

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 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 as advertised in The Times-Sun on Thursday, January 17, 2013. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Alan Fossi, Wanda Layman, and Joe Kerber. Also attending the meeting were Linda Harvey, Greg Cominsky, Bill Dull, Sandy Dull, Amber Kline, Lynn Boettner, Sharon Cerne, Alan Samulski, Kathy Kerber, Jack McWilliams, Ann McWilliams, Thomas Bonner, Wayne ???, Brian Billy, Gary Moore, Lisa Dimon, Joe Marincic, Tom Lord, Bob Lasser, Joe Napsha, Ed & Michelle Long, Steve Solomon, Daniel Keslar, Christian Kerry, Ruth Lucov, Mike Lucov, Paula Alcott, Janet Schork, Dean Zimmerman, and Susan Leukhardt. Others may not have signed in and some printing was illegible.

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

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

The equipment loan with FNB has been closed. She's been working with John Deere regarding a few small things needed with the grader and also the warranty. The grader has been delivered. We were also informed that the 320 Skidsteer is no longer being manufactured. John Deere is offering a 326 Skidsteer with approximately \$10,000 in accessories that they have in stock. She compiled all the information needed for the license plate for the grader and had the insurance policy updated. She's been working with Chevron to do repairs on Kunkle Road, spoke with numerous residents to resolve some of their various issues, and has done some dollar energy grants. She is working with a resident in Herminie to get a right of way easement due to some township pipe repair work. She also is continuing to work with three (3) residents in Rillton regarding a right of way easement there. She filled out a report for PennDot regarding two bridges. The playground mulch has been ordered for the Herminie and Lowber playgrounds. She set up an appointment with the Township's new IT person regarding the server and the back-up system. She has also been researching the procedure for the Longview/Circle Drive residents. Copies have been put in the Supervisors' boxes.

### **Report for Public Works**

Fixed the catch basin behind Hutchinson VFC. Put up weight limit signs on roads that Chevron is using. Cleaned up building materials that were dumped on Volk Road. Finished sweeping. Placed a 15" pipe under Curry Road. Worked on lowering the basins between the two Township Buildings to get ready to concrete (requirements for DEP). Stone Mikel Lane. Rolled the ballfields for the season. Cleaned up Mark Road and Clopper Street. Worked on clogged pipe on Slaughter Hollow Road. Assisted putting up vents at Crabapple Pool. Working with Chevron to get Rodebaugh and Kunkle Roads repaired due to their trucks using an area when they shouldn't. Trimmed trees at the top of Kangaroo Hill Road and sprayed it so they don't get overgrown to block views of drivers. Looked at a water problem at 209 Hickory and solved the problem.

Mr. Kerber asked why there were so many Township resources and materials used to fix two (2) personal driveways on Greenhills Road. Mrs. Layman stated that it wasn't two driveways. There was a massive water problem on that road. It was starting to damage the road. We were constantly replacing the stone on the side of the road.

### **Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork**

Crabapple Park: On Saturday, Boy Scout Troop 259 and Scout Leader, Bill Bush, did all the edging and mulching at Crabapple Park, Pool, sign, Memorial, and the flower beds. It looks really nice.... Thank you to Troop 259! Thank you to Alan Fossi for painting the sign and gates at the park. The park will open Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> for the summer. Maintenance is moving along for the Pool. Weather permitting, we will be opening the pool Saturday thru Monday, Memorial Day weekend. Thank you to Roger Anthony, Brian Nicholls, and the Road Crew for all their hard work and help with the pool! We will be offering swim

lessons again this year. She gave details on those classes. Information is available online and brochures are also available.

Recreation Center: We are still accepting crafters and vendors for our Summerfest on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The Rabies Clinic was held on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the large pavilion at Crabapple Park. We had 101 participants.

#### **Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman**

Over the last month, the cases Mr. Zimmerman has been working on have included burning on the wrong days and times, property maintenance, grass cutting, and junk motor vehicles. Some of these folks are new complaints and some are repeat complaints. He has also responded to complaints about a dog, cats, and the famous chickens, all running on other resident's properties. Regarding the house on Herminie-West Newton Road that has the solar panels on the roof and the property it sits on, Mr. Zimmerman thought we were going to have a solution a few months ago when a couple from another County were to move in under a rent to own agreement. Unfortunately, they did not comply with some of the terms of that agreement, one of which was to clean up the property, so they have been evicted. He spoke with the realtor this afternoon and was assured they were hiring someone to cut the grass and clean up the rubbish. Another party has expressed interest in buying the property. The previous day, Mr. Zimmerman was in Common Pleas Court with Mr. Hewitt, our solicitor, for the hearing before Judge Ober regarding a property that is a burned out duplex. There are multiple owners, one of which refuses to cooperate in efforts to resolve the problem. Since there was no resolution, Judge Ober has ordered another hearing be scheduled sometime in July. Mr. Zimmerman checked with the District Court this morning and eight of the nine warrants on his cases are still outstanding. The ninth one, which was issued April 9<sup>th</sup> of last year, has been served. Judge Christner fined the man and gave him thirty days to pay the fine. Mr. Zimmerman still has the two Summary Trials that he mentioned last month scheduled for next Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Sandy Dull asked about Mikes Bar on Sewickley Avenue. Mr. Zimmerman stated that he is working on it.

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

November 16, 2011  
November 30, 2011  
December 21, 2011  
December 28, 2011

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 meetings held on the following dates:

January 3, 2012  
January 18, 2012  
February 15, 2012  
March 21, 2012  
April 11, 2012  
May 16, 2012

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

**Public Comment**

Greg Cominsky stated the roads in the Crabapple Area, Gloria Drive and some of the side roads, are buckling and have potholes since the sewage lines have been put in. The roads are deteriorating. He would like for someone to take a look at the situation. Mr. Fossi and Mrs. Layman spoke about how CDBG money is being used to fix the roads that are damaged by the sewage project.

Sandy Dull reminded and invited everyone that the Candlelight Vigil is Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm and the Park looks wonderful.

Amber Kline asked where Jeannette EMS is. Mr. Fossi stated that there was a problem finding housing. She then asked about the 2 mil disbursement for Sewickley Ambulance. Mr. Fossi stated that he is unable to discuss anything else regarding the ambulance due to it being a legal issue. Mrs. Kline feels the Supervisors owe a big thank you to Sewickley Ambulance for still providing service to our residents even though they were decertified.

Gary Moore stated the Sewickley Township Ambulance Service is still operating and answering calls. Coverage has not been interrupted. As a group, they are working on the financial problems and chipping away at the debt. It is a work in progress. Madison Borough is retaining Sewickley Ambulance as their provider.

Tom Lord asked what is being done with Slaughter Hollow Road. There are two (2) bridges caving in and three or four places that if you go off the road, you are going over the hill. The traffic from the gas companies is dangerous.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to disburse 2012 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to disburse 2012 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

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| Premier Safety & Service – jaws of life maintenance | \$ 1,163.83 |
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Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to disburse 2012 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Emergency Management as follows:

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| HC Global – tower work for antenna system | \$ 789.82 |
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Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to receive proposals for Lawn Care Services, the cutting and trimming of the following locations, once per month:

- a) Township Property located at corner of Pike Street and Elk Street, Herminie
- b) 24 Highland Avenue, Herminie

These locations will be bid as a whole. One Lawn Care Service for both locations.

The Contractor shall be responsible for fuel, equipment, and Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance.

The advertisement shall be published in The Times-Sun on Thursday, May 23, 2013 and Thursday, May 30, 2013. Sealed proposals shall be received until 11:00am on Thursday, June 13, 2013 and opened at that same date and time. Proposals shall be read aloud and recorded at the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 7:00pm. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the Sopko subdivision located on Pinewood Road. This plan subdivides Lot 1 containing 4.886 acres from Lot 2 containing 1.143 acres. The property is zoned A-1 and both parcels have dwellings as well a municipal water and sewage. The old farmhouse on Lot 2 will be connected to the sewer after renovations are completed. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize the Solicitor to advertise an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the changes recommended by the Planning Commission. Board Comments: Mrs. Layman stated that Mike Stack contacted the Supervisors reporting that residents are having issues with current setbacks in regards to building pools and sheds. He would like our setbacks to be compatible with other Townships. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve Ordinance No. 2013-4 constituting a general update to correct errors and omissions in the Township Code as determined by the Township Engineer. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve Ordinance No. 2013-5 which imposes additional road weight limitations of 10 tons on six (6) additional roadways as identified in the Ordinance. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to rescind purchase of a 2013 John Deere 325D Skidloader at a cost of \$47,980.00. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to purchase a 2013 John Deere 326D Skidsteer at a cost of \$50,592.56. This is included in the loan through First National Bank that has already been approved. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to rent an 8' x 24' office trailer to be placed at the Sewickley Township Municipal Building at the rate of \$125.00 per month. There will be a one-time charge for set up, tear down, and accessories for approximately \$800.00. This rental includes fuel costs. Voting: Mr. Fossi, yes ; Mrs. Layman, yes ; Mr. Kerber, no. Motion carried.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize the renewal of Township medical, dental, and vision insurance through UPMC Health Plan, United Concordia, and Highmark. There is a zero percent increase from the previous year for dental and vision. There is a 3.5% increase from the previous year for medical. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to offer Swim Lessons during the 2013 season at Crabapple Pool at the rate of \$50.00 per session. Details are as follows:

(2) five week sessions on Saturdays from 10:00am to 11:00am and Tuesdays from 7:15pm to 8:15pm.

Session One is from June 1, 2013 to July 2, 2013  
Session Two is from July 6, 2013 to August 6, 2013

Level 1 – Beginner: Introduction to Water, Fundamental Aquatic Skills.  
Level 2 – Intermediate: Stroke Development, Stroke Improvement  
Level 3 – Advanced: Stroke Refinement

Maggie Dempsey, Pool Manager, and Kari Winkler, Caitlin Gaffney, Ben Dandar, and Samantha Miller, Certified Senior Lifeguards, will be teaching the swim lessons.

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to offer the Crabapple Pool employee's families a 20% discount on their 2013 season pool passes. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to hire the following employees to work the 2013 season at Crabapple Pool.

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| Pool Manager - \$9.25 per hour      | Maggie Dempsey   |
| Asst Pool Manager - \$8.50 per hour | Marty Ponebshek  |
| Senior Lifeguard - \$7.75 per hour  | Corey Flesik<br>Bronson Stapf<br>Kari Winkler  |
| Second Year Guard - \$7.50 per hour | Ben Dandar<br>Caitlin Gaffney<br>Tess Galensky<br>Samantha Miller                      |
| First Year Guard - \$7.35 per hour  | Amanda Booth<br>Rachel Harrison<br>Michala Konkol<br>Joe Palmquist<br>Robert Patterson |

Gate/Concession - \$7.35 per hour      Jordan Conville  
Hannah Filapose  
Lynne Gillott  
Helen Karabin  
Alex Melonuk  
Karen Olwell  
Emily Postlethwait  
Yvonne Shawl  
Tricia Urias

Maintenance - \$7.35 per hour      Joshua Gillott

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to accept Pam Courie's resignation effective April 30, 2013. 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:      Draft 150072 - \$ 10,000.00 (4/24/13)  
Draft 150073 - \$ 1,051.10 (4/25/13)  
Check 5389 - \$ 7,485.73 (4/30/13)  
Draft 150074 - \$ 211.06 (5/2/13)  
Draft 150075 - \$ 1,757.57 (5/2/13)  
Draft 150076 - \$ 190.26 (5/2/13)  
Checks 5390 to 5426 - \$ 47,917.40 (5/6/13)  
Check 5427 - \$ 155,500.00 (5/13/13)

Crabapple:      Draft 44 - \$ 647.24 (5/2/13)  
Checks 3951 to 3958- \$ 3,158.01 (5/6/13)

Light Districts:      Draft 98 - \$ 7,819.09 (5/1/13)  
Draft 99 - \$ 1,407.75 (5/1/13)  
Draft 100 - \$ 1,586.04 (5/1/13)  
Draft 101 - \$ 616.81 (5/1/13)

Payroll Invoices:      Draft 90163 - \$ 669.82 (4/24/13)  
Draft 90164 - \$ 12,611.87 (4/24/13)  
Draft 90165 - \$ 12,545.17 (4/24/13)  
Draft 90166 - \$ 10,636.97 (4/24/13)  
Draft 90167 - \$ 622.85 (4/30/13)  
Checks 2918 to 2920 - \$ 2,767.49 (5/2/13)  
Checks 2921 to 2923 - \$ 442.13 (5/6/13)

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: 4/26/13 - \$ 11,044.90 – drafts 23329 to 23342  
5/3/13 - \$ 14,780.13 – checks 2916 to 2917 , drafts 23343 to 23356  
5/10/13 - \$ 17,601.61 – checks 2924 to 2925 , drafts 23357 to 23370  
(twp) 5/17/13 - \$ 10,209.49 – check 2926 , drafts 23371 to 23383  
(pool) 5/17/13 - \$ 952.17 – drafts 23379 and 23384

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

### **New / Old Business**

Begin discussion pertaining to a petition received by Circle Drive and Longview Drive residents.

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to direct the Township Engineer to inspect Circle Drive and Longview Drive in response to a petition received by those residents. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; 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. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt  
Secretary-Treasurer