

Meeting agendas will be available at the Township Office at 2:00pm on the day of the meeting. Copies of the agenda can be picked up between 2:00pm and 3:30pm. Copies will also be available at the meeting. Meeting dates are as advertised. Public comment was invited to address any public concerns, questions, opinions or requests regarding the items on the agenda.

Chairman Joseph Kerber on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 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, December 31, 2015. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Joseph Kerber, Brian Merdian, and Alan Fossi. Also attending the meeting were Linda Harvey, Jim Harvey, Norm Vinsick, Jim Balog, Tracy Hampshire, Rich Bosko, Amber Kline, Joe Marincic, Tom Lord, Kathy Kerber, Jon Turik, Kelly Turik, Chris Skatell, Bob Lasser, Rob Croncaue, Brad Mellor, Mitch Gross, Janet Schork, and Erika Horvat.

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

#### **Report from Roadmaster, Joe Kerber**

Since January 4<sup>th</sup> we've been out plowing for two days. We used approximately 100 tons of salt. We used about 40 ton of salt on State Roads. You guys are familiar with what happened with the school busses having accidents on state roads. We have no way of recouping time and materials that we used to for the state roads. It's just a public service. Right now I have three men off. One actually returned tonight. Another will be back tomorrow. In the last few weeks I've had trucks hauling Anti-Skid when available. Truck number eight is in the shop for extensive break work. This turned out to be very expensive. Truck number one, our small truck that we bought from the county, is out of service to have a head gasket repaired. It may cost up to \$5000.00 to repair. The shop got the big self-powered generator running and the EMA generator running.

#### **Report from Ordinance Officer, Mitch Gross**

At the request of the Board of Supervisors we are no longer waiting for complaints in order to pursue violations of the code. We will now be working proactively in order to get not only our problems properties, but our common offenders into compliance. I have already sent out notices to violators in the Hutchinson area, and we will be going through the other villages in the township in the upcoming weeks. I have met with our new Township Solicitor and he has expressed some new ideas and methods that will help to get some of our problem properties into compliance. These ideas that he expressed were very heavily focused on targeting our out of the area property owners and I am hopeful that they will be successful. As you know we have already had some major snowstorms and I would like to remind everyone to keep their vehicles off of the road during snowfall. We all need to keep the road clear so that the Road Crew can quickly and safely get out keeping the roads clear.

## Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

### Recreation Center:

- Everything going well at the recreation center with our rentals.
- Our first Basketball Camp ended last Saturday, January 16. We had 22 Youth children participate.
- We will be offering a second basketball camp. Start date is next Saturday January 30 and will run through March 5.
- In our attempt to offer programs for all age groups and interests, I'm pleased to announce that the recreation board has partnered with Lori Waryanka, township resident and floral designer, to offer floral design classes at the recreation center.
  - Our first class will be making a Valentine Wreath.
  - Class will be Saturday, January 23 at 1pm in the community room.
  - \$30 and includes all materials. Pre-registration is required.
- We will then offer a class once a month.
  - Classes at the recreation center will include: Plant exchange, houseplant care, grow what you can eat, and bulb planting and care.
  - When the weather is warmer, we will move our classes to Crabapple Pavilion and our new Butterfly Garden.
- For more information, please take a flyer from the front table.

### Crabapple Pool:

- Attached for the supervisor's approval/rejection are the rates for the 2016 Crabapple Pool Season passes, daily admission, and evening splash parties.
- There is no change to the Season Pass or Splash Party prices. However, we made two changes to the daily general admission rates: (1) FREE admission is now for 2 and under and (2) we deleted the FREE non-swimming chaperone category per our pool manager's recommendation due to a problem with customer compliance.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual River Plunge:

- Thank you to Alan Fossi for braving the frigid Youghiogeny for his 3rd annual river plunge. There to cheer him on, and hand him a warm blanket too, were the boy scouts, some of their parents, and Representative Harhai. We had an increase in donations this year and 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.
- Thank you Alan for going the extra mile for Crabapple Park & Pool!

## Public Comment

Linda Harvey has a concern about number 22 on the agenda. Her concerns are with the sale of these properties. She thinks the process should be explained better. Throughout the process there were questions that were never fully answered. There is confusion about map numbers and confusion when people ask questions, they are put off. There has also never been a solicitor here with all the potential problems. We just keep putting it off. Joe Kerber stated he noticed when he took the Christmas lights down there was a discrepancy behind the band room. It looks like the property line goes through a section of the band room and runs the whole length of the wall. If those stakes are correct, it does take in one wall of our building. The engineer survey said this is accurate. Mrs. Harvey asked if this was done before the sale. Mr. Kerber stated yes. When you look at the pin in the back it is almost 13 feet into the building. We are trying to get this clarified and when that happens we will move the way we need to move. Linda Harvey stated there should not be any questions now, this should have been done before you even thought about the sale of the property. Mr. Kerber stated that the other properties will not go up for sale until everything is complete. Mr. Merdian stated he will make sure everything is done correctly. Mr. Merdian also stated he has reached out to the new owners of the newspaper and for some reason they haven't shown any interest in the Township. We will continue to try to get someone here. Mrs. Harvey stated she will be continuing to come to these meetings as a concerned resident and she has every right just as much as anyone else.

Jim Balog lives on General Braddock Road. His concern is with his neighbor across the street. He was out on the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month after 9 at night clearing his driveway of snow. He leaves his trucks run and it is my understanding that you are not allowed to leave a truck run for no longer than 15 minutes. Mr. Kerber stated if it is diesel you are not. Mr. Balog said he does it quite often. The lights from his vehicles are always shining in my house. Mr. Balog then provided the board with some pictures he took. Mitch stated he was in contact with Mike Stack. He also gave him the number for the gentleman's business he is running out of his house. Mr. Stack may have contacted him directly. I will follow up with Mr. Stack to see. Mr. Balog stated the man is out at 2 in the morning working on his truck. Mr. Merdian stated to Mitch to get the Solicitor involved.

Joe Marincic is interested in becoming the new EMA director and would like to be considered. The Supervisors said they will definitely consider him and to turn in a letter of interest. Mr. Kerber then went on to ask him as a Herminie fireman and EMA Director, in the case of an emergency, which is going to be your main concern. Mr. Marincic stated EMA.

Mr. Turik stated they paved the new road on Wilps Drive and they paved higher than the drain. All the water goes around the drain and we are having the same problem as last year. Right now it's froze up like it did last year. Mr. Kerber stated he will try to get there tomorrow depending on the weather.

Chris Skatell is an attorney in Westmoreland County who represents Jon and his wife. He would like to get information on the new solicitor. Mr. Kerber stated we would get the information for them after the meeting.

A resident asked the board when the property next to the post office was put up for sale, was it owned by the Township. Mr. Kerber explained the property next to the post office was not owned by the township. Mr. Turik purchased that off of someone else. We had took over the rec center. The resident questioned the survey of these properties. Mr. Kerber went on to explain the lots were probably designed years ago, before the school was ever built. Mr. Kerber stated there are several lots there. Mr. Turik stated there are twelve. Mr. Kerber stated the school owned all of the lots at one point and when they built the building they didn't keep the building within just one lot. The resident just wondered how the building was surveyed into more than just one lot.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to disburse the 2015 EMS Tax Money equally between 6 entities being Herminie, Lowber, Rillton, and Hutchinson Fire Companies, Emergency Management, and Sewickley Ambulance Service. The total to be disbursed is \$89,848.52. Each entity will receive \$14,974.76. The funds will be kept in the EMS Tax Account until invoices / purchase orders are submitted and approved by the Board of Supervisors. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to disburse 2015 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

S & T Bank – mortgage payment	\$ 602.25
Schulte's Enterprise – two batteries for 85 Pierce	\$ 569.05

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to disburse 2015 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Hutchinson Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Witmer Public Safety Group – various equipment	\$ 592.00
Kenworth – Service on Rescue Truck	\$ 436.07
Bickerstaff's Repair Center – Service on mini pumper	\$ 2,500.00

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



Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to approve the Larry J Brugnoli Plan. This property located on Turner Valley and Guffey Roads straddles the North Huntingdon and Sewickley Township border. Lot 1 consists of 1.13 acres and is zoned A-1 with an existing dwelling and building. The residual Lot 2, primarily located in North Huntingdon Township, has 7.42 acres with the zoning being R-4 in NHT and A-1 in Sewickley. Both parcels have public sewers and Lot 1 has an existing well. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to ratify the adoption of Resolution No. 22-2016 establishing the real property tax rate for fiscal year 2016 at 10 mils for general Township purposes and an additional 2 mils to support ambulance, rescue, and other emergency services on each dollar of assessed valuation of property located within the Township of Sewickley. Voting: Mr. Kerber, yes; Mr. Merdian, yes; Mr. Fossi; no. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to introduce proposed Ordinance 2016-1 establishing the Tentative Budget for 2016 as the Proposed Budget for 2016 with adoption to be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 7:00pm. Voting: Mr. Kerber, yes; Mr. Merdian, yes; Mr. Fossi; no. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to advertise the availability of the Proposed Budget for 2016 with public inspection being made possible at the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:00am and 3:30pm beginning January 21, 2016. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to authorize Horner, Wible & Terek to conduct a formal audit of all Township financial business for the 2015 calendar year. The cost will be \$5,500.00. Board Comments: Mr. Fossi asked why the amount is so lower than the first quote they gave us. Mr. Merdian stated when they heard they were getting competitive bids, this is what they came back at. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to begin the due diligence efforts including ordering appraisals and surveys, preparing bid packages and offering for sale the following property owned by the Township of Sewickley:

Andrews Street  
Herminie PA  
(Old Playground Property)  
Parcel ID 58-07-12-0-049

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to increase the additional subdivision lot fee to \$25.00. This is an addition to the subdivision application fee for the third and each additional lot. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to hire an individual for the Public Works Department for emergency snow removal only. This individual will be paid at a rate of \$ 20.00 per hour. Board Comments: Mr. Kerber stated he might need more than one individual. He stated this is for emergency snow removal. As of this morning we had three guys off. One came back tonight for the evening plow, and one is possibly coming back tomorrow, and we don't know when the other one is coming back. I mentioned this to Alan, I'm thinking at \$20 an hour, there will be no benefits, no overtime, must have a CDL and a current medical and physical card. A resident asked if we were using our equipment for this. Mr. Kerber stated yes we will have to. We are not hiring people with trucks. A resident asked if they would be township employees. Mr. Kerber stated no they would be part timers for when our crew is out just like we were this week. A resident asked if it they will get paid cash. Mr. Kerber stated no, it will go through the books. A resident asked how this works with the union. Mr. Kerber stated anybody temporary that stays under 90 days. A board member also stated it is ninety days. Mr. Kerber stated we need this on the books in case we end up with 3 or 4 guys sick again and we have one guy that we have no idea when he will be back. Mr. Merdian asked if we were going to advertise for this. Mr. Kerber stated no. There are people like Mr. Dull from Hutchy who has a CDL. If you advertise, being this is only part time, if they have another job they are not going to show up when you really need them anyway. Mr. Kerber stated this is only going to be for an emergency. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to ratify the paying of Mike Volpe his accrued comp time, vacation time and sick pay. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to cease offering Comp Time to all Non-Union Township employees effective February 1, 2016. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify Janet Schork to work over her allotted 25 hours on the payroll date of January 8, 2016. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify Mitchell Gross to work over his allotted hours on the payroll date of January 15, 2016. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to accept Daniel Augustine's resignation from his position as the Emergency Management Director effective immediately. Board Comments: Alan Fossi asked if we accept his resignation, will we still have emergency management. Mr. Kerber stated that Mr. Augustine came yesterday and turned in all his stuff and radios. Jason Ritchie is acting as Emergency Management in till we get someone. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to set the Crabapple Park and Pool rates for 2016. Rates are listed on the last page of this agenda. There is no change is season passes. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to approve the following bills for payment

General Fund:	Checks 7554 to 7569 - \$ 22,974.11 (1/13/16) Check 7570 - \$ 9,774.15 (1/18/16)
Crabapple:	Checks 4287 to 4288 - \$ 122.18 (1/13/16)
Payroll Invoices:	Check 4275 to 4276 - \$ 185.10 (1/13/16) Checks 4286 to 4287 - \$ 2,924.04 (1/15/16) Draft 90249 - \$ 12,261.79 (1/15/16) Draft 150139 - \$ 847.72 (1/18/16)

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

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

Employees Payroll:	1/8/16 - \$ 8,747.22 – checks 4271 to 4274, drafts 25142 to 25152 1/15/16 - \$ 21,879.63 – checks 4277 to 4285, drafts 25153 to 25163 1/19/16 - \$ 12,416.36 – checks 4288 to 4291, drafts 25164 to 25175
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Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **New / Old Business**

Mr. Fossi stated January 4<sup>th</sup> before the meeting I spoke to Mr. Kerber and Mr. Merdian. They informed me that I collected some meeting pay from MSATS and demanded that I resign from the sewage board. Since then I hired legal help. He advised me to return the money collected which I will give to Mr. Merdian right now. I have no intentions of resigning from the sewage board. I have instructed my attorney to turn this incident into the state board of ethics and let them make a determination. Mr. Kerber threatened to press charges. Mr. Fossi stated that's up to you guys if you want to press charges, I wish you guys would use your time a little bit better. Mr. Fossi stated your first action as a new chairman and new supervisor was to try to get me to resign from the sewage board and try to embarrass me. Mr. Fossi stated if you want to have any more discussions take it to my legal counsel and I am not going to resign from the sewage board.

The Board of Supervisors went into a seven minute executive session to discuss employee issues regarding number 14 on the agenda. They then voted on this motion as follows:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-2016 setting the compensation and benefits for Office Manager, Paula Alcott as follows: This shall be effective February 1, 2016.

\$ 12.00 regular hourly wage up to 40 hours per week  
\$ 18.00 overtime wage (hours worked over 40 per week)  
11 paid holidays  
15 paid time off days

UPMC Medical, United Concordia Dental, Highmark Vision (all family coverage), Life Insurance, Short and Long Term Disability Insurance (employee paying 10% of major medical, dental, and vision).

Voting: Mr. Kerber; yes, Mr. Merdian; yes Mr. Fossi; no. Motion carried

With no further business to come before the Board, Alan Fossi made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Merdian. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

**2016 Crabapple Pool Prices  
Season Passes**

Membership Type	Early Bird Rate (ends May 31)		Regular Rate (begins June 1)	
	Sewickley Township Resident	Non-Resident	Sewickley Township Resident	Non-Resident
Family (2 adults + 3 children)	<b>\$220</b>	<b>\$245</b>	<b>\$245</b>	<b>\$265</b>
Family Each additional child Max of 8 per pass	<b>\$22</b>	<b>\$27</b>	<b>\$27</b>	<b>\$33</b>
Parent-child	<b>\$135</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$145</b>	<b>\$170</b>
Individual	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$90</b>	<b>\$85</b>	<b>\$100</b>
Senior (65+)	<b>\$45</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$70</b>
Senior Couple (65+)	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$90</b>	<b>\$85</b>	<b>\$100</b>
10-day Pass	<b>\$45</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$65</b>
5-day Pass	<b>\$22.50</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$32.50</b>

**Daily Admission Rates – 2016**

<b>General Admission (3 years old to adult)</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>2 and under</b>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Senior Citizens (65+)</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>After 5:00 pm</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>After 5:00 pm Seniors (65+)</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Groups of 10 or more (must be pre-registered as group)</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>
<b>Wednesday Evening Swim (7:30 pm – 10:00 pm)</b>	<b>Pass Holders FREE Non-Pass Holders/General Admission \$3.00</b>

**Crabapple Pool Splash Party 2016**

# of Swimmers	Lifeguards Needed	Rate
1-75 Swimmers	(3 lifeguards)	<b>\$220</b>
76-125 Swimmers	(4 lifeguards)	<b>\$275</b>
126-175 Swimmers	(5 lifeguards)	<b>\$330</b>
176-225 Swimmers	(6 lifeguards)	<b>\$385</b>