

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, June 17, 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 Marianne Errett, Bill Janiro, James Balog, Kathy Kerber, Tom Byrnes, Brad Tomko, David Hoey, Marlene Hoey, Jack McWilliams, Ann McWilliams, Elizabeth Guardasoni, Av Mayers, Tracy Hampshire, Joy DeClaudio, Linda Harvey, Jim Harvey, Ralph E. Fulmer, Judy Janzef, Robert Janzef, Sandy Dull, Tom Lord, Steve Solomon, Elayne Suskalo, Gene Suskalo, Dean Zimmerman, Mitchell Gross, Janet Schork, Mike Volpe, Paula Alcott, Erika Horvat, and Susan Leukhardt.

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

Report from Public Works Director, Mike Volpe

We finished work over at Crabapple Pool and Park. We picked up picnic tables and benches to help get the pool ready for opening season. We also installed the holding tank at the pavilions. Did base repairs on Van Kirk Road and Apples Mill Road to get them ready for paving. Site prep work was done on the Hutchinson playground area. The Township Safety Committee and employees attended the annual recertification class to become recertified. In-house paving was completed using some of the 2014 CDBG money. Roads that were paved were Irwin Street, Fifth Street from Irwin Street to Highland Avenue; Fourth Street from Irwin Street to Highland Avenue; and Elk Street. We are working on our list trying to get things done from last year's paving program. Dan Schmitt, the Township Engineer, was out to look at Shaner Road and provided a written report. Victor Paving finally completed the 2014 Paving Contract. The Township Solicitor, Dan Hewitt, will give his legal opinion on the issue with Victor Paving being over on their deadlines. We had quite a bit of storm and water damage from the weekend storms that caused numerous road wash outs. The main concern being General Braddock and Reservoir Roads. There are two 60" pipes that run under the road. Due to the force of all the water and the age of the pipes, they collapsed and caused the road to cave in. We temporarily fixed the street and next week we will replace the two 60" pipes and do the repairs on the road. Another main concern is the wall collapse along Turner Valley Road. Eight to ten years ago, the road was repaired with gabion baskets to hold the road up. With all the rain on Sunday night, the gabion wall and baskets fell into the creek. We are in the process of getting emergency permits from the Conservation District and the DEP to get the creek opened. It's going to be a feat to get the stream cleaned out. We will have to go through the resident's yards where the ground is very soft and muddy. We can't work from up on the road due to the road has slide down into the creek also. We have some residents that are now concerned about flooding. Last month, the Breuthling Roller was up for auction on Municibid. The highest bidder never came through so it was put on Municibid again where the new highest bid was more than that of the first accepted bid. Mr. Volpe stated that he spoke with Municibid to make sure this was a legitimate bid. He then asked if there were any questions.

Gene Suskalo from 532 Scott Haven Road spoke about concerns with the entrance of the illegal junkyard across from his place. It is being washed away. Yesterday, the Gradall and the truck were there with stone. Mr. Suskalo asked Mr. Volpe if it is true that they are going to be placing asphalt on the entrance to the junkyard. Mr. Volpe stated that the pipe was intact and they put the stone back in place that was washed away. Mr. Volpe stated that they are going to put in some asphalt to solve the problem of stone being washed away. Mr. Suskalo stated that he repeatedly told the Supervisors that the pipe that goes under the driveway is an inadequate size. He measured the pipe and it is 18" in diameter and cannot handle the amount of water that comes down that road. He also stated that 105 feet down the road, there is a 24" pipe that goes under the road and there are no more water issues there. Mr. Suskalo suggested getting a bigger pipe under the entrance of the junkyard to help with the washing away of stone. He stated it's the same thing happening on Denne Lane because of a 15" pipe. He asked why is it that the people on Denne Lane have to repair their own road, but we can put asphalt down in front of an illegal junkyard. Mr. Suskalo stated that this is the third time in a year that the entrance of the junkyard has washed away. He wants to know when we are going to replace the pipe so we don't just keep hauling stone in. Mr. Kerber stated that we shouldn't be replacing pipes on private property. If it's for a driveway, they need to replace their own pipe.

Joy DeClaudio from Brunazzi Road stated that there is a very bad hole that connects Brunazzi and McGrew Hill Road. Whenever you did repair it, you didn't do it well enough. Also, there are no ditches that run along her road and the pipe is full and it needs replaced. She suggested to Mr. Volpe to take a look at the road to see what kind of condition it is in. Mr. Volpe stated that he was there this week and the road is on the repair list. He stated that he needed to get last year's paving done to use the CDBG funding. Mr. Volpe stated he took care of all the soft spots and holes for now until we can get it paved. Ms. DeClaudio stated she hopes it gets paved soon before someone goes over the hill or into the ditch.

Al Fulmer lives on Sunnyside Drive. Since the beginning of Spring, he has been wondering when the road is going to be swept. He was told by Mr. Volpe that the road is too bad to sweep. He is wondering then where we stand on getting the road fixed. Along the road, there are no ditches and that is causing the water to run down the road depositing all the mud, gravel, and antiskid. Mr. Fulmer stated he rides a motorcycle and this is one of the worst things for a rider. He stated he can't even get out of his house on his motorcycle. He wanted to know if it is on the list to be paved and if we can get someone out there to scrape the mud off of the road and to fix the side of the road to keep the water off. Mr. Volpe stated he told Mr. Fulmer that we finally got the Athey loader fixed and we plan on going out to pull some of the ditches in between paving. The road is in bad shape. It is not on any of the paving lists but we need to get it fixed. It is beyond just fixing potholes.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman

Since my last report, the complaints have been fairly standard and included high vegetation, junk motor vehicles, and one regarding rats. I am pleased to be able to tell you that two properties, one owned by a trust in Eastern Pennsylvania and the other by a property management company in California, have now been cut and hopefully those folks will do a better job maintaining the properties in the future. One of the properties is on Church Street and the other on Madison Avenue. Mitchell Gross began work on May 25th and he has been doing very well learning the job so far. We have an appointment next Tuesday with Judge Christner at which time Mitchell should be sworn in as your new Ordinance Officer. I trust that the residents of the Township will be as cooperative with him as they have been with me, not including those few exceptions that we all know. Since the last report, Mitchell and I met with April Kopas and Hallie Chatfield of the County's Redevelopment Authority at 606 Sewickley Avenue, the old Mike's Bar, in order for them to get a better look at the property. We also discussed our other properties that we have in the Demolition Program and the Land Bank Program. All our properties are moving through the system but the process takes a long time. In my last report, I told you that the Summary Appeal Trial I had in Common Pleas Court on May 12th was a win/lose situation. Judge Ober had instructed me to inform him if the junk motor vehicle was not removed by May 19th as the defendants told him it would be. As of yesterday, the vehicle is still on the property. I had informed the Judge on May 21st that the vehicle was still there and he has scheduled a resentencing hearing for July 17th. Hopefully Mitchell will be able to report a favorable outcome to that hearing in his report next month. He also has a Summary Trial scheduled before Judge Christner on July 16th for a repeat offender that has been before him several times for the same violations. The other individual was present and talked the Judge into letting him have two more weeks to clean up his property. That hearing has been rescheduled for next Thursday the 23rd. At this time Mr. Zimmerman took a minute to thank the Board of Supervisors, Paula and Susan, and Mike and the road crew for all of their support. Mr. Fossi then welcomed Mitchell Gross as the new Ordinance Officer. He went on to thank Mr. Zimmerman for everything he has done. He has been an asset to this Community.

Gene Suskalo then asked Mr. Gross if he could assure him that more action would be taken to do something with the junkyard across from his house. Mr. Zimmerman responded that there has been movement on the junkyard in the last year. The man is working by himself and he has removed one mobile home, two box trucks, and a couple other vehicles. He is doing the best he can at this point. Mr. Suskalo then responded that he is not there every day and he doesn't own the property, Consolidated Coal does. Mr. Suskalo asked why pressure isn't being put on them. They are the property owners that permit a junkyard to exist there. Mr. Zimmerman stated that the Township does not have enough money to go up against Consolidated Coal and if we would go to court with them, they would bury us. Mr. Zimmerman went on to explain that we are working with Consolidated Coal and they are aware that

progress is being made. Mr. Suskalo then wanted to know why it hasn't been brought in front of a judge. Mr. Zimmerman stated that because there is progress being made, the judge would dismiss the case.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Recreation Center:

Upcoming Recreation Center Events:

Pirate Bus Trip on Friday, July 24

Pirates vs. Washington Nationals

\$30: Free t-shirt, "all you can eat" seat, game ticket, transportation to and from the game.

We will start to accept registration this Friday at the Recreation Center

We will be planning two pool events:

Saturday, July 18, 2015 - \$1 Buck Night & Music at Crabapple Pool - 7:30pm. It will be "Buck Night" – selected items are a \$1 -- admission, hot dogs, nachos, chips, drinks, popcorn, and candy! All other items will be available from the pool concession at regular price.

Saturday, August 22, 2015 - Back to School Splash Party at Crabapple Pool at 7:30pm

Sports Camps

Hummingbirds Soccer, Ages 3-6, May through July. The soccer camp is taking place now on Thursdays at Bruno Field. We have 17 kids participating

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Flag Football camp. We only had 2 registrations for this camp.

The week long Olympic Multi-sports camp has only 2 registered. This camp is to run from Monday, July 20th through Friday, July 24th. We are hoping that over the next several weeks we will get more interested otherwise we will have to cancel.

Pool:

Up & running. Everything is going well. When the weather is nice and hot, we are extremely busy. On days like today, cool & rainy, our attendance is very low. But, we are optimistic and are hoping for a hot rest of the summer!

Memberships: 89 season passes sold

Swim Lessons: 14 children

We will be continuing our very popular Wednesday Evening Swims. However, we are not open tonight due to the cool temperatures.

Froggy Radio, the country music station, will be broadcasting from Crabapple on Friday, June 19th from 1pm-2pm.

Park:

We will be breaking ground on the Butterfly Garden the first or second week of July. Nicholas Schork and Troop 259 will complete the project in two weekends of work.

Public Comment

Bill Janiro runs the Father's Day Fishing Tournament that is taking place this Saturday. Mr. Janiro stated he is happy to do it again and asked the Board of Supervisors if they need committees or any help that has to do with Crabapple Lake, he would really appreciate helping with that. He would like to work with the Board of Supervisors to help make Crabapple Lake look good. He asked if we could make it "catch and release only" for the next five years. His reason for that is he spends about \$650 to stock the lake with fish and it should be full with fish and it's not. He would really like for the kids to be able to catch a big fish. He is willing to plant bushes and do something to keep the ducks out. He is asking for the Board to consider this. He stated that the fishing tournament is getting bigger. Mrs. Leukhardt then asked what time the tournament starts. Mr. Janiro stated it is from 7:30am to 11:30am. He added that last year he gave away about \$800 in cash and \$450 in prizes. Mr. Fossi thanked him for everything he does for the Fishing Derby.

Mrs. Guardasoni lives on Shuglie Hill Road and is stating the road is so bad that it's an emergency. The bad storms have washed away the upper part of the road. If we have another storm, they won't be able to get out of there. It needs something done to it soon. Mr. Kerber then stated he was down there Monday and it is very bad. She understands that Mr. Volpe has a lot to do but something needs to be done now. Mr. Fossi and Mr. Volpe spoke about going over to take a look at the road.

Judy Janzef asked if we were going to do anything with Apples Mill Road and Hildenbrand Lane. Mr. Volpe stated that the contractor will do Apples Mill Road and that the Township is going to do Hildenbrand Lane.

Tom Lord lives on Slaughter Hollow Road. He stated that he had some new neighbors that moved in with children. He wanted to know if we could put up "Watch Children" signs and a 25 mph speed limit sign. The Supervisors stated they could have some put up.

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to disburse 2014 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Webb's Service Center – service on engine	\$ 157.58
Kaza Fire Equipment – new multi-gas detector	\$ 893.00

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the Wineberry Ridge Estate plan of lots as submitted by Bell Rock Development, LLC, subject to final approval of the required Developers Agreement. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the Developers Agreement with Bell Rock Development, LLC, for the Wineberry Ridge Estates project subject to the receipt and approval of the required performance bond. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the following:

- a) Rescind the sale of the 1998 Breuthling Roller to C.C. Paving due to them pulling the bid.
- b) Award the sale of the 1998 Breuthling Roller, Model B-400 to Ron Waid in the amount of \$1,800.00.

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to hire Bradly Tomko as a Road Crew Equipment Operator at the rate of \$17.72 per hour for a 90-day probationary term. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the submission, by Gibson-Thomas Engineering, of the Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grant for the signals at H. W. Good Elementary School on Herminie West Newton Road and the execution of all documentation in support thereof. Board Comments: Mr. Fossi stated that speed limit signs are going to be put in front of H. W. Good Elementary School. Mr. Kerber asked who would be maintaining these signs. Mr. Fossi stated the Township will pay for the electricity. Mr. Volpe then stated that we would just have to replace light bulbs. Mrs. Layman stated that the electricity cost would be low and that this is good for when the baseball fields are in use also. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to adopt Resolution 25-2015 to request a Greenways, Trail, and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant of \$60,177.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for H. W. Good Elementary. Board Comments: Mr. Fossi stated that this will be done by H. W. Good Elementary School and the money is for the special needs playground for the School. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to rescind the hiring of Kitty Fulmer as the Assistant Pool Manager of Crabapple Pool. She declined the position. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to ratify the following Senior Lifeguards at Crabapple Pool to act as Assistant Pool Managers when needed at the rate of \$8.75 per hour.

Ben Dandar
Tess Galensky
Samantha Miller

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve Sewickley Township, in conjunction with Bill Janiro and Connie Bosko, to hold the 12th Annual Fishing Derby at Crabapple Lake on Saturday, June 20, 2015. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; 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.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to donate \$1,000.00 to the Sewickley Township Community Fair that is being held July 20, 2015 to July 25, 2015. Public Comment: Sandy Dull asked if this was for the Grange. She wanted to know why we just give them \$1,000 and we have other Community things that we need to jump through hoops for to get help with insurance. Mrs. Layman stated that to be covered by insurance, it needs to be sanctioned by the Board of Supervisors. If it was done this way, there would be no problem. Mr. Fossi then stated public comment is over and we need to move on with the meeting. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:	Check 7070 - \$ 859.71 (5/28/15) Checks 7071 to 7108 - \$ 50,484.81 (6/8/15) Checks 7109 to 7125 - \$ 9,400.57 (6/11/15)
Crabapple:	Check 4199 - \$ 2,029.54 (5/27/15) Checks 4200 to 4213 - \$ 6,459.70 (6/8/15) Checks 4214 to 4217 - \$ 1,909.82 (6/11/15)
Highway Aid:	Draft 431 - \$ 34,533.08 (5/27/15) Draft 433 - \$ 66,480.09 (6/11/15)
Payroll Invoices:	Checks 3879 to 3880 - \$ 270.15 (6/8/15) Draft 90239 - \$ 665.99 (6/8/15) Check 3902 - \$ 39.15 (6/11/15)
Turnback:	Check 1025 - \$ 1,116.00 (6/9/15) Check 1026 - \$ 6,269.20 (6/10/15) Check 1027 - \$ 80,180.75 (6/10/15) Check 1028 - \$ 12,188.73 (6/11/15)

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

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

Employees Payroll:

(twp)	5/29/15 - \$ 10,761.93 – checks 3842 to 3846 , drafts 24783 to 24793
(pool)	5/29/15 - \$ 2,655.95 – checks 3847 to 3857 , draft 24794
(twp)	6/5/15 - \$ 10,447.20 – checks 3858 to 3863 , drafts 24795 to 24805
(pool)	6/5/15 - \$ 2,390.42 – checks 3864 to 3878 , draft 24806
(twp)	6/12/15 - \$ 14,328.77 – check 3881 to 3901 , drafts 24807 to 24817
(pool)	6/12/15 - \$ 1,796.07 – checks 3887 to 3900 , draft 24818
(twp)	6/19/15 - \$ 11,111.40 – check 3903 to 3908 , drafts 24819 to 24829
(pool)	6/19/15 - \$ 3,349.48 – checks 3909 to 3927 , draft 24830

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

New / Old Business

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to install capping on the fencing at the T-Ball Field. This will not exceed \$600. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board, Joe Kerber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wanda Layman. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer