

Chairman Joseph Kerber on Wednesday, June 15, 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, and Alan Fossi. Also attending the meeting were Av Mayers, Kathy Kerber, Jim Balog, W.W. Icardi, D. Dermotta, Millie Blانش, Linda Harvey, Jim Harvey, Tracy Hampshire, Sandy Dull, Micki Patterson, Paul Repnik, Tom Lord, Mark Petros, Sue Veychek, Carole Medved, Ann McWilliams, Jack McWilliams, Bette Kovac, Tom Lord, Mitchell Gross, Janet Schork, Zachary Kansler, and Susan Leukhardt. Supervisor Brian Merdian was absent. Mr. Kerber led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Roadmaster, Joe Kerber

The street sweeping is finished and we are trying to get the street sweeper back to Unity Township. We finished the slide on Volk Road. Replaced or repaired twenty eight street signs that were once again stolen or damaged. We have two individuals that have seen the same vehicle around and we sent the state police in that direction. We spent several days working at Crabapple Park and Pool. Work still continues on the Shaner Road slide. We started mowing on the sides of roads. We removed the lights at Bruno Field. A big thank you to all the volunteers for the clean-up and painting at the Bruno Field.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Mitch Gross

Since our last meeting, I have been pursuing the usual violations of high grass and weeds and for junk motor vehicles. During my attempts to have a few problem properties brought into compliance for high grass, I have found that there will be no improvements without Township intervention. I have noted that there are six properties that will need to be cut through the Township, and with the Boards approval I have had multiple calls out to local lawn care companies to submit bids for the work. We have had some good news from the County Land Bank. We have received a PA One Call for a demolition for the house on Pike/Sewickley Avenue and for another further down on Clay Pike. According to the one call the house on the corner will be demolished on or before June 22nd and the one further down on Clay Pike will be demolished later on in the month. On another note, some of you may have seen that the board is voting tonight to advertise for the position of Ordinance Officer. I have recently received news that I have been accepted into schooling which will start this upcoming August. Unfortunately my schooling will be full time and the position of Ordinance Officer is not something that I will be able to hold while I further my education. In the meantime, I will continue to work as the Ordinance Officer for the Township until the end of July.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

- **Crabapple Pool:**
- Up & running. Everything is going well.
- Our **Swim Lessons** will begin in July:
- Mondays: July 18th through August 15th
- Tuesdays: July 19th through August 16th
- 7:15pm – 8:00 pm
- Non-resident Rate:
 - \$65.00/per child
- Resident Rate:
 - \$60.00/per child

- We will be continuing our very popular **Wednesday Evening Swims**. Tonight is our first night swim, weather permitting, 7:30pm-10pm
- **Recreation Board Events:**
 - We have scheduled our annual **Back to School Splash Party** at Crabapple Pool on August 13th at 7:30pm
- **Sports Camps**
 - Unfortunately, we had to cancel our soccer and lacrosse camps due to lack of registration. The week long **Olympic Multi-sports camp** has only 3 registered. This camp is to run from Monday, July 18th through Friday, July 22nd from 9am – 3pm at Bruno Field in the morning and swimming at Crabapple in the afternoon. We are hopeful that we will have at least 10 register so that we don't have to cancel the program. The cost is \$125 per week.
- **Bruno Field Cleanup**
 - Thank you to the Sewickley Township Community Days Committee for all of their work done to cleanup Bruno field painting fences, landscaping, scraping --- the field looks really, really good.
 - Thank you to the township public works for removing the decrepit light towers and broken bleachers.
- **Hutchinson Playground**
 - Ron from the Hutchinson Fire Department had me look into some items missing from the playground. I wanted to give you an update on the following questions:
 - Check Blueprints: We received all of the equipment purchased with the system.
 - Age group of the equipment: 5 – 12
 - Mulch: Erika has ordered the mulch for Hutchinson, Herminie, and Lowber. We are going to be scheduling the mulch application this week.
 - Lighting at the playground: I will be getting prices for installing (1) dusk to dawn light. I hope to have this issue resolved in the next several weeks.
 - (1) Picnic Table: we use the High School Vo-tech to build our park picnic tables. I will be contacting them in the fall when they return from summer break to schedule one to be built for the playground.
 - (2) Trash Cans: I will order from Commercial Zone Products two 30 gallon trash cans next week.
 - Signs: Email me the signs needed and I will order next week.
- **H.W. Good and Crabapple Park**
 - Lisa Mumau, Yough School Counselor and Big Help Coordinator, and the H.W. Good 4th graders performed a community service activity at Crabapple Park, Thursday, May 19. 21 students planted flowers at the butterfly garden and collected litter from around the lake and the park.
 - In addition, Elizabeth Pasquale and 130 1st and 3rd H.W. Good students visited Crabapple Park to release their butterflies at the butterfly garden on May 26 as part of their science curriculum.
 - Both groups of students were very well behaved and had a lot of fun.
 - It was my pleasure to partner with our school and students and showcase our beautiful gardens, our lake and our park as well as raising awareness at an early age of the importance of community service for the township in which they live.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2016. Voting: Mr. Merdian, absent; Mr. Fossi, yes; Mr. Kerber, yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Linda Harvey would like an update on the CDC. Mr. Kerber stated as far as he knows there has not been any movement. Mr. Kansler, the Township solicitor, stated that the solicitor's office has fulfilled their duties. The CDC is now able to perform on their own. Linda Harvey said when she read the bylaws it shows that the Township has no influence in this nonprofit organization. Mr. Kansler stated this is designed to be separate from the Township. Mrs. Harvey asked if the fees paid by the Township, for the CDC, going to get paid back. Mr. Kerber stated that both he and Mr. Fossi have backed away from the CDC. He stated he can say that no meetings for that group have been scheduled at this point. Mrs. Harvey stated she is concerned about how the Township is going to be paid back. Mr. Kerber stated he thinks they will be getting a grant and the money will be returned for the Solicitors fees. Mrs. Harvey asked when Regola Consulting is working on a grant, how do we determine if he was doing work for the Township or the CDC. Mr. Kerber stated we would ask Mr. Regola for a report. Mr. Kerber also stated that the contract with Regola Consulting can be broke at any time. We have to give Mr. Regola some leeway, with grants you're not going to be able to get them in 60 or 90 days. It could take up to nine months. Mrs. Harvey stated that things just aren't very clear. Is there an agreement stating that the CDC will pay the money back. Mr. Kerber stated that there is not a written agreement. Mr. Fossi stated he never heard verbally or ever discussed how this money was going to get paid back. The only thing that was discussed with me was that I never agreed to pay that bill.

Betty Kovac asked if there is a reason that the Township is taking over Dick Station Road and is this the only road. Mr. Kerber stated we are looking into it. We were out looking at the storm water drains. The reason we are looking into taking it over is because we are plowing it anyways. There would be no way, with the last snow storm we had, you would've been able to get up the hill. Mr. Kerber stated that on other state roads we had several bus accidents that same day. Mrs. Kovac went on to explain that she thought Pen Dot did a good job on Dick Station Road. Mr. Kerber went on to explain that we do throw salt on this road and we do receive Turnback money for taking over roads and the amount of the Turnback money is good. Mrs. Kovac asked if this will impact Mr. Shuster's highway occupancy permit. Mr. Kerber stated he already has his driveway and we cannot go backwards. Mrs. Kovac asked if she is entitled to a buffer. Mr. Kerber said he explained to her that this is commercial property that was already there. He stated that he is in the process of just looking into taking over the road. Ms. Kovac went on to explain that Mr. Shuster does not have a highway occupancy permit.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber 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 – maintenance on firetruck	\$ 5,405.24

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

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

Howell Rescue Systems – rescue tool	\$ 9,000.00
Premier Safety & Service – air bottle service	\$ 45.35
Premier Safety & Service – gas detector service	\$ 110.00

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

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to disburse 2015 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Rillton Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$ 12,000.00 to use as a down payment to purchase a refurbished 1993 Sutphen 75' Aerial Ladder Truck. Voting: Mr. Merdian, absent; Mr. Fossi, yes; Mr. Kerber, yes. Motion carried.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to approve the Robert Miller Plan. This plan located at the intersection of Mars Hill Road and Pinewood Drive sub-divides Lot 4 containing 1.323 acres from Lot 2A that is a side lot addition to Lot 2. Lot 3 is the residual non-buildable agricultural property containing 16.914 acres. Lot 4 has an existing house with public water and sewer. Both water and sewer is available for all lots. Ann moved to accept with a second from Chuck. The plan was approved 5-0. Voting: Mr. Merdian, absent; Mr. Fossi, yes; Mr. Kerber, yes. Motion carried.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to authorize the solicitor to notice before passage the Code Update Ordinance, which improves the uniformity and enforcement mechanisms of the Township Code, and obtain approval from the Westmoreland Development Council, if necessary, through the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. Voting: Mr. Merdian, absent; Mr. Fossi, yes; Mr. Kerber, yes. Motion carried.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to use Act 13 Impact Fee funds made payable to Gibson Thomas Engineering in the amount of \$935.00. This is for the MS4 Permit Program and to perform storm water inspections. Voting: Mr. Merdian, absent; Mr. Fossi, yes; Mr. Kerber, yes. Motion carried.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to ratify beginning 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:

Station Street
Herminie PA
Parcel ID 58-07-12-028

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

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to advertise for a Part Time Ordinance Officer working up to 25 hours per week and no more than \$10.50 per hour depending on experience Voting: Mr. Merdian, absent; Mr. Fossi, yes; Mr. Kerber, yes. Motion carried.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to ratify Janet Schork to work over her allotted hours on the payroll dates of May 27th, June 3rd, June 10th, and June 17, 2016. Voting: Mr. Merdian, absent; Mr. Fossi, yes; Mr. Kerber, yes. Motion carried.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to ratify Susan Leukhardt to work over her allotted hours on the payroll date of May 27, 2016. Voting: Mr. Merdian, absent; Mr. Fossi, yes; Mr. Kerber, yes. Motion carried.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to ratify Mitchell Gross to work over his allotted hours on the payroll date of May 27, 2016. Voting: Mr. Merdian, absent; Mr. Fossi, yes; Mr. Kerber, yes. Motion carried.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to ratify donating the budgeted amount of \$4,000.00 to the Sewickley Area Athletic Association. This will be used for fencing around the ball fields. Voting: Mr. Merdian, absent; Mr. Fossi, yes; Mr. Kerber, yes. Motion carried.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to hire the following employees to work the 2016 season at Crabapple Pool and at the rates listed.

1 st Year Lifeguard - \$ 7.75 per hour	Mason Brunson Shelby Yusko Megan Williamson
1 st Year Concession - \$ 7.35 per hour	Cody Heasley

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

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to ratify the setting of the following Crabapple Pool employee rates, effective May 18, 2016.

Yvonne Shawl, Pool Manager	\$ 12.00 per hour
Samantha Miller, Assistant Pool Manager	\$ 10.00 per hour

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

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to change the following Crabapple Pool employee positions from Concession to 1st Year Lifeguard. They will be paid the rate of \$ 7.75 per hour.

Megan Vanyo
Caroline Mignogna

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

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

General Fund:	Checks 7839 to 7850 - \$ 15,798.88 (5/19/16)
	Checks 7851 to 7875 - \$ 27,216.01 (5/25/16)
	Draft 150150 - \$ 50.92 (5/27/16)
	Checks 7876 to 7885 - \$ 10,278.49 (6/3/16)
	Checks 7887 to 7906 - \$ 13,435.44 (6/8/16)
Crabapple:	Check 4323 - \$ 359.00 (5/19/16)
	Checks 4324 to 4328 - \$ 2,187.80 (5/25/16)
	Draft 76 - \$ 231.63 (5/27/16)
	Checks 4329 to 4332 - \$ 1,681.04 (6/3/16)
	Checks 4333 to 4341 - \$ 2,528.66 (6/8/16)

Crabapple
Fundraising: Check 1001 - \$ 118.00 (6/8/16)
 Check 1002 – \$ 18.13 (6/8/16)
 Check 1003 - \$ 89.04 (6/8/16)

Payroll Invoices: Checks 4383 to 4384 - \$ 416.91 (5/19/16)
 Draft 90260 - \$ 15,053.07 (5/24/16)
 Checks 4390 to 4391 - \$ 2,263.16 (5/25/16)
 Draft 90261 - \$ 606.66 (6/1/16)
 Checks 4407 to 4408 - \$ 100.85 (6/3/16)
 Check 4423 - \$ 39.83 (6/8/16)

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

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

Employees Payroll:

(twp) 5/27/16 - \$ 10,756.66 – checks 4385 to 4389, drafts 25388 to 25400
(twp) 6/3/16 - \$ 12,005.06 – checks 4392 to 4406, drafts 25401 to 25413
(twp) 6/10/16 - \$ 12,236.58 – check 4409 to 4411, drafts 25414 to 25425
(pool) 6/10/16 - \$ 1,810.64 – checks 4412 to 4422, draft 25426
(twp) 6/17/16 - \$ 9,987.03 – check 4424 to 4426, drafts 25427 to 25438
(pool) 6/17/16 - \$ 3,245.32 – checks 4427 to 4442, draft 25439

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

New / Old Business

Mr. Fossi asked if there were any plans to fill the empty seats on the Recreation Board. Mr. Kerber suggested that we wait until the fishing derby is over.

With no further business to come before the Board, Alan Fossi made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Kerber. Voting: Mr. Merdian, absent; Mr. Fossi, yes; Mr. Kerber, yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Erika Horvat
Secretary-Treasurer