

Chairman Joseph Kerber on Wednesday, July 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 Av Mayers, Tom Byrnes, Terry Stafford, Norm Vinsick, Jim Balog, Connie Crossen Bosko DC, Rich Bosko, Linda Harvey, Jim Harvey, Elizabeth Guardasoni, Jack McWilliams, Lori Jones, Wayne Jones, Tom Lord, Mitchell Gross, Zachary Kansler, and Erika Horvat. Mr. Kerber led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

An Executive Session was held on Thursday, July 12, 2016 at 1:30pm and Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 6:45pm to discuss legal and personnel issues.

Report from Roadmaster, Joe Kerber

In the past month we have been mowing along the roadways. We did some mowing in Lowber for cleanways by the sulphur ponds. The Shaner Road slide work has been completed and the road is opened back up. Storm pipes were repaired on Third and Highland Streets; Meadow and Wilps also. Replaced the oil cooler on truck number eight, our triaxle. We have been patching roads throughout the Township. Pulled ditches on Rodabaugh, Shuglie, Freeman, Tolvinsky, Balentine, Kalamazoo and White Street.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Mitch Gross

Since the last meeting I have been perusing the usual complaints of high grass, weeds and junk motor vehicles. We did have one appearance in court for multiple violations. The property owner was given the highest amount of fines allowed by the ordinance. We had two properties brought down by the County Land Bank and Demolition Program. This was a long time coming and we are glad to see those down. For those of you who do not know, this will be my last report as the Ordinance Officer. I would like to thank everyone here that I've worked with, Supervisors, ladies in the office, ladies down at MSATS and Linda Harvey. The Board of Supervisors thanked Mitch for his time here and commented on how excellent of a job he has done for the Township.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork given by Alan Fossi

- **Crabapple Pool:**
 - It's been a very busy pool season so far. Everything is going well.
 - Our Swim Lessons started last night. We had 16 participants. Classes continue every Mondays through August 15th
- **Bruno Field Cleanup**
 - The Sewickley Township Community Days Committee has been busy cleaning & preparing Bruno Field for community days. The fence, bleachers, and buildings have been repaired and painted. Thank you to the board and the volunteers for all of their hard work!

- **Boy Scout Herminie Troop 259**
 - The recently cleared property at the corner of Sewickley & Pike Street has been selected by the Herminie Boy Scout Troop 259 as their yearly community service project.
 - The scope of work for the site is to install a flagpole, surround flagpole with brick pavers, and install 3 park benches with brick paver bases.
 - Additionally, to supplement the Greening Grant funds, park benches and plaques will be available for purchase. Attached is the flyer listing donation amounts and details.

Brian Merdin made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on May 18, 2016. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Connie Bosko asked if any decisions have been made on what they are going to do with Seventh Street. Mr. Kerber stated that he has not been doing any paving yet, that they have been out pulling ditches and we have water issues on the roads that is a priority. When we get out we will do what we can afford to do. Mrs. Bosko asked if we will get to that this year. Mr. Kerber stated we think we can. Mrs. Bosko said she tried putting patch in there and it won't stay in. Mrs. Bosko asked if we borrowed a street sweeper and is it still here. Mr. Kerber stated it is but we only borrowed it for thirty days, we are thinking about buying it. Mrs. Bosko commented on the conditions of the roads and how filthy Sewickley Avenue looks. Mr. Kerber stated that there are two issues here. This is a state road, and we only had use of the street sweeper for thirty days. We had to do our roads first. When I called the Township to talk to Erika that was one of the things that I got told, that this is a state road. And I don't want to hear about complaints of high grass on the bank. When it rains and the storm drain gets clogged, they take all the material from when they clean it out and throw it on the bank. Then I have to clean it up. Mr. Kerber stated we do not get reimbursed for maintenance on state roads. Once we start down this path we cannot to back.

Linda Harvey asked if the Township is officially done with the CDC. The Board of Supervisors answered that it is now a separate entity. Mrs. Harvey asked Mr. Merdian when he attends the CDC meetings and sits on that board, are you acting as a Supervisor of the Township or just a member of the CDC. Mr. Merdian stated he is acting as an individual of the CDC board. Mrs. Harvey asked why the CDC is not acting under the Township. She asked if the CDC will be using the services of the Township. Mr. Kerber stated yes, Bob Regola Consulting. Mr. Fossi stated we used our Recreation Director for a few meetings and we will need to pay her. Mr. Merdian asked Mrs. Harvey to look for the advertisement to when the CDC meeting will occur and open up this discussion there. Mrs. Harvey stated she doesn't want to discuss these issues there. I think that if the CDC is independent then be independent. We have limited resources and we are spending money on something that is not connected to the Township. Mr. Kerber stated that if the CDC is working on a project for something over at Bruno Field and they need an engineer we would discuss paying for that because that is Township property. Mr. Merdian stated that there is a motion on the agenda here tonight that is in regards to what we are discussing. Mr. Kerber stated that before we would spend any money for the CDC we would vote on it.

A resident commented on an issue with water running onto his property. It is running into his basement. Mr. Kerber stated that he will be over tomorrow to take a look at it.

Mrs. Guardasoni lives on Shuglie Hill Road. She asked if her road will be opened before school. Mr. Kerber stated that it will be opened.

Lori Jones commented on an article that she found concerning Mr. Fossi. According to the article LSD and other dangerous drugs were being sold to thirteen year old girls, by you, and one had almost died. Mr. Fossi suggested that Mrs. Jones look at a copy of the arrest report, not newspaper articles. Look at the official arrest report and see what I was charged with. Mrs. Jones stated that the fishing derby almost didn't happen because of a phone call that was made by Mr. Fossi to a young lady that just lost her father. You called her and slandered the Business Association and a certain member of the Business Association. Mr. Fossi stated that he never called her and to get an affidavit from her stating that he did.

Sandy Dull wanted to state that she is proud of Sewickley Township, the Supervisors and everyone that came out to support the Yough Softball Girls. Everyone came together and put on a great parade for them.

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

S & T Bank – mortgage payment	\$ 1,204.50
Schulte's – fuel tank and lines	<u>\$ 1,128.14</u>
	\$ 2,332.64

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

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

Webb's Service Center – service on Brush Truck	\$ 463.75
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Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to disburse 2015 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Sewickley Township Emergency Management as follows:

Staley Communication – service on amplifier	\$ 308.89
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Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to accept the Wineberry Ridge Estates plan. We received a letter from Dan Schmidt indicating his approval for the plan revisions. The changes moved the road location, increased the building pad sizes and revised the Stormwater Management Plan. The plan was approved in March pending his approval. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to authorize the solicitor to prepare an ordinance reducing the Sewickley Township Planning Commission board members from seven to five. This is so a quorum can be reached more easily. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from The Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service asking The Sewickley Township Supervisors to consider transferring the ambulance building at 2 Medic Street, Hermine back into the name of the Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service. This will allow them to use the equity in the building to do some remodeling.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to transfer the ambulance building at 2 Medic Street, Herminie into the name of The Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service. Mr. Merdian stated he will make the motion as long as the Community Ambulance agrees to pay any legal fees associated with this transaction. Mr. Fossi abstained because he is a member of the Ambulance Service. Voting: Mr. Fossi, abstained; Mr. Kerber, yes; Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to subdivide the Keystone Road property to allow Sewickley Township to keep 1.25 acres for storage of stone and materials. The cost will be \$2,935.00. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to authorize Gibson-Thomas Engineering to begin a planning study along with providing assistance in preparing funding requests for improvements to the Bruno Field / Crabapple Park and Pool complex. Mr. Fossi stated that approximately two years ago Gibson Thomas did some work for the pool to see if they would qualify for a grant. They did look into the handy-cap accessibility and I would not want to pay them to do this again. This should be on file. Brian Merdian made the motion as long as Gibson Thomas excludes any study on the handy-cap accessibility of the pool. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to accept, as gifted from the Westmoreland County Land Bank, the property located at 3372 Pike Street, Herminie. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 35-2016 to authorize and execute the agreement of transferring State highways to Sewickley Township municipal control as stated in the Turnback Agreement for the following road:

SR 3012 Yukon Road

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 36-2016 to authorize and execute the agreement of transferring State highways to Sewickley Township municipal control as stated in the Turnback Agreement for the following road:

SR 3047 Dick Station Road

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify accepting the quotes submitted from Russ's Lawn and Landscape to mow the following abandoned properties within Sewickley Township at a price of \$100.00 for the first cut then \$45.00 monthly:

137 Limerick Road, Herminie
614 Sewickley Avenue, Herminie
112 Sewickley Avenue, Herminie
105 Madison Avenue, Herminie
116 Daisy Street, Lowber
208 Hood Street, Hutchinson

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify the installation of QuickBooks in the amount of \$ 1,210.47 and to pay Horner, Wible & Terek for training in this software in the amount of \$2,600.00. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fosssi to ratify Joe Kerber and Debi Pils to attend a MS4 Workshop hosted by the DEP on August 11, 2016 at the Cranberry Township Municipal Center. The cost is \$50.00 each. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from the following resident regarding the waiving of residential garbage service due to the property being vacant and up for sale.

Frank Rutkowsky
140 New Blocks Road
Yukon, PA 15698

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to waive the above resident's residential garbage service and all bills relating to garbage pickup through Waste Management. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to accept Mitchell Gross' letter of resignation as the Ordinance Officer for Sewickley Township effective July 28, 2016. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 37-2016 approving Susan Leukhardt's increase in compensation of \$ 13.25 per hour to be retroactive starting January 25, 2016. Mr. Merdian suggested that this motion be tabled for further discussion, Alan Fossi seconded.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify Susan Leukhardt to work over her allotted hours on the payroll date of July 1, 2016. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; 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 dates of July 22 and July 8, 2016. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify Janet Schork to work over her allotted hours on the payroll dates of June 24, July 1, and July 15, 2016. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to close the Township Office at Noon on Friday, August 12, 2016 so the Township employees may attend the Annual Picnic hosted by the Westmoreland County Association of Township Supervisors at Mammoth Park. Employees will be paid their regular hourly rate while attending this event. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from the President of the Sewickley Township Community Fair kindly asking for a donation from the Township.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify donating \$1,000.00 to the Sewickley Township Community Fair that is being held July 18, 2016 to July 23, 2016. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify the use of Crabapple Pool to The Sewickley Area Business and Civic Association for the Yough Girls Softball Team pool party. Admission for the softball players, coaches and officials were free. There was a \$ 3.00 admission for everyone else. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to hire the following employee to work the 2016 season at Crabapple Pool and at the rate listed.

Bobby Petrosky – 1st Year Lifeguard at \$7.75 per hour

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

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

General Fund:	Checks 7907 to 7930 - \$ 28,534.64 (6/16/16)
	Check 7931 - \$ 75.70 (7/6/16)
	Checks 7932 to 7940 - \$ 5,496.50 (7/15/16)
	Checks 7941 to 7949 - \$ 3,493.60 (7/19/16)
Crabapple:	Checks 4342 to 4347 - \$ 1,284.08 (6/16/16)
	Checks 4348 to 4356 - \$ 3,535.82 (7/15/16)
Payroll Invoices:	Draft 90262 - \$ 714.46 (6/15/16)
	Checks 4443 to 4444 - \$ 416.91 (6/16/16)
	Checks 4519 to 4522 - \$ 2,791.93 (7/6/16)
	Draft 90263 - \$ 757.13 (7/11/16)
	Draft 90264 - \$1249.15 (7/19/16)

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

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

Employees Payroll:

(twp) 6/24/16 - \$ 9,876.10
(pool) 6/24/16 - \$ 3,592.22
(twp) 7/1/16 - \$ 9,860.25
(pool) 7/1/16 - \$ 4,013.18
(twp) 7/8/16 - \$ 11,402.72
(pool) 7/8/16 - \$ 3,149.86
(twp) 7/15/16 - \$ 11,693.09
(pool) 7/15/16 - \$ 2,951.11
(twp) 7/22/16 - \$ 10,364.87
(pool) 7/22/16 - \$ 3,817.97

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

New / Old Business

The Township of Sewickley would like to remind everyone who lives and works in the Township that our storm water inlets, curbs, gutters, drainage ditches and storm pipes discharge directly into Sewickley Creek, Little Sewickley Creek, Youghiogheny River and other natural waterways that are used for fishing, boating, and swimming. In order to keep these waterways clean and pollution free we remind residents and businesses please do not discard bleach, grass clippings, paint, used oil, solvents or other used waste into our drains, roadside ditches, or stream channels. Maintain grass in your yard 3 inches high. Longer grass is healthier and uses less fertilizer. Follow directions when using fertilizer and never apply immediately before a rain storm. If draining your pool, allow it to dechlorinate first by keeping it uncovered and waiting at least ten days after the last chlorination. Do not let pet waste drain into the storm drains. Properly dispose of used oil, solvents, household paint and household cleaners. You can go to www.pacleanways.org for more information.

Mr. Merdian would like to ask the citizens who use public comment time that we focus on Township business. These personal things have to stop. I've been in the receipt of them; Mr. Fossi has been in the receipt of them. You like me, don't like me, like him, don't like him, that's beside the point. We were elected and we are going to be up for election again, and those things can be addressed then. I would like for us to work together and figure out ways to be productive and proactive. I would like everyone to keep that in mind and I would appreciate your consideration on this.

Mr. Fossi asked what is happening with appointing people to the Recreation Board. Mr. Kerber stated we have some seats that have been open for longer than five years. Mr. Kansler, the Township Solicitor, stated we could wait until the beginning of the year to appoint someone or we can appoint shorter terms to keep the terms staggered.

With no further business to come before the Board, Brian Merdian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alan Fossi. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Erika Horvat
Secretary-Treasurer

