

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, December 18, 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 Ann McWilliams, Jack McWilliams, Amber Kline, Norm Vinsick, Linda Harvey, Al Pasquarelli, Jim Barlock, Charles McGrew, Tom Lord, Sandy Dull, Bob Lasser, Eric Queen, Steve Solomon, Joe Napsha, Janet Schork, Dean Zimmerman, Paula Alcott, and Susan Leukhardt.

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

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

Worked with Rampart Security to have the fire alarms, camera, and monitor installed in the Township Building. Worked with Jack Pore on installing the security door and key pads. Worked with Murphy Tractor regarding the loader. Worked with Walt getting the AED's ordered. Doing paperwork for road bonds for the seismic testing. Training Margie from the Community College on office work. She is a hard worker. Finishing up the Policy and Procedure Manual. Newsletter. Receiving applications and resumes for the road crew worker. Personnel issues with Dan Hewitt. Worked with several residents on Township issues.

#### **Report for Public Works**

Salt bin is finished and it holds approximately 450 tons of salt plus we still have the old salt bin that we are keeping approximately 100 tons of premixed salt and antiskid in. Having the bin preloaded makes it better to get the trucks loaded and out on the road quicker for snow removal. It takes approximately three minutes per truck to load and get out on the road. Christmas lights were put up in Herminie. Landslide on Turner Valley Rd was cleaned up. Had a tree fall onto wires on Stewart Lane and crew had to wait for West Penn Power before removing the tree and salt the road. We have been out multiple times patching. Grader plow has been mounted onto new Grader. Also, lot of the equipment has been maintained for the winter months.

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

Recreation Board Activities: Public Time continues every Wednesday from 6p-8p. We had 40 children and their parents attend our Annual Christmas Party held on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Christie Royer, Rob Romano, and his family for all of their help to make this a special day for all that attended. Our first monthly dance is on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Cost is \$5.00. The Recreation Board is seeking new members. If you know of anyone that would be interested in planning & facilitating recreation activities for the community, please have them give me a call, call the Township, or submit a letter of intent to the Township Office.

Landscape at Bruno Field Sign: The Bruno Field sign is back up and running normally after some transmission problems over the last several weeks. Zachary Casagrande's Eagle Scout Project to landscape the Bruno Field Sign will be take place next spring 2013.

Website: Mrs. Schork will be performing an upgrade to the website template in January. This upgrade will allow her to take advantage of additional features such as creating calendars, enhanced short codes, and formatting for pages and tables. The website may be unavailable for a day. She will do most of it during the evening or off hours.

Alan Fossi's Jump in the River Donors: The Embroidery People, Marianne Errett, First National Bank, Grandview Nurseries, Tracey Hampshire, State Representative Ted Harhai, Herminie Auto Parts, Commissioner Ted Kopas, and Schmidt Pool Supply. There are still more coming in!

## Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman

This month has been relatively quiet as far as new complaints. Mr. Zimmerman has had some major cleanup on a couple properties taking place over the last few months. One being in Shaner that had tires and a large amount of rubbish collected. All the tires, maybe close to a hundred tires, have all been removed and half the rubbish is in a roll-off dumpster waiting to be hauled away. The other property on Clay Pike, which had quite a few vehicles, a boat, and farm equipment, have all been removed. Last month, he mentioned that we were going into the snow removal season and asked that residents keep in mind the need to allow room for the Township trucks to clear snow. We have had quite a few incidents where the truck drivers had trouble getting by parked vehicles to spread salt or plow and Mr. Zimmerman has sent letters to those residents requesting their cooperation. Because of the problems with this issue over the last two winters, we are in the process of amending the Township Code to allow the towing of vehicles or Summary Trials and fines for those who continue to hamper snow removal efforts. On December 4<sup>th</sup>, he had the two Summary Trials that was mentioned in his last report. The resident that had her hearing continued from November did not comply with the Judge's instructions and was found guilty. She was given a fine plus Court Costs and told to comply or Mr. Zimmerman is able to take her back to Court again. The other person was given a continuance of three months to bring his property into compliance and is scheduled for another hearing on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Zimmerman has a new offender scheduled for a Summary Trial on that date also. He re-filed a new complaint against a gentleman that had been to Court before and was found not guilty with the understanding that he come into compliance which he did not do. He is scheduled for a new trial on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The arrest warrants are all still active except for one that he was able to track down. She has contacted the District Court and should be scheduled for a Summary Trial in the near.

## Public Comment

Linda Harvey spoke on the drug issues in Herminie and also problems in Rillton that necessarily doesn't have to do with drugs. She would like the Township Supervisors to consider police protection. There have been break ins, etc. She hopes the Supervisors take the initiative for 2014 to look into this issue further; cost benefit analysis, different alternatives, needs for the Community. Mrs. Harvey then gave a brief explanation of Senator Kim Ward's initiative regarding Municipalities hiring State Police so they are more local. Unfortunately, nothing is happening with it. Mrs. Layman stated that her idea was a good one. Mrs. Layman also stated that she did a lot of research and pricing that could be presented at public meetings at the four firehalls after the holidays.

Charles McGrew spoke also on the police situation. He is strongly in favor of having police coverage here.

Al Pasquarelli introduced himself as the Municipal Coordinator for Waste Management. They are very pleased that they are the low bid this time around. They have contracts with many surrounding communities so garbage pick-up will be easy if something is missed due to road closures and such. Waste Management is looking forward to working with the Township. Recycling will be offered by use of a roll off container placed at the Township Building.

Tom Lord asked if a speed limit sign can be put on Slaughter Hollow. Mrs. Layman stated that an engineering study would have to be done on that road.

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to adopt Resolution No. 28-2013 establishing the real property taxes for fiscal year 2014 at 10 mills for general Township purposes and 2 mills to support ambulance, rescue, and other emergency services on each dollar of assessed valuation of property located within the Township of Sewickley. This is not an increase from the previous year. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to adopt Ordinance 2013-9 establishing the assessment for the cost and expense of the maintenance of street lighting in the Herminie, Rillton, Lowber, and Sutersville Light Districts of the Township for fiscal year 2014 at the following rates (this is not an increase from the previous year):

Herminie  
Improved Property – Eighty-Four cents per front foot  
Vacant Property – Twenty-One cents per front foot

Rillton  
Improved Property – Fifty-two cents per front foot  
Vacant Property – Thirteen cents per front foot

Lowber  
Improved Property – Ninety-two cents per front foot  
Vacant Property – Twenty-three cents per front foot

Sutersville  
Improved Property – Sixty-four cents per front foot  
Vacant Property – Sixteen cents per front foot

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to adopt Ordinance 2013-10 establishing the General Fund Budget for the Township of Sewickley for the fiscal year 2014. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to adopt Ordinance 2013-11 requiring mandatory dye-testing and camera evaluation of sanitary sewage laterals for all properties being sold or refinanced which are served by MSATS. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to adopt Resolution 29-2013 authorizing the temporary closure of a portion of Shuglie Hill Road. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise for consideration at the January, 2014 regular business meeting an Ordinance to specifically prohibit parking on Township roadways during snowstorms. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the Maughan Plan located on Hepler's Circle in the Village of Whyel. This plan consolidates Parcel A, Lot 5, and Lot 6 into Lot 1 containing 2.1 acres. The zoning is V-1 and the lots currently contain two buildings and one dwelling. Public water and existing on-lot septic are on the property. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 10:00am for Solid Waste Collection for the Township of Sewickley. They are as follows:

		Waste Management	Advanced Disposal Services
<b>Residential</b>	<b>2014</b>	\$ 12.18	<b>\$ 10.17</b>
<b>Per Unit</b>	<b>2015</b>	\$ 12.52	<b>\$ 10.17</b>
<b>Per Month</b>	<b>2016</b>	\$ 12.87	<b>\$ 10.17</b>
<b>Residential – Sr. Citizen</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>\$ 9.15</b>	<b>\$ 9.15</b>
<b>Per Unit</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>\$ 9.41</b>	\$ 9.15
<b>Per Month</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>\$ 9.67</b>	\$ 9.15
<b>Sr. Citizen</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>\$ 1.90</b>	\$ 3.00
<b>Per Garbage Bag</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>\$ 1.95</b>	\$ 3.00
	<b>2016</b>	<b>\$ 2.00</b>	\$ 3.00
<b>Two-Yard Container</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>\$ 38.00</b>	\$ 68.00
	<b>2015</b>	<b>\$ 39.06</b>	\$ 68.00
	<b>2016</b>	<b>\$ 40.15</b>	\$ 68.00
<b>Four-Yard Container</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>\$ 58.00</b>	\$ 97.00
	<b>2015</b>	<b>\$ 59.62</b>	\$ 97.00
	<b>2016</b>	<b>\$ 61.29</b>	\$ 97.00
<b>Roll-Off, Six-Yard, and Eight-Yard Containers at fixed price per ton, per collection.</b>	<b>2014</b>	\$ 700.00 / mo	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
	<b>2015</b>	\$ 720.00 / mo	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
	<b>2016</b>	\$ 740.00 / mo	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
<b>Including delivery and removal of box and disposal of waste for occasional or one-time customers</b>			

Motion to award the Solid Waste Garbage Removal Contract for the Township of Sewickley to Waste Management effective January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter has been received from Bill Kerston, owner of Bill's Roofing, regarding an invoice from Advanced Disposal Services. Mr. Kerston is requesting that the Township Supervisors waive his garbage service and all bills relating to garbage pickup through Advanced Disposal Services. He has been using a dumpster on his property for the past 30 plus years and does not use residential garbage service at this address.

Motion to waive Mr. Bill Kerston's residential garbage service and all bills relating to garbage pickup through Advanced Disposal Services. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to adopt Resolution No. 30-2013 reappointing Lisa Nickels to the Sewickley Township Cultural Commission for a term of four (4) years. This term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2018. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; 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 6, 2014 at 7:00pm located at the Sewickley Township Municipal Building. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session held at 7:40pm to discuss personnel issues.**

Consideration of Byzon employment matter.

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to uphold the recommendation of Mr. Nicholls and terminate Barry Byzon as a Township employee. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9 applications have been received for the position of operator / laborer. They were narrowed down by CDL qualification and experience using the equipment. The final two applicants are as follows:

Charles Long  
John Wood

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to hire John Wood as an operator / laborer at the rate of \$17.44 per hour for a 90-day probationary term. Board Comment: Mr. Kerber stated that we have had a six man crew for the last 12 years. Why do we need a seven man crew now? Mrs. Layman stated that we need that extra crew person in the summer and winter. We definitely need two trucks to plow and salt Herminie. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; no. Motion carried.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve Susan Leukhardt, Paula Alcott, and Janet Schork to carry over any unused benefit time from 2013 into 2014. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; 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.

Tuesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> :	closing at noon
Wednesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> :	closed
Tuesday, December 31 <sup>st</sup> :	closing at noon
Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> :	closed

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to offer free sports clinics at the Sewickley Township Recreation Center beginning in January, 2014. These clinics will be held on Saturday mornings from 8:00am to Noon. 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 5882 to 5906 - \$ 40,998.29 (11/26/13) Checks 5907 to 5917 - \$ 31,373.47 (12/3/13) Drafts 150085 to 150086 - \$ 1,003.95 (12/4/13) Checks 5918 to 5960 - \$ 29,337.85 (12/13/13)
Crabapple:	Checks 4044 to 4045 - \$ 447.41 (11/26/13) Check 4046 - \$ 60.21 (12/3/13) Draft 50 - \$ 228.22 (12/4/13) Checks 4047 to 4049 - \$ 179.88 (12/13/13)
Payroll Invoices:	Checks 3286 to 3289 - \$ 3,627.05 (11/26/13) Checks 3291 to 3292 - \$ 331.76 (12/3/13) Draft 90185 - \$ 23,917.97 (12/4/13) Checks 3295 to 3297 - \$ 365.77 (12/13/13) Draft 90186 - \$ 1,253.94 (12/17/13) Draft 90187 - \$ 780.79 (12/17/13)
Turnback:	Check 1017 - \$ 9,390.00 (12/16/13)

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:	11/27/13 - \$ 8,749.24 – check 3285 , drafts 23752 to 23765 12/6/13 - \$ 15,186.08 – check 3290 , drafts 23766 to 23779 12/13/13 - \$ 12,300.68 – checks 3293 to 3294 , drafts 23780 to 23793 12/20/13 - \$ 9,879.48 – check 3298 , drafts 23794 to 23807
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Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

## **New / Old Business**

**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: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.