

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, July 15th, 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 Dave Hoey, Marlene Hoey, Av Mayers, Tom Byrnes, Ron Oblak, Jim Balog, Rick Halvey, Elizabeth Guardasoni, Joy DeClaudio, Jack Leukhardt, John Fedorko, Tom Lord, Daryl Dermotta, Millie Blanish, Mary Lackey, Marge Lackey, William Icardi, Sandy Dull, Marlene Pieniadz, Tracey Pieniadz, Ralph Fulmer, Joe Napsha, Janet Schork, Mike Volpe, Erika Horvat, Mitchell Gross and Susan Leukhardt.

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

An Executive Session was held on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 12:00pm to discuss personnel issues.

Report from Public Works Director, Mike Volpe

The ongoing rain and storms have caused some major washouts and caused trees to come down. This has put us behind on our project list. We had to do some clean up of berms and replace stone. We did spend a few dollars on stone to take care of these issues. The major pipe collapse on Reservoir Road has been fixed and that project has been completed. We finished up last year's list from the CDBG money. Roads that were paved were Elk Street, Sixth Street, Second Street, Meadow Lane, Third Street, and Station Street. We are prepping the top of Shuglie Hill Road, Circle Drive, and Longview Drive for upcoming work. We did prep work and some mulching at the new Hutchison Playground. Some of the major washouts were along Railroad Street and it was repaired in house. We received the emergency permits to open the stream back up along Turner Valley Road. The Township Engineer, Dan Schmitt, provided a report on how to get the road back opened. There is one resident in the back that is landlocked. We provided some cost estimates for the in house work. Shaner Road, after all the storms we just had, did not sink anymore. The Engineer issued his report and he thinks it is not mine subsidence. We provided an in house cost estimate and would like to get that road opened back up. We have received numerous complaints throughout the month due to the flooding and runoff issues. We are trying to address them all as time is available to get them taken care of. Also, we received a letter from PennDot regarding the Shuglie Hill Road situation. We did do the repairs on the upper part of the road to get it back in shape after all the washouts. The 1998 Dodge Pickup is up for inspection and needs a lot of repairs. He asked the Board of Supervisors about putting it up for auction. We provided pictures for the residents to view of our service vehicle that was fixed up and improved.

Mr. Kerber asked where we were at with replacing Lowber VFC's pump that was destroyed. Mr. Volpe stated that we tried to repair it and it held for a while but broke again. He stated that we were waiting to see if we could get one on sale and that he was checking for a good price. Mr. Kerber replied he was a bit concerned with all the rain we are having. Mr. Volpe stated they do have a couple new ones and that we would get the pump replaced shortly.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Mitch Gross

Since our last meeting, I have taken over the role of the Township Ordinance Officer. I was sworn in by Judge Christner on June 23rd and since then I have received the usual complaints including junk motor vehicles, property maintenance, illegal burning, and loose dogs. I have had some successes in dealing with four different problem properties owned by out of state trusts and companies which have begun to get into proper maintenance schedules and hopefully will continue to do so. We have also been receiving reports from some concerned citizens from Lowber regarding possible underage drinking at the

Lowber Playground. I have contacted the State Police and spoke with Officer Gardner who has assured me that they would make some late night trips to try and keep the kids out of the playground after hours. I have a few busy days ahead of me which are going to include a trip to Judge Christner's office tomorrow morning for a case involving an illegal motor vehicle, as well as a resentencing for another illegal motor vehicle case at Common Pleas Court in Greensburg in front of Judge Ober. These will be my first trips to court, and hopefully next month I will follow up with some good news from both of these cases. I also have received a court date of August 14th, regarding a few properties on Limerick Rd. Since this has been my first month working on the job I have been getting accustomed to the processes that I have to go through to do my job properly, and so far the people of our Township have been mostly cooperative.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Recreation Center:

- Upcoming Recreation Board Events:
 - The Pirate Bus Trip on Friday, July 24th, has sold out
 - Saturday, July 18th is \$1 Buck Night at Crabapple Pool from 7:30pm-10:00pm Admission and selected items will be available for a buck. All other items will be available from the pool concession at regular price. There will be music from Upbeat Entertainment.
 - Saturday, August 22nd, is our annual Back to School Splash Party at Crabapple Pool starting at 7:30pm. I will have more details next month.

Pool:

- Unfortunately, the weather has been very wet and cold. This has affected attendance.
- Memberships are a little lower than last year. I'll get a final tally and percentage change at September's meeting after the pool closes for the season.
- Swim Lessons: Session 1 we have 15 signups, Session 2 we have 27 signups
- Wednesday Evening Swim tonight. Due to the weather, we had only 3. We will be open tonight, but the weather is to be cool.
- Daytime Birthdays are still popular and we have splash parties booked for almost every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The Park Pavilion also has been rented every weekend since the end of May and continuing through August.
- Unfortunately the Pepsi Truck got stuck down at the park near the pavilions. They were lost and looking for the pool. Their insurance company is settling with us on the damage and Grandview Nursery fixing the damage.

Butterfly Garden Crabapple Park:

- Nicholas Schork and Boy Scout Troop 259 will be starting the installation of the Butterfly Garden this Saturday, July 18th. He hopes to complete it this weekend, but has set aside the second week in August to finish if needed.

Summer Sports Camps:

- Hummingbirds Soccer, Ages 3-6, will finish tomorrow night. We have 18 kids participating
- There is still time to register for our week long Olympic Multi-Sports to run from Monday, July 20th through Friday, July 24th. We only have 7 registered and need 15 to run the program. We are hoping that over the next several days we will get more interested otherwise we will have to cancel.

Mr. Fossi asked how many kids we will put through swim lessons this year. Mrs. Schork stated that it is about 43.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on May 20, 2015 as reviewed. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously

Public Comment

Ron Oblak lives in Hutchinson on Firehall Avenue. He questioned the status on the playground. Mr. Fossi stated that when we changed the location of the playground, we had to change the design of the fence. The fence is here and it should be installed next week. We had to order some more mulch and that's why we didn't install the swings. We didn't want anybody getting hurt. Mr. Oblak also spoke about the road conditions of the two roads that come into Hutchinson. He asked if there is anything else we can do except for patching. Mr. Volpe stated that Firehall Lane is getting paved. Mr. Oblak asked if there was anything we could do until then. He asked if we could just do the piece of road nearest to Mary's Lunch. Living on Firehall Lane is very noisy all hours of the day and night. My wife had a stroke and it's hard to get sleep. Mr. Oblak asked if we ever took a look at the cost of repeatedly patching versus paving. Mr. Fossi stated we would take a look at that. Mr. Oblak said he would like to see something done for the residents of Hutchinson.

Rick Halvey stated that the pump from the Lowber VFC is barely usable and we could use the new pump. He also stated that he took Engine One to Norwin Tire last Friday and it needed new front tires. He paid Norwin Tire that day for the new tires. Mr. Halvey was then told that we weren't going to reimburse him because he had already paid Norwin Tire. Mr. Fossi stated that our policy is that when you purchase something, we pay the vendors. So when you purchase something, we write a check to the supplier. We do not write a check to the fire company to reimburse them. Mr. Fossi stated this is for auditing purposes and we do not vary from this policy. Mr. Fossi explained to Mr. Halvey that the Township sent a check to Norwin Tire and that he should get his check back from Norwin Tire.

Elizabeth Guardasoni lives on Shuglie Hill Road. She wanted to thank us for the improvement on the road. She stated she could now go down it without dragging but there is still a lot of work to be done and it needs to be opened back up. Mrs. Guardasoni would like for us to look into stabilizing the bank because that is one thing that needs to be done.

Joy DeClaudio asked Mr. Volpe if he was done on her road. Mr. Volpe stated that they plan on coming back tomorrow to finish.

Daryl Dermotta lives on Rodebaugh Road. He had some tires thrown on his property. He called and talked to the Ordinance Officer who then spoke with Mr. Volpe. Mr. Dermotta stated that the tires came from a Township Road and he would like some help from the Township in cleaning them up. Mr. Volpe stated that it was a Board decision. Do you want us paving roads or going onto people's property to pick up garbage? We are a limited crew and we're trying to get roads paved. Mr. Volpe stated that the Ordinance Officer went and took pictures and the tires are 10 to 15 feet in the ditch. People have to pay to get rid of tires and TVs, its numerous everywhere. You see TVs, tires, and computers along the roads everywhere. Mr. Dermotta stated that in the past, the Township came out to clean it up. He doesn't know what to do with them and he is going to put them back where they came from which is on the Township Road. Mr. Kerber stated that we have picked them up before when people dumped them. Mr. Kerber stated that you can't make a landowner responsible for someone dumping garbage on their property. Mr. Fossi stated that we would discuss it between the three Supervisors. Mr. Kerber stated that he believes to dispose of the tires; they are going to charge you 1 to 2 dollars per tire. Mrs. Layman then asked if we were going to have to take those to the landfill. Mr. Volpe stated we would have to take them out to the recycle center in Latrobe where Cleanways has there dumpsters for appliances and tires and that we would get charged for it. Mr. Kerber stated that he thinks you could take them to a tire dealership and see if they would take them.

Mr. Dermotta spoke about an incident with Mr. Volpe. He asked Mr. Volpe about knocking the high spots down on Rodebaugh Road because he knocked the sway bars off on his car. He stated that he didn't get a response very favorable, that he was told to go, get out of here and that I cannot help you. Mr. Dermotta stated that he doesn't think this is the way a Township employee should talk to a resident. Mr. Volpe stated that he disagreed with him and that Mr. Dermotta came to complain about his road condition. Mr. Volpe then told him we have priority on roads and that we were over on his road 3 or 4 times putting stone down and leveling off the road. Mr. Volpe stated the Mr. Dermotta said that he wanted them to go down there that day. Everyone else has road issues and priorities are set. Mr. Volpe checked the road and he doesn't feel that the road needed immediate attention, so it waits on the priority list. Mr. Volpe stated that Mr. Dermotta continued to go up the road to bother the Road Crew. Mr. Volpe then told Mr. Dermotta to get in his car and get moving, that our employees are paid to do a job. Mr. Dermotta didn't like his response and Mr. Volpe stated that he was called a few choice words. Mr. Volpe stated that if he has a complaint, don't bother the road crew, to call the Township. Mr. Fossi then stated that we are not going to take the conversion any further. If Mr. Dermotta wanted to talk about this, he could come to him in private and discuss the issue. Mr. Dermotta then asked Mr. Fossi to bring his car out and drive the road. He stated that all he was asking for is to have a few bumps leveled on his street and that he has the receipt from when he had to fix his car.

Mary Lackey wanted to thank Hutchinson Fire Company for responding numerous times for flooding issues on Reynolds Street. She stated that she has tried to get this issue resolved for over a year and a half. When it rains, some residents are getting sewage backed up into their basements. Brian was out last Fall to take a look and John was out in the Spring. She said she was promised that someone would bring a camera out to take a look at the road pipe. She said Mr. Volpe is contracting with Robinson Pipe Cleaning and wanted to know the status of that. Mr. Volpe stated that there is a small underdrain pipe that everybody on the street is tied in to. The problem is when we get a lot of rain, only so much of the water can go through and this is what is causing it to back up and why sewage is coming into the basements. Mr. Volpe stated that he is getting a contract set up with Robinson Pipe Cleaning. Mr. Volpe stated that the houses and the storm drains are all tied to it. He said that sewage is coming through down the road and maybe that will help the cause. Mrs. Laymen asked if in a week or two, we would be able to get them to take a look at the pipes. Mr. Volpe responded that Robinson was in the other day and we did all the paper work. Mr. Volpe stated that if the line is clean, it may need all the catch basins replaced and a bigger diameter pipe put in. Mrs. Lackey stated that this is also a health hazard with the sewage coming in and we worry about the deteriorating of our foundation and also my furnace in the basement. We always have to call the fire department because water just keeps coming. She stated that she has a pump and it can't keep up with it. She stated that a year and a half is a long time to be dealing with this. Mr. Fossi then stated that this is the first time he has heard of this issue and Mr. Volpe hasn't been here for a year and a half. Mrs. Lackey said Mr. Volpe was the first person to ever give her some information. Mr. Fossi stated that we will get Robinson Pipe out here and then we can address the situation. Mrs. Lackey stated that Mrs. Layman was aware of the situation. Mrs. Layman stated that she was under the impression that they did something to temporarily fix it. Mrs. Lackey asked if she could be contacted when Robinson Pipe was coming. Mr. Volpe stated that he would contact her.

Sandy Dull stated that it's that time of the year again for our Community Picnic. It will be August 12th and tickets go on sale August 1st. Mrs. Leukhardt then asked where they can buy the tickets. Mrs. Dull stated that tickets can be purchased at Sandy's Barber Shop for \$23. Janet Schork asked Mrs. Dull if she had a flyer to put on the website. Sandy stated that they are being printed out. Mr. Fossi stated that we could put it on the sign at the Bruno Field also.

Marlene Pieniadz lives on McGrogen Road. She thanked us for coming out when the road was so bad and putting stone down and filling the ruts. Now the rest of the road is so bad and the weeds are bad on both sides. Near the entrance, the stream that runs parallel with the road, is starting to wash out and is coming very close to the road and is causing a drop-off. Mr. Fossi asked what side of the bridge this was happening on. Mrs. Pieniadz stated that it was before the bridge. Mr. Volpe stated that it's washing off of the State Road and coming down on our road.

Tracy Pieniadz also lives on McGrogan Road. She also has concerns about the condition of the road. She asked what the status was on the bridge at the other end because we are now having issues on this end. We only have one way in and out. Her concern was that a firetruck could not get through because of the weight limit on the bridge. She gets call from the UPS trucks because they won't come across it. The closest hydrant is back by were the road is closed. Mrs. Pieniadz also stated that she has problems with the mail being delivered in the winter and her child is starting school and is concerned about the bus. She stated that the garbage truck does not come down that road. Mrs. Layman stated that they have a pickup and there is no reason they can't bring the pickup down there. Mrs. Layman then asked for her phone number. She is going to get in touch with Waste Management and see why they won't bring the pickup down there because you are paying for the service.

Ralph Fulmer lives on Sunnyside Drive and his road is in need of repair. He stated that him and his neighbor took a tractor down in the dip where the creek is and spent about four hours scraping the road and dug the ditches out. He stated that at least the water is going where it is supposed to now. He stated that on the top of the road, the potholes are so bad that you go to miss one and you're hitting the other. He wanted to know when the road will be taken care of. The Supervisors stated that the road is on the list to be paved.

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
Murray Auto Electric – radio in '95 squad	\$ 2,283.88
Norwin Tire Inc. – two (2) tires for engine	\$ 930.00

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to disburse 2014 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Sewickley Township Emergency Management as follows:

Staley Communication – early warning alert hardware	\$ 837.35
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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 approve a six (6) lot subdivision with two (2) Lots as side yard additions to existing lots of record on Underwood Lane. This property is in an R-R zoning district. The purpose of this Plan is to create The Lot depicted as "Add-On A" is to be joined with the property of Nickles for conveyance to the owner of that parcel. The Lot depicted as "Add-On B" is to be joined with the property of Robert Cross and Margaret Louise Cerne Cross. The remaining parcels, namely Lots 1, Lot 2, Lot 3 and Lot 4 as depicted on the Plan will remain as separate lots for purposes of conveyance to third parties. The properties are all served by existing private roadways with dedicated right of ways. All parcels have access to public water, sewerage, gas and electric. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the Chunko Plan. This plot combines two parcels containing a total of 3.9 acres located on West Newton Road just south of Apples Mill Road. The plan now shows the existing lot dimensions, the soil test pits and a copy of the septic permit was included. Public water and electricity are both available. The parcel is located in a R-R zone. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve The Fidei subdivision located on Guffey Road. It divides a plot located in an A-1 zoning district containing 91.39 acres into three separate non-buildable lots. Lot 1 has 34.1465 acres with lot 2 containing 26.7525 and lot 3 has 30.4941 acres. An existing barn and outbuilding is located on lot three. Lot 2 contains an existing house that is being removed. A non-building waiver is included for each lot. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize payment of costs up to \$4,156.55 for filing of municipal claims for 2013 delinquent street light assessments. Costs will cover up to 59 claims. Board Comments: Mr. Kerber how much is owed. He wants to make sure we're not spending more than we will be collecting. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to advertise to sell the 1998 Dodge Pickup through Municibid. Funds from the sale will be deposited into the Sewickley Township Equipment Account. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to change Susan Leukhardt's position from Secretary-Treasurer to Part Time Clerk effective July 20, 2015. Mrs. Leukhardt will work up to 20 hours per week at the rate of \$12.00 per hour and this was per her request. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to appoint Erika Horvat as Secretary-Treasurer for the Township of Sewickley effective July 20, 2015. Mrs. Horvat will work up to 29 hours per week at the rate of \$12.50 per hour. 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 7126 to 7155 - \$ 44,091.35 (6/24/15)
 Check 7156 - \$ 720.99 (6/24/15)
 Drafts 150120 to 150121 - \$ 5,753.34 (6/25/15)
 Drafts 178 to 179 - \$ 1,992.95 (6/29/15)
 Checks 7157 to 7193 - \$ 92,096.78 (7/13/15)

Crabapple: Checks 4218 to 4225 - \$ 2,099.22 (6/24/15)
 Draft 66 - \$ 929.98 (6/26/15)
 Checks 4226 to 4237 - \$ 4,080.53 (7/13/15)

Light Districts: Draft 174 - \$ 5,427.40 (6/25/15)
 Draft 175 - \$ 986.77 (6/25/15)
 Draft 176 - \$ 1,104.96 (6/25/15)
 Draft 177 - \$ 429.71 (6/25/15)

Payroll Invoices: Checks 3950 to 3952 - \$ 5,336.89 (6/24/15)
 Draft 90240 - \$ 17,535.43 (6/24/15)
 Draft 90241 - \$ 13,145.30 (6/24/15)
 Checks 4004 to 4005 - \$ 200.46 (7/13/15)

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) 6/26/15 - \$ 10,504.40 – checks 3928 to 3933 , drafts 24831 to 24841
- (pool) 6/26/15 - \$ 2,307.49 – checks 3934 to 3949 , draft 24842
- (twp) 7/2/15 - \$ 11,513.89 – checks 3953 to 3958 , drafts 24843 to 24853
- (pool) 7/2/15 - \$ 2,546.13 – checks 3959 to 3976 , draft 24854
- (twp) 7/10/15 - \$ 14,426.86 – check 3977 to 3985, 4003,drafts 24855 to 24865
- (pool) 7/10/15 - \$ 3,616.80 – checks 3986 to 4002 , draft 24866
- (twp) 7/17/15 - \$ 11,303.07 – checks 4006 to 4011 , drafts 24867 to 24877
- (pool) 7/17/15 - \$ 2,553.80 – checks 4012 to 4026 , draft 24878

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

New / Old Business

None

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 7:38pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer