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman

In the last month, the complaints have been the usual three; high vegetation, illegal burning, and junk motor vehicles. One of the burning issues even brought the DEP into the mix and they are very interested in air quality being affected by these fires. Two of the worst vegetation problems are in Herminie and both of those owners live out of state so you know how hard it is to deal with them. In the last week, I have sent out 14 letters concerning junk motor vehicles in the Clopper Street and Rillton areas. As I have said before, and firmly believe, folks in Sewickley Township love to keep their junkers.

As I reported in my last report, I had two Summary Trials on July 22nd. One individual was given a continuance to bring his property into compliance and that hearing is re-scheduled for September 18th. The other individual, who had been in Court once before, did not appear, the Judge found him guilty in absentia and fined him \$500.00 plus court costs. A re-scheduled trial that was supposed to occur on August 28th has now been moved to September 3rd.

I have reported in the past that the arrest warrants that were issued for my cases were at the bottom of the Sheriff's Department warrant list. This past month, one of our residents apparently lit a fire under the Sheriff's Department Warrant Unit and they have subsequently served warrants on three individuals. I now have one of those cases scheduled for trial on September 11th and the other two plus a new case are scheduled for September 18th along with the case I mentioned above. Hopefully I will be able to get some convictions on those folks. I still have 5 warrants outstanding and one pending issue.

Mr. Jones clarified with Mr. Zimmerman that letters are being sent for high vegetation.

Mr. Suskalo asked for a report on the illegal junkyard on Scott Haven Road. Mr. Zimmerman stated that the Consol people sent the tenant a letter giving him an ultimatum. Mr. Zimmerman also spoke with him on the phone and he stated that he is willing to take care of it.

A resident asked if Harris Drive is on the paving list. Mr. Fossi stated no, it is not on the regular list, but it may be on the CDBG list. We will look into it.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Recreation Center:

- Upcoming Recreation Center Events:
 - Canoe & Kayak Trip, Sunday August 17
 - Cancelled due to lack of interest
 - Only 6 People signed up
 - Saturday, August 23, 2014 Back to School Splash Dance Party at Crabapple Pool starting at 7:30pm. Originally we were to show a movie, but due to the costly movie license fee (\$425), we will be having a DJ. It will be "Buck Night" – everything \$1 – admission, hot dogs, nachos, chips, candy, drinks, popcorn
 - Recreation Center Business:
 - Due to an increase in utility costs, the recreation board would like to raise the rates at the gym \$5.00 for each category:
 - Long-term Contracts:
 - Residents from \$20 to \$25/hour
 - Non-Residents Early Bird (by October 1) from \$35 to \$40/hour
 - Non-Residents After October 1 from \$40 to \$45/hour
 - Short-Term Contracts:
 - (1 day, multiple hours) from \$30 to \$35/hour
 - Special Event Pricing Available Upon Request
 - This item is on the agenda for Township Board of Supervisor's Approval or Rejection
 - Once the pool is closed, I will be sending out the Fall/Winter Recreation Center rental inquiries. First rental opportunities will be given once again to rent the same day/times as last season.

Pool:

- Final Wednesday Evening Swim tonight
- End-of-season Pool Schedule:
 - Open Daily Noon-7 through Monday, August 25
 - Closed Tuesday August 26 through Friday August 29
 - Open Labor Day Weekend, Saturday August 30, Sunday August 31, Monday September 1
- Yvonne Shawl Manager Salary now that Matt Cox has returned to school. Kari Winkler, Assistant Manager. From August 7 to pool closure.
- I'll have a final report at next month's Township Meeting.

Flags Fly at Crabapple Park:

- On August 2, 2014 Sewickley Township recognized the Herminie Boy Scouts and the Brownie/Daisies Troop 21086 for their efforts on different projects in Sewickley Township Park & Recreation areas.
- The Following were honored:
 - Zachary Casagrande Bruno Field Sign
 - Alexander Schork Crabapple Flag Pole area across from large pavilion
 - JohnPaul Sommers Construction of Sand Volleyball Court at Crabapple Pool
 - Shane Stafford Landscape Entrance at Pool 2013
 - Brownie/Daisy Troop 21086 Planted flowers at the Sewickley Township Office Building
- Guests in Attendance:
 - Representative from US Congressman Tim Murphy's office
 - Pennsylvania State Senator Kim Ward
 - Pennsylvania State House of Representative Ted Harhai
 - Westmoreland County Commissioner Ted Kopas
 - Sewickley Township Supervisors Alan Fossi and Wanda Layman
 - Bob Cross from the Crabapple Trust

- Troop leaders and parents
- Rillton & Herminie VFD
- Sewickley Township Ambulance

- Program:
 - Congressman Murphy Representative, Senator Ward, Representative Harhai, Commissioner Kopas presented special certificates to each of the scouts.
 - After the United States and Pennsylvania State Flags were presented, the scouts raised the flags and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - After the ceremony, everyone visited the pool for Refreshments and swimming
 - It was a wonderful day in which to recognize the achievements of our youth and what a joy it was to see the flags raised at the park after being absent for decades. Stop by and take a look at all that's been done at the park – you will be amazed and I'm sure very proud of the results.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting held on November 20, 2013 as reviewed. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Gene Suskalo gave a presentation on Scott Haven Road regarding some issues which include supervision of work, specs, and will the problem of drainage be addressed and solved before paving occurs. Some photos have not been shown before. After the video presentation, Mr. Suskalo asked if the drainage problem will be solved before the paving occurs. Mrs. Layman answered yes, it is on the schedule to do drainage before paving. Mr. Suskalo then asked who is drawing up the specifications. Mrs. Layman answered the Engineer. We would like a copy of this video to show our Engineer the major water issue on that road. Mr. Suskalo stated that the water is coming off the fields. Mrs. Layman stated that this is happening on a number of our roads as of late... the water coming off the fields.

Kathy Kerber asked if the Conservation District has been notified of the water issues on that road. Mr. Fossi said they will contact them.

Lisa Kassler stated again that all of Van Kirk needs to be taken care, not just a portion. Mr. Fossi explained again what the plan is.

Gary Grimm spoke to clear things up as to why he resigned as Township Auditor. He had a lot of people ask him if he was forced to resign by any Supervisor or due to the allegations regarding the fuel. This is completely wrong. He lost his wife the end of April. He made the decision too quickly. No one made him resign. He will be back on the ballot in the future.

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: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; 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:

Premier Safety & Service, Inc. – pike pole and brackets	\$ 165.61
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Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals for the paving of Scott Haven Road were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 11:00am. The bids were as follows:

El Grande Industries, Inc.	\$ 232,175.75
Victor Paving & Construction (could not do project until April, 2015)	\$ 238,253.75

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to accept the bid for the paving of Scott Haven Road to El Grande Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$ \$232,175.75. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve Ordinance No. 2014-2 updating the existing Municipal Pension Plan in order to comply with the current standards and requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to acknowledge the receipt of the 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) paperwork and authorize the execution of all documents. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the Greenhouse Winery Site Plan located on Pinewood Road. This site plan met all guidelines from the Township Engineer, Sewickley Township Planning Commission, and the Westmoreland County Conservation District. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the request of Bell Rock Development, LLC, to utilize a cul-de-sac roadway being 770-feet in length for the proposed Wineberry Ridge Estate Plan. The Planning Commission has recommended this variation from the standard length of a cul-de-sac given configuration and topography of the property. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the re-subdivision of parcel B of the Derr Plan of Lots located on Rt 136 west of Madison. This plan, located in an A-1 zoning district, divides parcel B-1 containing 1.43 acres with a mobile home and existing garages from the residual parcel B-2 containing 19.69 acres. B-1 has existing on-lot septic, public water, and electric. B-2 remains agricultural with a non-building waiver. 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 Wanda Layman, to approve the Guardasoni Plan No. 3 Subdivision. This plan consists of a side lot addition of 1.17 acres to Lot 2 that contains an existing dwelling and on-lot septic system. Lot 4A with 2.39 acres containing an existing residence with an on-lot septic is sub-divided from the residual 73.47 agricultural parcel Lot 4 carrying a non-building exemption. Private water and electric are available at both plots containing residences. The zoning designation for all parcels is A-1. 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 Wanda Layman, to approve the Sweeney Family Subdivision on Korpar Lane that is zoned R-R. The plan divides Lot 2 containing 1.0 acre from Lot 1 containing 2.9184 acres. Both properties have existing residences, on-lot septic, public water, and electric. 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 Wanda Layman, to purchase a plow for the grader from US Municipal in the amount of \$8,530.00. Board Comments: Mrs. Layman stated that one of plows out back was sold and that \$2,500 will go towards the purchase of this grader plow. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter has been received from Dolores Luft regarding the waiving of garbage service at 110 Yew Lane, Rillton due to her using the family business dumpster located next door.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to waive Dolores Luft's garbage service and all bills relating to garbage pickup through Waste Management. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to accept the following resignations:

Brian Nicholls as Public Works Director effective August 24, 2014
John Wood as Road Crew Equipment Operator effective September 21, 2014

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to pay Brian Nicholls any comp time remaining at the end of his employment. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to advertise for the following positions:

Public Works Director
Road Crew Equipment Operator

Board Comments: Mr. Kerber asked why are we replacing a crew man again when we have a full crew. Mrs. Layman stated that we need this crew member. We have someone off now with disability and in the snow, we need someone. Mr. Kerber would like to see the resumes this time. Mrs. Layman stated they are always located up here on the desk. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to increase the salary of Yvonne Shawl from \$8.75 to \$10.00 per hour effective August 7, 2014. This is due to Matt Cox resigning as Crabapple Pool Manager. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the following rental rates for the 2014-2015 season at the Sewickley Township Recreation Center. These rates are recommended by the Recreation Board with an increase of \$5.00 per hour.

Sewickley Township Residents / Teams:	\$ 25.00 per hour
Non-Residents / Teams:	\$ 45.00 per hour
Early Bird - half paid by October 1 st	\$ 40.00 per hour
Short Term, One Day Rentals:	\$ 35.00 per hour
Special Event Pricing upon Request	

Board Comments: Mrs. Layman has a concern that raising the prices will hinder the rental of the facility. Mr. Kerber feels that with the utilities going up, they have to go up to function. Mr. Fossi asked Mrs. Schork what the rentals have been like now. Mrs. Schork listed the rental schedule which was very full. She feels it is necessary and doesn't see a problem other than maybe the non-resident rate. We are still

cheaper than other facilities though. The gas bill is constantly going up and Jack McWilliams feels it's because the fans are not working. Mrs. Schork stated that they are looking into getting them functional again. Mrs. Dull asked how much money does the Township contribute to the Rec. Mrs. Layman stated that they function on their own. We just do the major maintenance on the building. Mr. Fossi is impressed how they holding their own. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Township has received a letter from Lori Jones requesting appointment to the Municipal Sewage Authority of the Township of Sewickley:

Joe Kerber made a motion with no second to adopt Resolution No. 25-2014 appointing Lori Jones to the Municipal Sewage Authority of the Township of Sewickley to fulfill the remainder of John Costanza's term. This term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2019. Motion did not pass.

Lori Jones asked why there was no second on the previous motion when you voted someone onto the Sewage Authority under New Business a couple months ago and didn't allow Public Comment. Supervisors did not comment.

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

General Fund:	Checks 6408 to 6454 - \$ 66,233.89 (7/23/14) Draft 150099 - \$ 7,739.65 (7/24/14) Check 6456 - \$ 1,388.43 (7/29/14) Checks 6457 to 6489 - \$ 43,961.23 (8/12/14) Drafts 150099 to 150100 - \$ 623.76 (8/12/14) Drafts 150101 to 150102 - \$ 708.99 (8/12/14)
Crabapple:	Checks 4104 to 4117 - \$ 7,596.02 (7/21/14) Checks 4118 to 4123 - \$ 734.38 (7/23/14) Draft 57 - \$ 981.47 (7/24/14) Checks 4124 to 4133 - \$ 2,666.17 (8/12/14) Draft 58 - \$ 199.04 (8/12/14)
Lights Districts:	Draft 142 - \$ 2,528.06 (7/24/14) Draft 143 - \$ 454.86 (7/24/14) Draft 144 - \$ 512.53 (7/24/14) Draft 145 - \$ 199.32 (7/24/14) Draft 146 - \$ 2,628.95 (8/12/14) Draft 147 - \$ 472.93 (8/12/14) Draft 148 - \$ 533.06 (8/12/14) Draft 149 - \$ 207.30 (8/12/14)
Payroll Invoices:	Checks 3554 to 3557 - \$ 2,670.45 (7/23/14) Draft 90207 - \$ 11,141.56 (7/24/14) Draft 90208 - \$ 12,208.37 (7/24/14) Draft 90209 - \$ 868.43 (8/6/14) Draft 90210 - \$ 714.68 (8/6/14) Checks 3616 to 3618 - \$ 603.78 (8/12/14)

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

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

Employees Payroll:

- (twp) 7/25/14 - \$ 8,082.08 – check 3532 , drafts 24253 to 24264
- (pool) 7/25/14 - \$ 3,400.52 – checks 3533 to 3553 , drafts 24265 and 24266
- (twp) 8/1/14 - \$ 8,285.32 – check 3558 , drafts 24267 to 24278
- (pool) 8/1/14 - \$ 3,433.72 – checks 3559 to 3577 , draft 24279
- (twp) 8/8/14 - \$ 13,180.84 – checks 3578 & 3596 , drafts 24280 to 24290
- (pool) 8/8/14 - \$ 1,861.99 – checks 3579 to 3595 , draft 24291
- (twp) 8/15/14 - \$ 12,940.53 – check 3597 , drafts 24292 to 24303
- (pool) 8/15/14 - \$ 3,735.73 – checks 3598 to 3615 , draft 24304
- (twp) 8/22/14 - \$ 10,142.62 – check 3619 , drafts 24305 to 24316
- (pool) 8/22/14 - \$ 1,923.65 – checks 3620 to 3635 , draft 24317

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

New / Old Business

Crabapple Park will be closing for the season on Saturday, November 1, 2014.

With no further business to come before the Board, Joe Kerber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wanda Layman. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer