

Chairman Brian Merdian on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 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 Tribune Review on Tuesday, December 27, 2016. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Brian Merdian, Joseph Kerber, and Alan Fossi. Also attending the meeting were Terry Stafford, Linda Harvey, Jim Harvey, Kathy Kerber, Tracy Hampshire, John Seanor, Ann McWilliams, Jack McWilliams, Mark Petros, Tom Lord, CS Crossen-Bosko DC, Richard Bosko, Sandy Dull, Attorney Kansler, Janet Schork and Erika Horvat.

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

#### **Report from Roadmaster, Joe Kerber**

The Crew was out for four days patching roads, finished brushing on Country Lane. The Crew was out two days on clean up after the storms that occurred at the beginning of the month. A bad wash out on McGrogan Road was repaired. We had some repair work on Morris Road and Route 136 from a truck that rolled over. This truck was hauling for Sunoco. The Supervisors called a meeting with Sunoco and they are going to pay us for the repairs. We are currently working on a large collapsed storm pipe on Wilps Drive. The pipe is installed and we have a lot of restoration work there.

#### **Report from Ordinance Officer, Nick Newcaster**

We have set out approximately twelve warning letters. Most of them have been for high grass or rubbish. An abandoned vehicle was removed out of the Herminie area. A private complaint was filed against a company that owns a residence in the Hermine area. That charge was for rubbish and debris and was filed before Magistrate Christner last week. There are three properties in the Herminie area scheduled for grass cutting. One is Mikes Bar. There are two properties in Hermine area that we are looking into seeing if we can get them to relinquish their rights to the property. A few complaints were answered about chickens in the Hutchinson area. As long as chickens are cooped there is not a whole lot I can do about it ordinance wise so I referred those questions to Mike Stack for Zoning. Margaret Sensue asked about the issues on Limerick Hill area. Ms. Sensue stated that there has been more junk brought into the area. He should have to be made to clear those out to an area that he is allowed to have these, not in a place where it's against the ordinance. Mr. Merdian stated we will continue to look into this. John Seanor has been fighting with a residence since last October about a pool that has turned green. Now that the weather is turning nicer we are starting to get mosquitos. They have junk cars in their yard. Now they have over ten people living in that house and the sewage is running out of the septic tank and it stinks. Bill did send a warning letter. Mr. Newcaster stated he is back in tomorrow and he will look into it.

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

- **Crabapple Pool:**
  - The pool maintenance is almost completed. We will use next week to continue setting up concession and office as well as planting flowers.
  - We can fill the pool on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> if the water authority lifts the water conservation restriction for swimming pools. I am to call the water authority on Friday for updates.
  - Tentatively, we will be opening for Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 27, Sunday, May 28, and Monday, May 29 --- weather permitting and if the water authority allows us to fill the pool.
  - On this month's agenda is the list of employees and pay rates for the Crabapple Pool 2017 season and a motion to offer the Crabapple Pool employee's families a 20% discount on their 2017 season pool passes.

- **Crabapple Park**
  - The annual Candlelight Vigil Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 25 at Crabapple Park at 7:30pm.
  - Boy scouts, leaders, and parents from Troop 259 and cub scouts from Pack 258 in Herminie worked at the park last night, Tuesday, May 16, edging, weeding, and mulching. Completed areas were: the park main sign, memorial, triangle, turnaround, and part of the butterfly garden. Thank you Boy Scout troop 259, Cub Scout Pack 258 and volunteers.
  - Our Annual Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, from 11am-1pm at the Crabapple Lake Large Pavilion. Dr. Fondrk has set the cost at \$11/per animal
  
- **HW Good 4th graders**
  - Again this year, Lisa Mumau, Yough School Counselor and Big Help Coordinator, and the H.W. Good 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be performing a community service activity at Crabapple Park on Monday, May 22. The students will be planting flowers at the butterfly garden and pool entrance as well as collecting litter at the park and lake. I'm very excited to again partner with our school and students to showcase our beautiful gardens and park and to raise awareness at an early age of the importance of community service for their township.

**Upcoming Events:**

- The recreation board will be discussing the following at their next board meeting:
  - An August Pirate Bus Trip

**Public Comment**

Terry Stafford stated he is having a problem with sewage going through his property. Its causing a big hole and he is worried about someone falling into it. There is a second place along the edge of my property that it is eroding away and a third place that still has the old wooden pipe and it seems to be still flowing with sewage, you can smell it. Mr. Kerber stated that he has not done a one call yet, but as soon as he gets a problem on Wilps fixed where there is sewage backing up into someone's house done, he will be on to Mr. Stafford's issue. Mr. Merdian stated we obviously need to figure out what the sewage issue is also.

John Seanor asked if there is a plan on when we are going to start replacing the lights and hydrants, how much this will cost. Mr. Merdian stated that we will be looking into that the beginning of next year. We need to get a whole cycle of billing with the power company, see how much we saved by switching over to the LED lights. Based on this numbers we will then apply them to how many new fixtures we will be able to put up next year.

Connie Bosko stated that you received my written complaint about Seventh Street. It is now being torn up all the way from Madison Ave. all the way down. The asphalt is being stripped because of the storm water. It's been running like this, down Seventh Street for as long as we lived there. They put a curb in when I complained about it many years ago, when the water would come down and just sweep around the driveway, and then it would go out around and down the church building. It has now peeled back so much of that street, I now have a tenant that can't even get out of there to walk to the bus stop without salting that because he cant see where that huge chunk is out of the street. It washed down all the layers of asphalt, down now to dirt. It's now eight to ten inches deep. I can no longer move my car or drive my car there without fear of losing an axel. It is just becoming a nightmare. I want to know when you are going to get to it. Mr. Kerber stated that it is on the list, but it is on the bottom of the list. Ms. Bosko state that this was on the end of the list last year. Why am I now on the bottom again? Mr. Kerber stated he will put cold patch in the crater. Ms. Bosko stated that it is not going to stay. The water comes

down and just washes it out. The fireman had to come down when the storm drain got clogged up. It was a swimming pool down there, at least twice. Mr. Kerber stated that it is something that we have looked at. Ms. Bosko stated that for as much taxes as we pay in this township having no money is not acceptable anymore. I have been waiting for years. Ms. Bosco stated she would like to see a curb where your street ends and my property starts. So the water can go down the street and into the drain like everyone else's. It is going to start coming down the side of the building. If I start to have water damage in the church who is going to pay for that. Mr. Kerber stated he will be over to take a look at this.

Sandy Dull would like to ask Mr. Fossi a personal question. Mr. Fossi stated no. Mrs. Dull stated she will ask anyway, "When was the last time we had a personal conversation?" Mrs. Dull stated that the last time I had had a personal conversation with Mr. Fossi was over a year ago.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to disburse 2016 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

S & T Bank – mortgage payment	\$ 602.25
ECM2 – mobile mapping	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>
	<b>\$ 2,802.25</b>

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to disburse 2016 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Palko Truck & Trailer – maintenance on power steering	\$ 487.60
Webb's Service Center – maint on truck	\$ 765.03
Rescue Store – rear grip handle	<u>\$ 74.50</u>
	<b>\$ 1,327.13</b>

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to disburse 2016 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Rillton Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Murray Automotive Electric – strob replacement bulbs	\$ 539.80
Premier Safety – smoke ejector fan	<u>\$ 1,063.72</u>
	<b>\$ 1,603.52</b>

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to disburse 2016 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Sewickley Township Emergency Management as follows:

Staley Communication – batteries for radios	\$ 203.25
Walmart – two cordless phones for office	<u>\$ 175.71</u>
	<b>\$ 378.96</b>

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to authorize the renewal of the Township vision insurance through Highmark. There is a slight increase for this coverage. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to authorize the renewal of the Township dental insurance through United Concordia. There is no increase for this coverage. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to advertise for public auction the sale of land situate in the Township of Sewickley, being that portion of the abandoned right of way of the Hempfield Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, having tax map number 58-07-11-0-053, said public auction to occur at the Board of Supervisors monthly meeting on Wednesday June 21, 2017 Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber 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 \$60.00 per property for the first cut, then \$ 390.00 for two cuts per month:

137 Limerick Road, Herminie  
208 Sewickley Ave, Herminie  
112 Sewickley Avenue, Herminie  
116 Daisy Street, Lowber  
208 Hood Street, Hutchinson

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to award the Sewickley Township Community Development Corporation permission to place five "Welcome to Herminie" signs in the Township. Mr. Kerber stated we will need to get approval from PennDot to put these up on the state roads. Mr. Merdian stated he would like the township road crew to install these signs once approval is allowed by PennDot. Lori Jones wanted to state that the money for these signs was donated by businesses in the township and they will be placed at the gateways coming into town. Voting: Mr. Kerber, yes; Mr. Fossi, yes; Mr. Merdian; abstained. Motion carried.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify authorizing the H.W. Good Elementary students to perform a community service cleanup at Crabapple Park and Pool on May 16, 2017. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify the hiring of Nick Newcaster as a Part Time Ordinance Officer working up to 25 hours per week at the rate of \$12.00 per hour. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify Janet Schork to work over her allotted hours on the payroll date of May 15, 2017. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to offer the Crabapple Pool employee's families a 20% discount on their 2017 season pool passes. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to hire the following employees to work the 2017 season at Crabapple Pool and at the rates listed.

Pool Manager - \$ 12.00 per hour	Yvonne Shawl
Assistant Pool Manager - \$ 10.00 per	Alexander Schork Emily Spisak
Senior Lifeguard - \$ 8.50 per hour	Alexander Schork Emily Spisak
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Lifeguard - \$ 8.00 per hour	Emma Gates Caroline Mignogna Megan Vanyo Shelby Yusko
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Lifeguard - \$ 7.75 per hour	Camden Bill Julia Dandar Chloe Davis Robert Davis Rebecca Gebadlo Kayla Stanzak
4 <sup>th</sup> Year Gate/Concession - \$7.75	Chris Miller Nicholas Schork
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Gate/Concession - \$ 7.35 per hour	Bradley Bosnel Hailee Errera Janna Feltes Mallory Flesik Nick Gates Jordan Loy Laura Sam Abigail Snyder

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

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

General Fund:	Checks 8592 to 8623 - \$ 65,669.83 (4/19/17)
	Checks 8625 to 8636 - \$ 13,486.89 (4/28/17)
	Checks 8637 to 8656 - \$ 16,236.21 (5/5/17)
	Checks 8657 to 8676 - \$ 7,653.84 (5/12/17)
	ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 174.86 (4/27/17)
	First Energy - \$ 488.89 (4/28/17)
	First Energy - \$ 46.50 (5/2/17)
	Columbia Gas - \$ 72.50 (5/4/17)

