

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 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 as advertised in The Times-Sun on Thursday, January 17, 2013. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Alan Fossi, Wanda Layman, and Joe Kerber. Also attending the meeting were Lt. John J. Dell, Trp. Stephen Limani, Marianne Errett, Kevin Waryanka, Linda Harvey, Tracy Hampshire, Sandy Dull, Ruth Lucov, Tom Bonner, Kathy Kerber, Jack McWilliams, Alan Samulski, Sharon Cerne, John Lavelle, Joe Napsha, Paul Rupnik, Jr., Paula Alcott, Dean Zimmerman, and Susan Leukhardt.

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

### **State Troopers Presentation**

Lt. John H. Dell addressed the Supervisors and residents regarding the drug problem in Sewickley Township. They are aware of what is going on here along with other Townships, Counties, the rest of the State, and the Country. Trp. Limani attended the previous Crime Watch Meeting and they have now made a few changes as to how they are investigating these drugs problems. They have changed how calls are taken. How dispatch handles them and processed. Prior to Trp Limani attending the Crime Watch Meeting, there was one active drug investigation going on. After that meeting, there are an additional five more active drug investigations in Sewickley Township. Residents will see marked Troopers not only on patrol, but working with our vice squad, in our neighborhoods. They are asking for information on these people. Get involved. Be specific. If something is happening on a reoccurring basis, channel through the Crime Watch by emailing them. They will then forward the emails to the Crime Division. Most importantly, this is all confidential and do not put yourself in harm's way.

### **Paving Bid Opening**

El Grande Industries:	\$ 79,893.25
Folino Construction:	\$ 81,796.25
Morgan Excavating:	\$ 74,936.25
Russell Standard:	\$ 88,108.00
Tresco Company:	\$ 68,365.00
Victor Paving:	\$ 72,206.00

### **Executive Session to Review and Evaluate Paving Bids**

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to accept bid for the paving of Kangaroo Hill Road and McClerge Road to Tresco Paving in the amount of \$ 68,365.00. Voting: Mr. Fossi, yes ; Mrs Layman, yes ; Mr. Kerber, no. Motion carried.

### **Report from Secretary-Treasurer, Susan Leukhardt**

For the past month, Mrs. Leukhardt has been trying to determine exactly what type of report should be given at this meeting. There are too many facts and figures to give in a verbal report. The Township's expenses and revenues are extremely more detailed than the Sewage Authority. All expenses are listed on the agenda and voted on every month as is required. If there is something specific a resident is looking for, please fill out a right to know report and she will be happy to provide the information requested.

### **Report from Township Coordinator, Wanda Layman**

Working with resident to find recycling center close to them for the items they needed to dispose of. Working at trying to find an invoice from September, 2007 through September, 2008 where water was hauled out of the Township to give to Moody & Associates and tracking down other possibilities. Faxed paving bid results to companies as requested. Contacted Smithton Police, North Huntingdon, White Oak, Southwestern PA Police, and Irwin Borough Police Departments to begin gathering information to present to Supervisors. Typed up report for Supervisors on information for police departments and placed in their mailboxes. Worked with GE Capital about return of copier whose lease runs out August 1<sup>st</sup>. Worked with getting bids to return copier to warehouse in Canton, OH. Set up schedule for pickup to return the copier. Talked to contractor from Chevron concerning damage to resident's property from their truck. Working with Mike Kistler, Dan Hewitt, and Dan Schmitt to set up a meeting concerning Shuglie Hill Road. Meeting is set for September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am. Worked with Dan Hewitt on updating and changing the Resolution and By-Laws for the Sewickley Township Recreation Board as per their request on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Worked on getting prices as per the request of the Sewickley Township Library for a french drain. Working with Dan Schmitt and Dan Hewitt in creating a Land Disturbance/Stormwater Management Permit Form with cost to present to the Supervisors. Filled out paperwork to renew Federal Surplus Property. Worked with Mandy at Chevron to figure out a question she had. Worked on putting together the newsletter and completed several Dollar Energy applications. The County emailed Mrs. Layman regarding setting up a meeting between the County, Sunoco, and the Supervisors in the beginning of October.

### **Report for Public Works**

Working on getting bids on salt shed roof and for the Rillton storm drain problem on Oak Street. Cleaned pipes on Rodabaugh Rd. Fixed clogged pipe at the bottom of Kangaroo Hill Rd. Fixed wash out on Greenhills Rd. Finished paving on Dexter St. and Sewickley Ave. Installed two new catch basins on Church Street to prep for paving. Trimming trees and pulling ditches on roads to get ready for paving. Shuglie Hill Rd was closed due to the road washing out. The Township Engineer sent a letter for this road to be closed until we can get that area fixed. It is closed from Handee Ln to Volk Rd. Fixed bus turn on Firehall Ave. Fixed water run off problem and installed pipe on Carnegie Rd. Mowing when it rains to try and catch up on the over growth. Getting Middlemiss Ln ready for paving. Fixed clogged pipe on Turner Valley Ln.

### **Report from Recreation Director**

Crabapple Pool: Final evening swim is tonight. Pool is open now through Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from noon to 7:00pm. Weather permitting. Closing for the season on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. We, unfortunately, will not be able to open for Labor Day Weekend. We only have one lifeguard able to work. All of our other guards have either started college or will be busy with high school activities. Final report at next month's Township Meeting.

Rock the Yough Music & Family Summerfest '13: The Summerfest was a wonderful community event that unfortunately due to the poor weather, only approximately 250 attended. We had 14 vendors displaying their products and services. Some of the vendors have said that they would love to return again next year if the Recreation Board does Summerfest again. Thank you to the Recreation Board, Sewickley Township Supervisors, and all our sponsors: Chevron, Herminie Auto Parts, Labuda Farm Service, Earth Elements, Turik's Electric, The Notary Shoppe, Mullaert's Sales and Service, Nickels Funeral Home, Mars Hill Storage, Herminie Dairy Queen, First National Bank, and The Palace Lunch. Thank you also to Yough Midget Football, Yough School Board, Yough Band Parents, Sewickley Township Emergency Management, Sewickley Community Ambulance Service, and Herminie, Rillton, Lowber, and Hutchinson Volunteer Fire Companies.

Recreation Center: Once the pool is closed, Mrs. Schork will be sending out the Fall/Winter Recreation Center rental inquiries. First rental opportunities will be given to our previous renters allowing them to once again rent the same day/times as last season.

The Recreation Board will be meeting on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss and set Recreation Center Fall/Winter rates for the Supervisor's approval. We will also be going through a list of activities being offered to the Community for the upcoming year. Once approved by the Township Supervisors, Mrs. Schork will have this schedule at next month's Township Meeting.

Township Website: In early November, the website will be unavailable for two to three days for updating our template to the most recent version.

### **Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman**

The majority of the issues Mr. Zimmerman has been dealing with were the usual grass cutting, property maintenance, and junk motor vehicles. We have had a few new dumping incidents around the Township in a couple new locations like Shaner and Derr Roads. Now that the contracting businesses are in full swing, he guesses those folks want to save money by using this area for their dumping grounds again. Last month, Mr. Zimmerman reported that he had Summary Trials scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Those cases were heard by Judge Christner and both were continued until September 4<sup>th</sup> to give those two gentlemen a chance to bring their properties into compliance. Additionally, he filed a new complaint against a repeat offender that has been to court twice already and that trial is also scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup>. Yesterday, he filed three more criminal complaints with the District Court. One is for a repeat offender and the other two are new folks. In the two years he has been in this position, he has taken 31 cases to Court, and of those cases, there are still nine warrants of arrest active. This week marks his second anniversary as your Ordinance Officer. He thanked the citizens of Sewickley Township that he has received complaints from for their patience. The old adage that "the wheels of justice turn slowly" is still true. He would rather take his time and do things right than to get in a rush and have his cases thrown out of court. This job is not an easy one and he thanks those that have supported him, including the Township Supervisors and Susan and Paula in the office, in his efforts to make Sewickley Township a little better place to live.

Mr. Fossi thanked Mr. Zimmerman for doing an outstanding job.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 17, 2013 as reviewed. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Tom Bonner lives on Sulphur Springs Road and asked if the Township has any control over the fracking companies and the noise they make. They honk their horn every time entering the site and a light shines brightly on his property. Mr. Kerber and Mrs. Layman stated that the State regulates them. Mr. Fossi added that the Township has no authority over these companies. The fracking takes three to four weeks to complete and that's when it will be its worst. Mrs. Layman will contact Chevron regarding the light shining on his property. Maybe it can be adjusted. A conversation then began regarding the Sunoco Pipeline. No definite details are available as of yet. The Supervisors will be meeting with them.

Alan Samulski congratulated Mr. Zimmerman and thanked him for all the work he's doing in the Township. He then told Mrs. Leukhardt that he was sorry to see her leave the Recreation Board and thanked her for the Budget. He also told the Supervisors that they are running the meetings much more effectively and efficiently the past few months. Mr. Samulski went on to read a prepared statement regarding several issues. First being the property next to the Recreation Center with the store going onto that property. Why are Mrs. Layman and Mr. Fossi fighting to keep it when it is costing the taxpayers, the Zoning Board, and one local resident money and also going against the residents' wishes? Second, he spoke about the ambulance issues in prior months. He then stated that they are fighting the Zoning Board, a local resident in Court, being sued by Jeannette EMS, and fired our Roadmaster, hired a part time Coordinator and part time Public Works Director who is limited because he doesn't have a CDL or belong to the Union and invite outside contractors to do the Road Crew's work. Where is the loyalty to

the general public and the money they are supposed to be saving for the Township? This seems like it is more of a private agenda.

John Lavelle spoke about McGrew Hill Road. It was beat up when he built his house there, but realized it was a small price to pay so they could live away from everything. As each year goes by, he tries to remind himself of that mentality, but recently he has to be honest.... The road is shot. It's a health and safety issue now. Mrs. Layman stated that the PennDot catch basin is destroying the road. Something has to be done with that. Mrs. Layman stated we are hoping to do something before winter.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to disburse 2012 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

S & T Bank – mortgage payment	\$ 602.25
Scott Electric – rewire siren to new bldg	\$ 173.45

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to disburse 2012 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Emergency Management as follows:

Earth Elements – sand for sandbags	\$ 218.75
Mobile Radio Service, Inc. – five (5) radios and batteries	\$ 6,158.50

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

Three written quotes were received for the purchase of the salt shed roof. They are as follows:

Tek Supply	\$ 9,624.01
Big Top Manufacturing	\$ 9,950.00
Shelter Logic	\$ 16,802.00

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to accept the quote for the purchase of the salt shed roof to Tek Supply in the amount of \$ 9,624.01. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Four companies were contacted and shown an excavation and pipe job in Rillton to repair a major sink hole. Three (3) written quotes were received for this job and they are as follows:

Precise Tank Modifications, Inc.	\$ 9,560.00
Good's Plumbing & Heating	\$ 14,895.00
Dave Poole	\$ 15,500.00
Kimberly Contracting Services	no quote received

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to accept the quote for the Rillton sink hole job to Precise Tank Modifications, Inc in the amount of \$ \$ 9,560.00. Board Comments: Mr. Kerber asked why is this being put out for bid. Mrs. Layman stated that the Township has sink holes problems on Heplers Circle and Wineland, paving to do on Middlemiss, County money has to be spent on Madison, and storm damage to be taken care of. With a contractor, it should take nine days. When figuring the cost of us to do it, the labor would be \$6,200. We also need to rent a piece of equipment for \$1,500 per week for rental. The guys would be tied up on this job when they could be out getting some of that other work done. Mr. Kerber then asked why did we just spend \$300,000 on new equipment when we're farming out all our work. Mrs. Layman responded that she has list of things that need to be done. Residents are calling and these issues need to be handled. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to ratify the increase of Kari Winkler and Bronson Stapf's hourly rate from \$ 7.75 per hour to \$ 8.50 per hour while working as Assistant Pool Manager at Crabapple Pool. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to ratify the donation of \$3,000 to the Sewickley Township Recreation Board for "Rock the Yough Music and Family Summerfest" that was held on Saturday, July 27, 2013. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to accept Susan Leukhardt's resignation from the Sewickley Township Recreation Board effectively immediately. Board Comments: Mr. Fossi thanked Mrs. Leukhardt for all her hard work and dedication to the Community. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:	Checks 5561 to 5607 - \$ 44,354.09 (7/25/13) Check 5608 - \$ 2,824.87 (7/31/13) Check 5609 - \$ 70.00 (8/6/13) Checks 5610 to 5627 - \$ 17,875.69 (8/6/13)
Crabapple:	Checks 3993 to 4003 - \$ 9,115.18 (7/24/13) Checks 4004 to 4005 - \$ 2,925.00 (7/25/13) Checks 4006 to 4010 - \$ 2,017.82 (8/6/13) Check 4011 - \$ 400.00 (8/16/13)
Highway Aid:	Check 419 - \$ 5,730.92 (7/25/13) Check 420 - \$ 9,274.19 (8/6/13)
Payroll Invoices:	Checks 3129 to 3132 - \$ 2,164.39 (7/25/13) Draft 90172 - \$ 811.13 (7/29/13) Check 3158 - \$ 2.82 (7/31/13) Check 3183 - \$ 87.28 (8/6/13) Draft 90173 - \$ 11,557.05 (8/6/13) Draft 90174 - \$ 680.35 (8/19/13) Draft 90175 - \$ 642.40 (8/19/13)

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

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

Employees Payroll:

(twp) 7/26/13 - \$ 7,494.55 – check 3106 , drafts 23511 to 23521  
(pool) 7/26/13 - \$ 4,028.14 – checks 3107 to 3128 , drafts 23522 and 23523  
(twp) 8/2/13 - \$ 7,671.56 – check 3133 , drafts 23524 to 23534  
(pool) 8/2/13 - \$ 3,440.74 – checks 3134 to 3157 , drafts 23535 and 23536  
(twp) 8/9/13 - \$ 8,253.40 – check 3159 & 3182, drafts 23537 to 23546  
(pool) 8/9/13 - \$ 3,223.67 – checks 3160 to 3181 , drafts 23547 and 23548  
(twp) 8/16/13 - \$ 7,286.31 – check 3184 , drafts 23549 to 23559  
(pool) 8/16/13 - \$ 2,740.15 – checks 3185 to 3206 , drafts 23560 to 23561  
(twp) 8/23/13 - \$ 7,271.43 – check 3207 , drafts 23562 to 23572  
(pool) 8/23/13 - \$ 2,121.54 – checks 3208 to 3225 , drafts 23573 to 23574

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

With no further business to come before the Board, Joe Kerber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wanda Layman. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt  
Secretary-Treasurer