

Chairperson Wanda Layman on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Sewickley Township 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 12, 2012. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Wanda Layman, Joe Kerber, and Alan Fossi. Also attending the meeting were Marianne Errett, Jon Turik, Bob Lasser, Tom Lord, Sharon Cerne, Alan Samulski, Jack McWilliams, Ann McWilliams, Steve Solomon, Janet Schork, Dean Zimmerman, Paula Alcott, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mrs. Layman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Road Master, Joe Kerber

The crews have been out several days patching potholes. We had about a week and a half of work on Volk Road past the original slide. The stone wall was going into the creek. We were prepping Main Street Alley for paving and put about 400 ton down. It is not finished. The plant is closed for the year. We repaired a storm pipe on Second Street. We started berming Highberger Road. In the shop, we've been working on Gradall. The differential went out on it. We started to reassemble Truck #3.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Fitness and exercise classes have resumed at the Recreation Center and are held on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The Recreation Board held their annual Christmas Party on December 2nd with 36 children attending. Children and parents enjoyed the magician, pizza from JJays, cookies from Mrs. Sokol, and Santa arrived! She thanked the Recreation Board for a great event. She then thanked Alan Fossi for making and hanging the beautiful Christmas wreaths and bows around town. On behalf of the Recreation Board, she then thanked the Supervisors for their support throughout the year. She then thanked the current Recreation Board and listed each member for everything they have done throughout the year. She listed the following events they were affiliated with in the past year... Rabies Clinic, four dances at the Recreation Center, Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Fishing Derby, Back to School Movie and Swim Night at Crabapple, Health and Safety Day, sponsored a Fall Ball season, hosted the Greensburg Panther semi-pro football team, Rivers Casino bus trip, free baseball clinics, offered over 100 hours of free public time gym use, and finally our new Bruno Field sign.

Mr. Fossi commented on what a great job the Recreation Board and Mrs. Schork are doing.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman

Property clean up and junk vehicles have been the majority of the complaints he has received this last month. He responded to a new junk vehicle complaint in Hutchinson and found another nine vehicles of which four have either been removed already or will be in the near future. As he has said in the past, folks in this Township sure hate to part with their old cars and trucks. We sent out the letters and applications for junkyard licenses for 2013 and have begun to receive the completed applications back. Next month, he will begin to do the inspections of all the Township junkyards. He is hoping to get all of them inspected by the end of January as long as the applications keep coming in. He found out this month that we will not get our second property demolished through the County Redevelopment Authority program. We were told earlier in the year that we would get two properties taken care of through that program but he guesses the money dried up too fast. On a positive note, there are two houses being demolished by the property owners. One is already down and will be finished off by a controlled burn conducted by the Rillton VFD. The other owner has recently applied for a demolition permit so that house should also be taken care of soon. He had a Summary Trial scheduled for today in District Court but it was cancelled because the individual contacted the Court and changed his plea from not guilty to guilty. Judge Christner subsequently fined him \$200.00 for each of the two violations plus Court costs. Mr. Zimmerman's next Summary Trial is scheduled for January 10th and that is for one of the long term violators. He contacted the District Court this morning and all seven of the arrest warrants issued for Mr.

Zimmerman's cases are still outstanding. Additionally, the two cases that have filed Summary Appeals with Common Pleas Court are tentatively scheduled for a hearing on March 28th.

Public Comment

Jon Turik owns property on Highland Avenue. The State Police were summoned for a car that was trespassing. The Trooper told the individual to move his vehicle. At that time, the Trooper stated that the individual has paperwork from the Township or was told by the Township that he could park there. Mr. Turik is asking the Supervisors if anyone has given him permission or a letter stating that he could use that property. The Supervisors stated no and they would like to see a copy of what the Trooper is talking about. They do not know what previous Boards have done. Susan Leukhardt and Dean Zimmerman also stated that they have done no such letter.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to disburse 2011 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Murray Auto Electric	service on rescue truck	\$ 1,786.57
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Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to disburse 2011 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Scott Electric (2 invoices)	electrical supplies	\$ 486.76
Lowe's	new fire station supplies	\$ 681.99
Williams Ace Hardware (3 inv.)	new fire station supplies	\$ 487.05
Jack Pore Construction	final construction payment	\$ 4,055.00
Francis Heating & A/C	test gas line	\$ 680.00

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to disburse 2011 EMS Tax funds on behalf of the Sewickley Township Ambulance Service as follows:

Brent Bickerstaff	repairs to squad 521	\$ 1,756.00
Brent Bickerstaff	repairs to ambulance 522	\$ 716.00

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to adopt Resolution 34-2012 establishing the real property taxes for fiscal year 2013 at 10 mills for general Township purposes and 2 mills to support 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: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to adopt Ordinance 2012-7 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 2013 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: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to adopt Ordinance 2012-8 establishing the General Fund Budget for the Township of Sewickley for the fiscal year 2013. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to adopt Ordinance 2012-9 creating the Comprehensive Stormwater Management and Earth Disturbance Ordinance. This Ordinance has been advertised as required by law with publication in the local paper on December 6, 2012. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, 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, 2012 to December 18, 2013.

Herminie Fire Company:	\$ 10,993.00
Lowber Fire Company:	\$ 9,276.00
Rillton Fire Company:	\$ 8,997.00
Hutchinson Fire Company:	\$ 8,991.00

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve the Alan R. Painter Plan of lots located on Pinewood Road with additional frontage on Woodland Drive. Lot 2 containing 1.024 acres is being subdivided from the residual Lot 1 with 8.987 acres. Public water and sewage is available for both lots. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve the Gregory M. Hazuza subdivision located on Pinewood Road. This plan divides Lot 1 containing an existing dwelling and outbuildings with 3.58 acres from Lot 2 containing 26.19 acres. The entire property is zoned A-1 and Lot 2 is non-buildable for agricultural use. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve the Keegan Plan located on Mars Hill Road and is accessed by a private drive on Ponderosa Lane. The 7.89 acre plot is being subdivided into Lot 1 containing 2.67 acres and Lot 2 with 5.23 acres. Both lots have existing dwellings with on-lot septic systems. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to advertise the Reorganization Meeting for the Board of Supervisors to be held on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 3:00pm located at the Municipal Building. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve a contract with Moran's Midnight Kennels through December 31, 2014 at the rate \$150.00 per month for twenty four (24) months paid by the Township. Overtime calls will be charged at the rate of \$40.00 per call. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to reimburse Janet Schork, Recreation Director, \$95.00 for enrollment in a website course at Westmoreland County Community College. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve Susan Leukhardt, Secretary-Treasurer, to carry over 14 hours sick and two (2) vacation days into the year 2013. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve Paula Alcott, Office Manager to carry over 48.25 hours sick and six (6) vacation days into the year 2013. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to ratify the closing of the Township Office on the following days and hours during the Holiday season.

Friday, December 21 st :	closing at noon
Monday, December 24 th :	closing at noon
Tuesday, December 25 th :	closed
Monday, December 31 st :	closing at noon
Tuesday, January 1 st :	closed

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded to Alan Fossi, to approve the following bills for payment.

General Fund: Checks 4953 to 4989 - \$ 29,645.04 (11/20/12)
 Checks 4990 to 5004 - \$ 9,789.50 (11/28/12)
 Draft 150067 - \$ 413.15 (11/29/12)
 Checks 5005 to 5006 - \$ 84.51 (12/4/12)
 Checks 5007 to 5054 - \$ 36,116.70 (12/14/12)

Crabapple: Check 3927 - \$ 6,425.00 (11/20/12)
 Draft 41 - \$ 183.54 (11/29/12)
 Checks 3928 to 3930 - \$ 3,068.09 (12/4/12)
 Checks 3931 to 3932 - \$ 2,383.32 (12/14/12)

Light Districts: Draft 89 - \$ 4,719.04 (11/29/12)
 Draft 90 - \$ 850.12 (11/29/12)
 Draft 91 - \$ 956.92 (11/29/12)
 Draft 92 - \$ 372.14 (11/29/12)

Payroll Invoices: Draft 90149 - \$ 557.74 (11/16/12)
 Draft 90150 - \$ 607.44 (11/16/12)
 Checks 2824 to 2825 - \$ 441.50 (11/20/12)
 Checks 2827 to 2829 - \$ 2,588.20 (11/28/12)
 Draft 90151 - \$ 11,259.57 (11/29/12)
 Draft 90152 - \$ 824.64 (12/3/12)
 Check 2835 - \$ 136.48 (12/14/12)
 Draft 90153 - \$ 563.62 (12/17/12)

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

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

Employees Payroll: 11/21/12 - \$ 9,336.95 – checks 2822 to 2823 , drafts 23061 to 23073
 11/30/12 - \$ 9,135.91 – check 2826 , drafts 23074 to 23086
 12/7/12 - \$ 9,726.74 – checks 2830 to 2832 , drafts 23087 to 23099
 12/14/12 - \$ 10,143.58 – checks 2833 to 2834 , drafts 23100 to 23112
 12/21/12 - \$ 10,128.00 – checks 2836 to 2838 , drafts 23113 to 23125

Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; 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 Alan Fossi Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer