

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, June 18, 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 Marianne Errett, Michael Somales, Rob Bentley, Marjorie Sykes, William Sykes, Connie Crossen-Bosko, Richard ?, Linda Way, Frank Way, Kathy Kerber, Bill Garlow, Lori Plush, Daniel Lewandosky, Charles A. Mayers, Robert Janzef, Christie Denne, Don Denne, Jr., Jack McWilliams, Gene Suskalo, Dave Hoey, Ilene Kassler, Judy Gibala, Amber Kline, Ed Smart, Marlene Hoey, Ralph Gibala, Randy Farkas, Diane Farkas, Joy DeClaudio, Linda Harvey, Ed Smart, Jr., Tom Lord, Lisa Kassler, Dakota Kassler, Susan Romonski, Sandy Dull, Betty Anzur, Coleen, Jennifer Mauser, Wayne Jones, Lori Jones, Coleen Lawrenzi, Steve Solomon, Michelle Smith, Brian Burgos, Ralph Gibala, 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.

### **Report from Township Coordinator, Wanda Layman**

Worked on spreadsheet for prices and inventory on new reflective street signs that are now required by law. Met with Gibson Thomas about the MS4 permit. We are working on meetings the standards for that. Working with A & H Equipment regarding the broken down rental sweeper has been a struggle. Our Solicitor had to get involved. We have been able to get out of the contract. US Municipal will rent us one. Storm damage. Dollar Energy. Met with the County and South Huntingdon Township regarding the Industrial Park. Met with Consol Energy regarding seismic testing. They will have to pay engineering fees along with the bonding fees. Worked with a resident and Chevron to repair an area along Sulphur Springs. Working on getting information on the two bridge loans we have with them. After talking with Commonwealth Bank, they are offering us a better rate and could take a couple years off each loan. Working on getting the Newsletter together.

Wayne Jones asked Mrs. Layman if she was getting paid as a Township Employee while attending these meetings. She responded no. He then asked who assigns her work when working as a Township Employee. She stated that no one assigns her work. She works with the people that come in and with difficult issues that come into the office. Mr. Jones asked who reviews your work. Mrs. Layman stated that each Supervisor does. Mr. Kerber stated that he gets a weekly report. Mr. Jones asked who signs off on her time card. She stated she punches a time clock like everyone else. Susan Leukhardt explained that the office staff doesn't have anyone sign off on the time cards. Mrs. Layman explained that she makes \$10 per hour, less than the janitor. She will gladly step aside and she made a motion to do so. Mr. Jones continued about the Reorganization Meeting held on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Layman was deciding vote on the motions pertaining to her paid employment. She can't vote on issues pertaining to herself. Mrs. Layman clarified that the Township Solicitor did not have an issue with it. The conversation continued about how many hours they all put in as Township Supervisors.

### **Public Works Report**

Truck #9 is back on the road from repairs. Worked at the Pool to help put the new volleyball court in. Fixed soft spots on Slebodnik Road. Still working on sweeping streets. We had problems with the rental unit and are working on getting another sweeper as soon as we can. Cleaned ditch on Turner Valley from slide. Fix ditch on Hildenbrand Lane and planted grass. We are starting to get some mowing done. We are behind due to the recent storms. We got hit on the Lowber end with the storms and had a few roads that needed cleaned up from flooding and major damage on roads that were blown out. Crew has been working on Scott Haven Road since May 28<sup>th</sup> and have fixed the big washout at the beginning of the road. Also, some of the road had to be ripped up and rebuilt toward the bottom due to the amount of water that ran down the road. We have placed more drain pipes on Scott Haven near the bottom to get ready to do some paving. A proposal has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors requesting use of Act 13 funds to pave a portion of Scott Haven this paving season.

**Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman**

The complaints over this last month have been the usual high grass, property maintenance, junk motor vehicles and burning on the wrong days. A few folks complained about dogs and chickens running loose in neighborhoods as well as rats and raccoons living in abandoned houses. The next Township newsletter that is put out will have a reminder from me about the burning ordinance restrictions for anyone that reads it. I'm hoping that will make more residents aware of when and what can be burned in Sewickley Township.

I reported last month that I had two Summary Trials rescheduled from earlier dates for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of this month. Both hearings were held and the man that was scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> was able to bring his property into compliance. Consequently, the Judge dismissed those charges. The man scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> did not comply with the Judges prior instructions and was found guilty. He was fined \$300.00 plus court costs.

Of the three new cases I had filed prior to last month's meeting, two of those folks have had arrest warrants issued for them so my outstanding warrant count is back up to nine. The one person that did respond is scheduled for a Summary Trial on July 22<sup>nd</sup> along with a rescheduled trial from April of this year. Additionally, I have a couple more repeat offenders that I will probably have to re-file on soon.

**Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork**

Recreation Center:

Year-in-Review from September 2013 thru May 2014:

Activities:

- Open gym/public time
- Christmas Party
- First Aid/CPR Classes
- 4 Community Dances
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Rabies Clinic
- The Pirate Bus Trip

Rentals:

- Long-Term Contracts with 13 Sports Organizations
- Free Football & Baseball clinics
  - Next year there will be a Free basketball clinic
- Approximately 200 hours of Free time for Yough High School Baseball, Basketball, Lacrosse, & Soccer teams
- Our conference room was used for baseball, football, and soccer meetings
- 29 Short-term (1) day rentals

Upcoming Recreation Center Events:

- Pirate Bus Trip on Friday, June 27
- Saturday, July 12, 2014 The band "One South East" & Swim Party at Crabapple Pool starting at 7:30pm
- Saturday, August 23, 2014 Back to School Splash Party at Crabapple Pool starting at 7:30pm

Pool:

Up & running.

Yough High School Art Students painted murals at Crabapple Pool & Park.

JohnPaul Sommers volleyball court completed

Thank you

Township Supervisors

Brian Nichols and the road crew for all of their help with Pool and our sand volleyball court.

Susan Leukhardt, Paula Alcott, Margie, and Wanda at the township office for all of their work in processing pool requests and paperwork.

Roger Anthony and Doug Loughner

A special thank you to Alan Fossi for his dedication and vision for the pool park

Memberships:

Swim Lessons:

Wednesday Evening Swim tonight. We have a Josh Gillott and his 2 13 year old protégés of his.

If weather is hot we will do very well.

Bruno Field Sign:

Zachary Casagrande will be finishing his Eagle project at the Bruno Field Sign this Sunday, June 22.

Turn-around at Park:

Alexander Schork will be finishing the wall at Crabapple Park on either July 6 or July 12. Depending upon scout leader availability.

Mr. Fossi added that the improvements at the Pool with the volleyball court and the slide were provided by the Crabapple Trust Fund. This fund was established in 1962 to fund the Park and Pool operations. The Township took over the Pool in the 90's and now the trust fund is being dissolved. We were given the proceeds and we thank them for everything they've done for the Community.

Mrs. Layman thanked the Brownies, Daisies, Mr. Fossi for landscaping the front of the Township Building.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on May 15, 2013 as reviewed. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on June 19, 2013 as reviewed. Board Comments: Mr. Kerber asked why the minutes are so behind. Susan Leukhardt took responsibility and stated that we have more work coming into the office than ever before. She apologized and is trying to her best. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Gene Suskalo of 532 Scott Haven Road gave a video presentation regarding the state of Scott Haven Road and Van Kirk Road. A drain pipe just below Denny Lane that carries water under Scott Haven Road. A seven foot pothole on the downhill side of Scott Haven Road. Beginning of a 50 foot long pothole. Below Denny Lane, 18 inches deep from the road surface. Showed a series of "spider webs" on the road surface. This video gives a good idea of what Scott Haven Road looks like. Ditches are what provide drainage on Scott Haven Road. Some parts don't have a road surface. Below Van Kirk Road, damage due to no drainage. The video showed many more views of the extensive damage to Scott Haven Road along with the types of homes located on it. The homes were nice and the tax base that lives there. There were photos also shown along the same lines of Van Kirk Road.

He showed pictures of how and where the cold patch was applied. Van Kirk received no cold patch. He then showed drainage pipe that was replaced by the Township that he says provided access to an illegal junkyard. He then showed an aerial view of the junkyard. Damage video continued. Then he showed how well Cool Springs Road and Almond Street are. He read a letter from the US Postal Service out of Sutersville from April, 2011 stating that certain residents would have to relocate their mailboxes because it was unsafe for carriers to venture down the road anymore. School buses won't go down the road.

Mr. Suskalo wants to know when all of Scott Haven and Van Kirk will be paved. Mrs. Layman stated they have been working for three weeks to get a base on Scott Haven. Mrs. Suskalo explained her concerns about only paving a portion and ignoring Van Kirk completely.

Mrs. Layman stated that we had PennDOT come in to give us an estimate on what \$100,000 would pave, which would be around three fourths of the road.

Mr. Fossi appreciates the time and effort Mr. Suskalo put into this presentation. He went on to say that none of the Supervisors want the roads to be like this in Sewickley Township. We have bridges that are closed. We do have other roads that are just as bad in the Township. The question is where do we get the money at? Mr. Suskalo feels that with the tax base on those roads, some of that money should be spent on those roads. Mrs. Suskalo feels that money is being spent on roads that are in decent condition and not on this road that hasn't been touched in 41 years. Mrs. Layman stated that Derr Road has to be done due to the State giving us money for it and it has to be completed in a certain amount of time. Mr. Kerber explained how the Turnback Roads came about from the State. Mr. Fossi explained that the Township is bidding out the paving for a portion of Scott Haven and the Township is paving part of Van Kirk. The residents want all of Scott Haven and Van Kirk to be paved. A resident asked for an explanation of Act 13 funds. Mr. Fossi did so. A resident asked who makes the final decision on what roads get paved. Mr. Fossi stated ultimately the Supervisors make the decision from recommendations from the Public Works Director. Many conversations took place while the Supervisors tried to figure out the cost of paving for these roads.

Connie Bosko read a statement for Wayne Jones who had to leave. Mr. Jones feels that the Supervisors violated the Sunshine Act by introducing new business and voting on it without allowing public comment when they voted. He has no confidence in Mr. Fossi as a Supervisor and to do the job correctly. He asked for Mr. Fossi's resignation. Mrs. Bosko clarified that this is in reference to the Jon Turik appointment to MSATS. She then read the Second Class Township Code in regards to vote. Mrs. Bosko also feels that this was handled wrong. She asked if the position was advertised. Supervisors stated that they normally do not advertise openings on Boards. She then asked if any other letters were received and Mr. Fossi stated that there weren't any letters that were not addressed or looked at. She then stated that Mr. Turik is in active litigation with someone who works at the Sewage Office. Why didn't the Supervisors appoint someone else that asked to be on the Board? Mr. Fossi stated that we need good members on the Board and no one else applied. Linda Harvey stated that she applied. Mr. Fossi doesn't remember that and Mrs. Layman stated that they felt it was a conflict of interest due to her son already being on the Sewage Board. Mr. Fossi and Mr. Kerber said they may have forgotten that there was a letter submitted by Mrs. Harvey. Mrs. Bosko went on that there is more of a conflict between two people in litigation than a mother and son.

Brian Burgos spoke on Scott Haven Road. There are serious safety issues. He almost when into a very large gully when passing a school bus about a month ago.

Bill Garlow spoke on getting high speed internet to that area. He provided a letter that Comcast sent to him stating that they can bring it up to the people that live there, but there would be a \$3,900 fee. He would like the Township to take that cost due to the Township getting more in a franchise cost. It may be advantageous to the Township. They would really like to have the service. Mrs. Layman said she would look into it.

Ed Smart lives on the level part of Van Kirk Road. The storm drains have been closed up for fifteen years. There is no place for the water to go. The storm drains need to be opened up. Mr. Kerber stated that they need to be replaced.

Judy Gibala has issues with the snow removal on Scott Haven and Van Kirk Roads. The school buses are afraid to travel these roads during the snow removal. The residents receive calls from the Transportation Dept to take their kids to "The Church" for pick up. There are also issues with the road not having guide rails.

Joy DeClaudio wants to know what will be done to Brunazzi Road. Mrs. Layman said she travelled that road and she's not saying it isn't bad. It's just that there are a few others that are a lot worse. She will mention it to the Public Works Director. Ms. DeClaudio would like to see some of that Act 13 money in that area.

Tom Lord asked what is going on with Falls Road. Mrs. Layman stated that the Engineer is working on it with the Conservation District.

Linda Harvey asked how does the Township get the information out to the public as to open board positions. She feels that it should be advertised so people know that it is available to them. Mr. Fossi appreciates the suggestion and listed which boards have openings.

Ralph Gibala spoke about the steepness at the end of Van Kirk Road. He believes a snow fence would be very beneficial on his property to keep the blowing snow off the hill. He looked into buying it but it was too expensive. He gave permission to the Township to put it on his property if we purchased it.

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
Susquehanna Fire Equip Co. (3 sets) – personal protective equipment	\$ 8,018.40

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

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

Justin Sherry – emergency shelter flooring (final payment)	\$ 4,400.00
Premier Safety & Service – "jaws of life" annual service	\$ 1,250.50

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

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

Premier Safety & Service (2 invoices) – equipment for firetruck	\$ 215.95
Sever Refrigeration Services – heat pump for firehall furnace	\$ 4,200.00

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to disburse 2013 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Sewickley Township Emergency Management as follows:

Pro-Am Safety, Inc. – hydro testing of (4) cylinders at ambulance \$ 140.00

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

Wanda Layman made a motion to table, seconded by Joe Kerber, to use approximately \$100,000.000 of Act 13 Impact Fee money to pave a portion of Scott Haven Road. This is being done to look into it further. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion to table carried unanimously.

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to advertise for paving on the following roads: McGrew Hill Road, Curry Road, Reservoir Road, Maple Street, Cool Springs Road, and Derr Road which is a Turnback Road. Funds to be used for the paving of these roads will be Liquid Fuel, Act 13, and Turnback. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to amend the rental agreement with A & H Equipment from a six week rental to a 2.5 week rental (\$4,500.00) due to inability of sweeper to perform. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to enter into a rental agreement with U.S. Municipal for a sweeper rental. Cost is \$8,000 for four weeks or \$5,400.00 for two weeks. 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 \$2,922.50 for filing of municipal claims for 2012 delinquent street light assessments. Costs will cover up to 50 claims. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to accept Gary Grimm's resignation as Sewickley Township Auditor effective immediately. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; 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 14, 2014 to July 19, 2014. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to ratify the hiring of the following employees to work the 2014 season at Crabapple Pool.

Senior Lifeguard - \$ 8.00 per hour

Bennett Dandar  
Tess Galensky

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to offer private swim lessons at Crabapple Pool. Details are as follows:

(5) One Hour Sessions	Residents:	\$ 90.00 / person
	Non-Residents:	\$ 100.00 / person

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to amend the group rate from \$4.00 per person to \$3.50 per person at Crabapple Pool for approximately 200 children from Cornerstone Church on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 from 1:15pm to 3:45pm. Board Comments: Mr. Kerber asked if we have enough lifeguards to handle that many kids. Mrs. Schork said we do. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to allow the Sewickley Township Public Library to park the "Pennsylvania AG Lab" in the Recreation Center parking lot from Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to Wednesday, July 16, 2014. The travelling lab has agricultural science demonstrations and experiments for the children attending the Library Summer Reading Program. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to ratify Sewickley Township, in conjunction with Connie Bosko, to hold the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby at Crabapple Lake on June 14, 2014. 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 6332 to 6354 - \$ 28,343.47 (6/5/14)
	Checks 6355 to 6360 - \$ 1,342.59 (6/6/14)
	Drafts 150097 to 150098 - \$ 790.46 (6/10/14)
	Checks 6361 to 6378 - \$ 17,070.15 (6/11/14)
Crabapple:	Checks 4079 to 4087 - \$ 7,872.72 (6/6/14)
	Draft 56 - \$ 212.41 (6/10/14)
	Checks 4088 to 4091 - \$ 2,718.76 (6/11/14)
Highway Aid:	Check 428 - \$ 34,533.08 (6/3/14)
Light Districts:	Draft 138 - \$ 2,528.06 (6/10/14)
	Draft 139 - \$ 454.86 (6/10/14)
	Draft 140 - \$ 512.53 (6/10/14)
	Draft 141 - \$ 199.32 (6/10/14)
Payroll Invoices:	Checks 3401 to 3402 - \$ 2,107.13 (6/5/14)
	Draft 90203 - \$ 16,466.06 (6/6/14)
	Draft 90204 - \$ 980.27 (6/9/14)
	Checks 3422 to 3423 - \$ 306.55 (6/11/14)
Turnback:	Check 1022 - \$ 4,790.25 (5/23/14)

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) 5/30/14 - \$ 8,175.97 – check 3378 , drafts 24142 to 24153  
(pool) 5/30/14 - \$ 2,541.28 – checks 3379 to 3380 , drafts 24154 and 24155  
(twp) 6/6/14 - \$ 10,919.91 – checks 3381 & 3400 , drafts 24156 to 24167  
(pool) 6/6/14 - \$ 4,130.16 – checks 3382 to 3399 , drafts 24168 and 24169  
(twp) 6/13/14 - \$ 7,962.35 – check 3403 , drafts 24170 to 24180  
(pool) 6/13/14 - \$ 3,252.02 – checks 3404 to 3421 , drafts 24181 and 24182  
(twp) 6/20/14 - \$ 8,281.58 – check 3424 , drafts 24183 to 24194  
(pool) 6/20/14 - \$ 3,509.63 – checks 3425 to 3444 , drafts 24195 and 24196

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

**New / Old Business**

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to resign as Township Coordinator effective immediately. Mrs. Layman will continue her duties as a volunteer. Voting: Mr. Fossi, no; Mrs. Layman, yes; Mr. Kerber, yes. Motion carried.

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 8:41pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt  
Secretary-Treasurer