

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 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. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Alan Fossi, Wanda Layman, and Joe Kerber. Also attending the meeting were Michael Somales, Av Mayers, Marie Houth, Jane Kassler, Lisa Kassler, Marianne Errett, Georgeann Wachs, Bob Wachs, Tracy Hampshire, Ruth Lucov, Sandy Dull, Loren Way, Frank Way, Jennifer Mauser, Sue Romanowski, Dave Hoey, Marlene Hoey, Jack McWilliams, Tom Lord, Linda Harvey, Coleen Lawrenzi, Joe Eori, Kathy Kerber, Ralph Gibala, Houston Burton, Marjorie Sykes, William Sykes, Steve Solomon, Michelle Smith, Judy Harvey, Jim Harvey, Mari Beth Bungos, Paula Alcott, Janet Schork, Dean Zimmerman, and Susan Leukhardt. Other names were illegible or did not sign in.

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

Public Works Report

Sweeping is finished for the year. Mowing is taking place all over the Township at this time. Installed french drain on Scott Haven Road. Fixed Scott Haven Road and also installed some new pipes and a new catch basin to get ready for paving. Pushed back and cleaned up some trees at the bottom of Scott Haven Road. Also filled in washed out part of Scott Haven near Mars Hill Road. Cut shoulder on Oggs Lane and also ripped up part of the road washed out with bad weather and spread stone and rolled in. Fixed Gradall and is back on the road. Fixed up entrance at the Grange and also gave one load of 2B stone for the upcoming fair. Cleaned ditch and basin on Buford Street and another on Hickory Street. Started installing pipe and catch basins on McGrew Hill Road to get ready for paving. The crews will be on Curry and Cool Springs soon to get those sections of roads ready for paving also.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman

Last month, I reported that we were going to put a statement in the Township newsletter to remind folks of the days and times of permitted burning and what materials are allowed to be burned and we did that. However, it apparently did little good because I have had several complaints about people burning on the wrong days and times. I also have had the normal complaints about junk motor vehicles and high vegetation. One property in Herminie is especially bad with high grass and weeds but the owners are from California and although the owners have told me someone will be hired to get the property into compliance, as of this afternoon that has not happened.

I have had several calls from residents wanting me to settle disputes between those folks and their neighbors. I have been informed by our solicitor that I am not to get involved in those situations. The proper remedy to resolve neighbor to neighbor disputes is through private complaints filed with the District Court in West Newton.

I currently have three cases in District Court that the Court is waiting for pleas to be entered, One is a repeat offender and the other one a new case. Those two were filed at the beginning of this month. Last month, I reported having nine cases with outstanding arrest warrants. Apparently my information was incorrect as one of those cases is one of the three I just mentioned that have not entered pleas yet. I withdrew the complaint on another case that had a warrant because the vehicle has changed hands and the new owner is working to get that vehicle legal and back on the road. That leaves me with seven cases with outstanding warrants. I still have the two hearings scheduled for next Tuesday that I reported last month.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Recreation Center:

Upcoming Recreation Center Events:

Pirate Bus Trip on Friday, June 27 very successful

Saturday, July 12, 2014 - The band "One South East" & Swim Party at Crabapple Pool unfortunately we only had 60 attend.

Canoe & Kayak Trip, Sunday August 17

4 hours floating (7 miles)

Smithton to West Newton

\$45 Canoe and tandem kayak (double occupancy)

25.50 per kayak (single person)

Snack Stop Cedar Creek, Picnic afterwards at Pavilion

Food & beverages provided by Sewickley Recreation Board

Register by August 1st

Phone or email me

Saturday, August 23, 2014 - Back to School Splash Party at Crabapple Pool starting at 7:30pm.

At this time Free, but will discuss further at the next recreation board meeting.

Crabapple Pool:

Actually going very, very well. A few bumps here and there, but for the most part pool running in positive way.

Memberships: slowed down but we reached our 400 pass printed last week!

Swim Lessons: Session 1 = 15 people, Session 2 = 33 people

Wednesday Evening Swim tonight. We have had 3 with attendance at over 100 each week.

Bruno Field Sign:

Zachary Casagrande almost done with his Eagle project at the Bruno Field Sign

Needs to place wall caps and paint the curb along front

Turn-around at Park:

Alexander Schork finished the wall and landscaping on the wall at Crabapple Park.

A resident asked who is paying for the upgrades to the Bruno Field sign. Mrs. Schork stated that the Township is paying for the materials at a discounted rate and some donations with the Boy Scout donating the labor.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings held on the following dates:

July 17, 2013

August 21, 2013

September 18, 2013

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

Public Comment

Tom Lord stated that residents on Wolfe Lane and Slaughter Hollow are complaining of potholes. Then he asked about Falls Road Bridge. Mrs. Layman stated that just this past week, we got the ok from the Conservation District. It is scheduled to be started by mid-September as long as no emergencies come up.

Houston Burton stated that a whole side of Van Kirk Road is caving in near Mars Hill Road.

Linda Harvey announced that there is now a Farmers Market located at Herminie VFC every Wednesday from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to disburse 2013 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lower Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

S & T Bank – mortgage payment	\$ 602.25
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Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to ratify the amendment of two disbursements on behalf of Sewickley Township Emergency Management from August 21, 2013 and November 20, 2013 to Mobile Radio Service with a total amount of \$ 10,088.90. A new quote was received from Staley Communication, Inc. in the amount of \$7,397.35 for same items (radios, batteries, smart phone / radio app, and equipment. Board Comments: Mr. Fossi explained that the original equipment was never ordered and since then, Emergency Management has received a better price on the same equipment. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals for the paving of McGrew Hill Road, Curry Road, Reservoir Road, Maple Street, Cool Springs Road, and Derr Road which is a Turnback Road were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 12:00pm. The bids were as follows:

EI Grande Industries, Inc.	\$ 348,885.00
Victor Paving & Construction, Inc.	\$ 341,125.00

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to accept the Bid for the paving of McGrew Hill Road, Curry Road, Reservoir Road, Maple Street, Cool Springs Road, and Derr Road which is a Turnback Road to Victor Paving & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$ 341,125.00. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to use Act 13 Impact Fee money to pave a portion of Van Kirk Road. Board Comments: Mr. Fossi stated that the Township will pave a portion of that road from Scott Haven Road for about 4/10 of a mile of the road including drainage and catch basins. The other 3/10 of a mile will be patched and hopefully next year we will have the funds to complete the project. A resident asked if inspections are done to make sure the work is completed properly. Mr. Fossi stated that it depends on what type of work we are doing. The resident listed some issues that she saw in the past when work was being completed. Mr. Kerber stated that if Liquid Fuel money is being used, an inspector should be there. Rick Skovensky inspects our Turn Back roads. The resident asked if we are receiving any funds that are coming for dirt and gravel roads. Mrs. Layman stated that a couple of our guys did go to the classes that will qualify us for those funds. We will try to get some money that way. A resident gave some more details on the damage on Van Kirk. Many residents asked for clarification on why the whole road can't be paved. Mrs. Layman stated it is completely due to the amount of money it would take to do the whole road. The plan is to have whatever is not completed this year, will be completed next year. A resident offered to donate two trucks... would that help? The Supervisors stated

that it's not the equipment, it's the manpower. A resident asked for a tentative start date. Mrs. Layman stated hopefully the first of September pending any issues with Scott Haven. Regarding the inspector issue, Mrs. Layman stated that she will call Rick Skovensky to check on everything even though it's not being paid for by Liquid Fuel money. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to advertise for paving on Scott Haven Road. Act 13 Impact Fee money will be used for this project. Public Comment: A resident asked if there will be a weight limit placed on Scott Haven after the paving is completed. Mr. Kerber stated that you really can't stop the railroad due to "local delivery" just like the garbage trucks. Mrs. Layman stated that we have been trying to do weight limits around the Township due to Chevron being here. We will look into it. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to consent to the request from the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau for the potential sale of Tax Map Parcel No. 58-07-11-0-044 from the Unsold Property Repository. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize the advertisement of an Ordinance to update the existing Municipal Pension Plan in order to comply with the current standards and requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System. Action on this matter shall be considered by the Board of Supervisors at the meeting to be held August 20, 2014. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to appoint Lucille Kenderes as Township Auditor. The appointment will run until January, 2016 with the position to be on the election ballot in the municipal elections of 2015. Board Comments: Mr. Kerber asked why are we not considering the previous Elected Auditor since he has regrets from resigning in the past couple months. Mrs. Layman and Mrs. Leukhardt stated that they have not officially received anything from him requesting to come back as an Auditor. All he did was inquire about what he needed to do to come back. He has not done anything further. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to pay Matt Cox \$175.00 for administering the American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course from June 16, 2014 to June 21, 2014. Mr. Cox was not paid his hourly rate during the training. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to ratify the amount of Township funds spent on the Eagle Scout Project of Zach Casagrande for the Bruno Field sign area to approximately \$2,000.00. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Township has received a letter from Sandra Dull requesting appointment to the Municipal Sewage Authority of the Township of Sewickley:

Joe Kerber made a motion with no second to adopt Resolution No. 25-2014 appointing Sandra Dull to the Municipal Sewage Authority of the Township of Sewickley to fulfill the remainder of John Costanza's term. This term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2019. Motion did not pass.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the following bills for payment.

General Fund:	Checks 6379 to 6407 - \$ 41,336.25 (6/27/14)
Crabapple:	Checks 4092 to 4099 - \$ 10,232.41 (6/25/14) Checks 4100 to 4103 - \$ 2,267.62 (6/27/14)
Payroll Invoices:	Checks 3464 to 3465 - \$ 1,794.84 (6/25/14) Checks 3466 to 3467 - \$ 299.84 (6/27/14) Draft 90205 - \$ 747.15 (7/11/14) Draft 90206 - \$ 686.62 (7/11/14)

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:

(twp)	6/27/14 - \$ 8,385.70 – check 3445 , drafts 24197 to 24208
(pool)	6/27/14 - \$ 3,963.14 – checks 3446 to 3463 , drafts 24209 and 24210
(twp)	7/3/14 - \$ 8,202.63 – check 3468 , drafts 24211 to 24221
(pool)	7/3/14 - \$ 4,184.12 – checks 3469 to 3489 , drafts 24222 and 24223
(twp)	7/11/14 - \$ 13,508.68 – checks 3490 to 3492, 3511 , drafts 24224 to 24236
(pool)	7/11/14 - \$ 4,642.39 – checks 3493 to 3510 , drafts 24237 and 24238
(twp)	7/18/14 - \$ 9,176.43 – check 3512 , drafts 24239 to 24250
(pool)	7/18/14 - \$ 4,511.02 – checks 3513 to 3531 , drafts 24251 and 24252

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

No New / Old Business

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.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer