

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 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, January 1, 2015. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Alan Fossi, Wanda Layman, and Joseph Kerber. Also attending the meeting were Brian Merdian, Tom Lord, Wayne Jones, Lori Jones, Tom Bymes, Av Mayers, Marianne Errett, Kathy Kerber, Sandy Dull, Yvonne Merdian, Brianna Merdian, Tracy Hampshire, Jon Turik, Jen Turik, Jim Balog, John Fedorko, Daryl Dermotta, Millie Blanish, Rick Pieniadz, Marlene Pieniadz, Linda Harvey, Jim Harvey, Jack McWilliams, Ann McWilliams, Lieutenant Ruggery, Debbie Jenkins Ruth Locov, Jeffrey Wilson, Chris Bova, Brad Mellor, Janet Schork, Mitch Gross, and Erika Horvat.

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

Report from Public Works Director, Mike Volpe

I provided the Board with a full detailed report. We've got the equipment ready for the winter and got the salt spreaders on. The roads that were paved got the millings put down along the road shoulders. The hot mix program was completed on Wilps Drive after the water line project was completed. Tresco Paving is doing a punch list now. Started the repairs on Shaner Road and we should have that done tomorrow, weather permitting. Also took care of the Christmas lights and banners in the Herminie area. We've been going full speed trying to get Shaner Road open to two lanes. The bucket truck as we know will not pass the ariel inspection come January. I asked the board if we could put it up on Muncibid.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Mitchell Gross

Since our last meeting we have been dealing with the usual junk motor vehicles and garbage in people's yards. On December 1st we had our applications for the 2016 Junkyards sent out to our 6 separate existing junkyards in the Township. As some of you are aware there is a large amount of JMV's parked along Lowber Road. This is due to the fact that the Junkyard along Lowber Road has moved the vehicles so that the ownership could improve and complete the existing fence around the property. We will keep monitoring their progress and make sure they have both sections of the property into compliance. We heard from the Westmoreland County Land Bank and found out that the property at Sewickley Ave/Pike St. has been successfully purchased on December 2nd and will hopefully be demolished by the end of February.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Recreation Center:

- The recreation Center is now completely booked. I have reserved time on Saturdays to accommodate birthday party requests.
- Our Basketball Camp started on Saturday, December 5. We have 20 Yough children participating.
- 14 children attended the first open gym on Wednesday, December 2 and 15 attended last week.

Crabapple Park Lake:

- Boy Scout Troop 259 finished backfilling the area from the dam to the creek to reinforce the wall that was built.

- The lake level has been steadily rising since the repair.
- Thank you to the boy scouts, their leaders, and parents!

3rd Annual River Plunge:

- Once again township supervisor, Alan Fossi, will be braving the frigid waters for his 3rd annual river plunge. He will jump into the Yough River on January 1st at Connellsville Park in Connellsville, PA. All proceeds will go to directly fund Crabapple Park and Pool Projects. In addition, all donors will be recognized on a banner to be displayed at Crabapple Pool.
- This year will be more interesting, because Alan has challenged the Business Association to a friendly competition to see who can raise the most money.
- Thank you Alan for going the extra mile for Crabapple Park & Pool!

Township Fall/Winter Newsletter:

- Please make sure to pick up a copy of the Fall/Winter 2015 Newsletter. In it you will find information for upcoming programs at the library and recreation center, as well as a look at 2015 achievements from the public works department and our ambulance service.

Public Comment:

Mr. Fossi introduced Lieutenant Ruggery. He is here to attend the meeting and has been doing this in other communities. He said that he here to answer any questions.

Lieutenant Ruggery spoke about the fantastic Crime Watch program we've established and that it has been very helpful. He spoke about the drug epidemic in our community and how it has impacted our community.

Linda Harvey asked if Lieutenant Ruggery was going to be the go to person now for Crime Watch. He said that Trooper Lamani would be.

Jim Balog asked Lieutenant Ruggery questions concerning a neighbor of his. Lieutenant Ruggery was happy to meet with Mr. Balog after the meeting to get some information from him.

A resident had asked Lieutenant Ruggery if they patrol the area or are they here just when they are called. Lieutenant Ruggery answered it varies with the number of troopers available. Sometimes the car assigned to Sewickley Township is also assigned to parts of Hempfield Township. If they get tied up with crashes on Route 30 or if they are busy in Hempfield Township, we may not see them as often.

Linda Harvey asked if there was any talk in Harrisburg about getting local police in some areas. Lieutenant Ruggery went on to explain that Westmoreland County is kind of unique because it holds Hempfield Township which is the largest Township in the Commonwealth that does not have its own police department. They would like to force Hempfield Township and other Townships of that size to provide their own police force. He stated that he didn't think it would happen any time soon.

Brian Merdian asked if there were any programs provided for the kids such as a reality tour. He asked if there was something we could tie into our rec center or schools. Lieutenant Ruggery mentioned that Trooper Lamani does have some programs. He does very good safety presentations, even to kids as young as preschool. He can also do drug education and I can get you his information after the meeting. We also have a Cub Cadet program for the older kids which is like a mock version of the academy.

Mr. Jones wanted to state that in 2012, when Joe was Roadmaster the Township overspent their budget by about \$20,000. When they took Joe out in 2013, the Township over spent their budget by about \$170,000. In 2014 it was overspent by \$450,000 and in 2015 they are projecting to over spend by about \$ 300,000. He stated that now they turned around and decreased the budget for the upcoming Supervisors. What thought process did you use? I don't expect an answer, I just wanted the public to know. Mr. Jones also asked about number twenty on the agenda. Normally, the First Class Township Code requires you to set salary and to appoint contracts January 1st. When you do it in December, you're in violation of the First Class Township Code. Mrs. Layman stated all the motion is for is to clarify the benefits, it's not reinstating him. Mr. Jones asked why you're going to clarify it for two weeks. Mrs. Layman stated this is to clarify his benefits from the time he was hired. Mr. Jones said he understood. Mr. Jones asked why it took so long to put up the Christmas Lights. Mr. Fossi stated he never thought there was a problem. The actions it took to put up the banners and lights were satisfactory. They set the tone to when they wanted the banners and lights up. Mr. Jones went on to explain that they were asked to do it two weeks before they actually went up. Mr. Volpe commented that nobody went to him and made a request. Mrs. Jones stated that she was told by Mr. Volpe that he could probably get to them the Monday after Thanksgiving, which was the first day to hunt and I'm sure everyone was hunting. Mr. Volpe replied the guys called off on Tuesday to hunt and it rained on Wednesday, and we put them up on Thursday. Mr. Jones went on to comment to Mr. Volpe that whatever goes on in Herminie is not a priority for you. Mr. Fossi thanked Mr. Jones for his comment and stated his public comment time is up. Mr. Jones told Mr. Fossi to shut it and that he is taking time away from him by talking. Mr. Fossi stated to Mr. Jones that he is out of order and his public comment time is up.

Lori Jones went on to ask a question about number fifteen on the agenda. The tax number was not advertised correctly. The property belongs to John and Connie Underwood not the Township. It was never advertised again with the correct tax map number and now you want to award a bid to Mr. Turik. Mr. Fossi stated we will discuss this when we get to the motion.

Mrs. Dull requested to pass on public comment.

Mr. Balog who lives on General Braddock Road went on to state the problems he is having with his neighbor who lives across the street from him. The gentle man has heavy equipment everywhere and lets them ideal for hours at a time. He did move some of his equipment but it lasted for about two months. Mike Stack is aware of the situation. This is an ongoing situation and it's a nuisance and an eyesore. If I would go to sell my home I wouldn't be able to get what I should for it because of this. I have been approached by other people complaining about this and they are afraid to do anything because they know what this guy is like. He's been harassing me. He is also not grandfathered in. I've lived across the road from him and I know when he started and it was long after 2008. I have spoken to someone about this and he said if I don't get the response I want, to take this further. Mitch made a good effort to try to clean this up. Mr. Kerber stated he did go and talk to him. Mr. Fossi said they can look to see if he is out of any kind of ordinances. Mr. Kerber stated he started that business after the zoning went in. He is not grandfathered in. Mrs. Layman asked if anyone had called Mike Stack. Mr. Balog stated he called Mike Stack and he never got back to him. Mr. Kerber said this man was out with a chainsaw and it was after 9 o'clock. Mr. Kerber stated that when Mr. Balog called me, I went over and talked to him. Mitch said he will contact Mike Stack and let him know what is going on. Mr. Kerber said this is a legitimate problem.

Rick Pieniadz lives on McGrogen Road. He stated that his road is pretty much riddled with potholes. You have to drive on the berm of the road to avoid them, and now the berms have potholes. Before you get onto Madison Road where the gravel turns to asphalt, it's now a 2 to 3 inch ledge because all the asphalt is gone. It's only going to get worse when it has to be plowed. Towards the bridge there is a 6 foot drop-off about a car length long where the drainage culvert is eroded away. We would appreciate if someone would look into it and fix the potholes because it is getting pretty bad. Mr. Kerber asked what

side of McGrogen Road he lives on. Mr. Pieniadz stated he lives on the Reservoir side. Mr. Pieniadz also asked if we were doing anything about the bridge. Mr. Volpe stated we are trying to get permits and do the same as we did with Falls Road. The Engineer did all the environmental work and applied for the permits. We plan on taking the bridge down and putting in pipe.

Marlene Pieniadz asked if a turnaround will be put in, but it won't be needed if the bridge will be opened. Mrs. Layman stated call in to the office in a few weeks and see a time frame of when the bridge will be opened. It's just hard to say with all the permits with DEP we will need to get. Mr. Pieniadz commented that the bridge is only 5 tons and a firetruck and water truck weigh more than that.

Ruth Lucov stated her concern with the bid she put in for a piece of property that read the bid as tax map number 58-07-10-265. That's not what we put a bid in for. We put a bid on 58-07-10-165. Why is the number different? The property belongs to John and Connie Underwood. Erika Horvat stated there was an addendum in the bid packet that stated the right tax map number. Mrs. Lucov stated that her husband was out of town and we just found out the property was for sale so he came home late Thursday night, Friday her ran out to get everything done that needed done for this and sealed the bid. We did not look at any of that. She asked why it wasn't advertised a second time with the right number. Erika Horvat stated because the addendum in the bid packet stated what the tax map number should have been. Mr. Fossi stated that with the advice of our solicitor this is what we are going with.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meetings held on October 21, 2015 as reviewed. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to disburse 2014 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

S & T Bank – mortgage payment	\$ 602.25
Kaza Fire – maintenance on pumper	\$ 587.70
Kaza Fire – inspection on pumper	\$ 232.80
Kaza Fire – pump test	\$ 666.55

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to disburse 2014 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Fire-Fly Equip. Sales – new adapters	\$ 53.85
Webb's Service Center – service on rescue	\$ 3,566.41
Pro-Am Safety – service on air packs (multiple invoices)	\$ 1,580.98

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to disburse 2014 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Rillton Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Kaza Fire Equip. – pump test & certification on engine & squirt \$ 1,327.73
(multiple invoices)

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to ratify the disbursement of 2014 EMS Tax funds on behalf of the Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service as follows:

Crescend Technologies – repairs to amplifier for radios \$ 368.00

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to approve the Geiger & Aaron Plan. This plan, located on Clay Pike, creates Lot 1 containing 1.0 acres from a vacant tract combined with a parcel from the Parent Tract containing an existing garage. The remainder of the Parent Tract was combined with an add-on area containing .28 acres from the adjacent Capets property to create a revised 1.0 acre tract containing an existing dwelling with an attached garage. The zoning is R-R and is in the Commercial Transitional district. All Properties have access to public water and sewer. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to update and amend the Sewickley Township Act 537 plan in accordance with the developmental submission received from the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation. Board Comments: Mr. Fossi stated the Act 537 plan was reviewed by our engineer, a few minor things were corrected and saw no other problems with this plan. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; 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. 58-07-11-0-265 were received and recorded as follows:

Michael J. Lucov Jr.	\$ 17,199.99
Jonathan C. Turik	\$ 20,000.00

Wanda Layman made the motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to accept the sale of four underlying lots of record adjacent to the Public Library and part of Tax Map No. 58-07-11-0-265 to Jonathan C. Turik in the amount of \$ 20,000.00. Board Comments: Mr. Kerber asked if anyone has looked at the survey stakes where the property now ends. Mr. Fossi stated he did. Mr. Kerber stated that it is now one foot off of our building. Mrs. Layman stated that in the sales agreement there is a right away that lets us do any work that needs to be done on the property. Mr. Kerber asked what would happen with the sales agreement if he would resale it. Mrs. Layman stated the agreement will follow the sale of the property. Voting: Mrs. Layman, yes; Mr. Kerber, no; Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to approve a contract with Hoffman's Boarding Kennels through December 31, 2016 at the rate \$155.00 per month for twelve (12) months paid by the Township. Overtime calls will be charged at the rate of \$70.00 per call. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to renew Property and Casualty Coverage for all Sewickley Fire Companies with Varine-Slavin using Selective at the premiums below. Policy is effective from December 18, 2015 to December 18, 2016.

Herminie Fire Company:	\$ 12,381.00
Lowber Fire Company:	\$ 12,060.00
Rillton Fire Company:	\$ 10,484.00
Hutchinson Fire Company:	\$ 11,745.00

Board Comments: Mr. Kerber asked if this was the only quote. Mr. Fossi stated he requested another quote and they did not submit the bid. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to advertise the Reorganization Meeting for the Board of Supervisors to be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00pm located at the Sewickley Township Municipal Building. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to establish the regular monthly meeting location for the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors at the Sewickley Township Municipal Building, 2288 Mars Hill Road, Irwin PA 15642. The dates on which the Board of Supervisors shall meet will be the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm and to advertise the same in the Times-Sun and Tribune Review in accordance with the Sunshine Law. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to clarify and restate the hiring of Mike Volpe as Public Works Director for Sewickley Township at an annual salary of \$50,000.00 with the following specific benefits: 3 sick days; 2 personal days; two weeks' vacation; up to a maximum of 240 hours of comp time per the Fair Labor Standards Act; and health care. The purpose of this motion is to clearly identify the annual benefits provided to this employee at the time of his original hiring. Board Comments: Joe Kerber objected the motion. Mr. Fossi stated this is to only clarify Mr. Volpe's benefits. This is not reinstating him. Voting: Mrs. Layman, yes; Mr. Kerber, no; Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to approve Paula Alcott to carry over any unused benefit time from 2015 into 2016. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to close the Township Office on the following days and hours during the Holiday season.

Thursday, December 24 th :	closing at noon
Friday, December 25 th :	closed
Thursday, December 31 st :	closing at noon
Friday, January 1 st :	closed

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:	Checks 7463 to 7482 - \$ 68,105.93 (11/25/15) Checks 7483 to 7500 - \$ 18,981.92 (12/7/15) Checks 7501 to 7527 - \$ 16,514.93 (12/14/15)
Crabapple:	Checks 4279 to 4280 - \$ 144.95 (11/25/15) Draft 70 - \$ 270.13 (12/1/15) Checks 4281 to 4284 - \$ 226.00 (12/7/15) Check 4285 - \$ 61.34 (12/14/15)
Light Districts:	Draft 191 - \$ 3,110.13 (12/2/15) Draft 192 - \$ 561.77 (12/2/15) Draft 193 - \$ 633.11 (12/2/15) Draft 194 - \$ 246.21 (12/2/15)
Turnback Fund:	Check 1034 - \$ 1,500.00 (11/24/15) Check 1035 - \$ 97,147.00 (12/14/15)
Highway Aid:	Check 435 - \$ 192,380.42 (12/14/15)
Equipment Fund:	Check 103 - \$ 208.86 (11/24/15) Check 104 - \$ 1,028.32 (12/14/15)
Payroll Invoices:	Checks 4238 to 4240 - \$ 547.13 (11/25/15) Draft 150136 - \$ 557.10 (12/2/15) Checks 4245 to 4247 - \$ 12,497.09 (12/7/15) Check 4253 - \$ 32.40 (12/14/15)

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:	11/27/15 - \$ 10,783.70 – checks 4233 to 4237 , drafts 25076 to 25086 12/4/15 - \$ 9,707.68 – checks 4241 to 4244 , drafts 25087 to 25097 12/11/15 - \$ 10,981.91 – checks 4248 to 4252 , drafts 25098 to 25109 12/18/15 - \$ 10,452.14 – checks 4254 to 4259 , drafts 25110 to 25120
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Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

New / Old Business

Effective January 6, 2015, Waste Management will be moving residential garbage pickup from Tuesdays to Wednesdays.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season!

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 7:42pm.