

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 7:04pm in the Municipal Building Shop, 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 Laurie Stape, Michael Stape, Marianne Errett, Norman Vinsick, Micki Patterson, Stacey Federoff, Amber Kline, Dave Lang, Linda Harvey, Diane Lang, Greg Cominsky, Gary Moore, Jr., Eric Kline, Bill Luzar, David Boettner, Lynn Boettner, Bob Preisach, Charles McGrew, Bert Steban, Jim Barlock, Bill Errera, Tina Harris-Errera, Christina Reuss, Marie Kane, Diane Balenovich, Michael Manley, Denise Manley, Maryann Landini, Dan Landini, Jr., Marty Ponebshek, Shirley Hopkin, Rowan Hopkin, Linda Byrnes, Tom Byrnes, Mike Slivinsky, Loretta McKay, Franklin Benjamin, Richards, Tracy Hampshire, Leanna Wetzler, Gary Wetzler, Debra Pils, Lisa Nickels, Brian Merdian, Eric Chamberlain, Wayne J. Paulisick, Sr., Daniel Wade, Sr., Thomas ???, Jack McWilliams, Robert Scott, Karen Weigle, Rebekah Olsen, Matt Smelser, Richard Mauley, Mark Lockschmidt, Jeffrey Pesarsick, Mike Couser, Avalene Cantini, Betty Prejza, Kathy Kerber, Ann McWilliams, Rachael Ray, Joseph Marincic, ??? Lint, Jonathan Jobe, Lisa Dimon, John Sever, Valerie Sever, Alan Samulski, Sharon Cerne, Terry ???, Sandy Mireles, Janice Metz, Stephanie Fulmer, Barbara Mignogna, Holly Boettner, Pat Harvey, Tom Comini, Linda Knor, Jan Merlino, Bob Lasser, Clifford Smith, Dave Lash, Margaret ???, Pamela Courie, Linda Moore, Fred Moore, Daniel Kislar, Carole Medved, Michael Stangroom, Pat Walt, Holly Sinnamond, Leon ???, Billy Dull, Lisa Smartnick, Dan Hewitt, 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

Mrs. Layman has been working with Mike Stack, at his request, and the Solicitor regarding the rear setbacks of the Zoning Ordinance to make them more in line with other Townships. This has been presented to the Planning Commission. She has been working with Residents with various questions and problems. She is also working with the Dollar Energy Program on electric and gas bills. She has been working with the Township Engineer to get roads posted with weight limit signs that Chevron will be on. This will ensure that our roads are covered if there is damage. She has been working with Chevron finding out which roads they will be using in the near future. She is continuing to work with the bank on the financing of the equipment we will be purchasing. She is getting quotes on playground mulch for Lowber and Crabapple Playgrounds. She is also working to get easements signed to repair a sink hole in Rillton. She checked on prices for an IT company due to the one we had going out of business. Lastly, she is working with a family on Harris Drive... there was a major water line leak and MAWC has agreed that it is their problem and will replace the entire line.

Mrs. Layman was asked how many hours she works a week. Mrs. Layman responded that she gets paid for 25 hours per week, but works 45 to 50 hours per week. She is then asked if she has a set schedule. She responded that she is here every day.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Crabapple Park: The water was turned on at Crabapple Park. Park Maintenance will be fixing some plumbing issues and vandalism at the restrooms. Herminie Boy Scout Troup 259 has requested the use of the Large Pavilion on Thursdays from June through September. We do not charge them, but have asked that they help clean up the park. They will begin volunteering next Saturday, the 27th. If all goes well, we will open Crabapple Park to renters on May 6th, 2 weeks earlier than usual.

Crabapple Pool: The water is turned on also. No major leaks! We have started cleaning and met with the pool supplier. He evaluated the paint and decided there is no need to re-paint it this year. We will be taking steps to clean the surface, but it's a huge savings not to have to paint. We will be getting a new diving board, digital chlorinator, and vacuum.

Recreation Center: The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Herminie Sports Complex was another huge success with over 120 children. Thank you to the Recreation Board and all the local businesses for your generous donations. We would not be able to do it without you. Public Time is finished for the season. We had over 100 youths participate over the fall and winter which is over 80 hours of Recreation Board supervised public time.

Summerfest: Sewickley Township presents "Rock the Yough Music and Family Summerfest '13 will be held on Saturday, July 27th at Yough High School on Cougar Mountain. Thank you to the Yough School Board for allowing us the use of their facility! We will have crafters and vendors. Any organizations that are interested in participating can contact Mrs. Schork. We will also have activities for the children. The highlight is starting at 4:00pm with Crabapple Pool's house band "Sorry, We're Closed". "Usual Suspects" and "One South East" who will then lead up to the main event... Chris Higbee formerly of the Povertyneck Hillbillies. We are very excited about this event!

Mrs. Schork was asked how much it would cost to attend the event. She responded that it has not been determined as of yet. Susan Leukhardt stated that we are hoping to keep it around \$2 to \$3.

Thank you to the Recreation Board for donating two lounge chairs, two umbrellas, and bases to Crabapple Pool. This is their way of thanking the Pool for the use of the facilities for their events.

Upcoming Events: "The Last Dance" will be held at the Recreation Center this Saturday, April 20th from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. The Rabies Clinic is May 4th at the Large Pavilion at Crabapple Park from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. \$9.00 per rabies shot.

Thank you to the Recreation Board for their commitment to bringing quality programs for the youth and for our Community. They do an outstanding job. Thank you to the Supervisors, also, for their continued support.

Mrs. Schork was asked if the Recreation Board has anything to do with local youth baseball teams. She explained that we schedule the fields, but SAAA is in charge of the program. Mrs. Leukhardt explained that SAAA has a new board this year and they hold public meetings every month. They encourage people to come to the meetings. These meetings are publicized in the Times Sun, Facebook, and a link is on the Township website.

Mrs. Schork was then asked when Crabapple Pool opens, who will be covering the emergency services. Mr. Fossi responded that whoever is designated as the ambulance service provider for the Township will respond.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman

Now that the weather is finally getting better, Mr. Zimmerman expects to be getting the usual complaints about burning and grass cutting. There was one incident that occurred recently where the property owner was burning on the proper day, but he did not make sure the fire was completely extinguished at the end of the day. The next morning, the wind picked up, the fire reignited, turned into a brush fire, and required fire department involvement. Therefore, he is asking that all the folks in the Township that do burn on Wednesdays and Saturdays, be very careful while burning and make sure to extinguish all hot embers when done.

This last month, he has been working on some more of the long term violations. He also had new complaints that have involved junk motor vehicles, rubbish, and property maintenance in general. Those types of complaints have become pretty standard from month to month. He heard from the RACW the day after our last meeting and was told that we are going to have two demolitions completed soon in the Herminie area and possibly a third one in Gratztown if the money holds out. Keep your fingers crossed!

To update you on our Court cases, he has two hearings now scheduled in Common Pleas Court for May 14th which are the ones that were originally scheduled for April 30th. He also has two Summary Trials scheduled in District Court on May 22nd. He checked on warrants this morning and all eight are still outstanding. He also learned he now has a ninth one that was issued March 15th. Additionally, he has two or three more that are probably headed to District Court in the near future as he has been unsuccessful in getting them to bring their properties into compliance.

Eric Kline asked about fines in regards to burning. Mr. Zimmerman said it depends on the situation and is handled on a case by case basis.

Sandy Mireles spoke for the Business Association asking about the signs that are supposed to be posted on Main Street. Mr. Zimmerman says the signs are in and are on the Road Crew's work schedule to be put up.

A resident then asked where the two demolitions scheduled are located. Mr. Zimmerman stated that one in the old car dealership near Herminie Firehall and the other is the old building on Clay Pike near the BP Station. With the Redevelopment Authority, things are subject to change. And then she asked about the house across from the old car dealership on Pike Street. Mr. Hewitt responded that it the property is in litigation.

A resident asked about trailers located on McClerge. Mr. Zimmerman is working on it. The resident also asked about a safety issue of not being able to see when turning onto the road at the top of 3rd Street. Mr. Zimmerman believes that is a County road. County maintenance would have to look into it.

Another resident asked about the house on Greenhills Road. Mr. Zimmerman stated that it is in the hands of the Redevelopment Authority. There are a number of mortgages on the house and it is taking some time.

Report from Solicitor, Dan Hewitt

Mr. Hewitt was asked to come up with two additional Ordinances. The Township Engineer came up with six (6) additional roads that need road weight limit restrictions on parts of Balentine, Chopp, Kunkle, Rodebaugh, Curry, and Beacon Roads.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize the Township Solicitor to draft and advertise an additional Ordinance for the imposition of road weight restrictions on designated roadways. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Township Engineer's Office completed a comprehensive review of not just only the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance but all the Ordinances. There are three (3) sections dealing with sewer lines, holding tanks, and road construction standards that the Engineer's Office has recommended an amendment to the Code.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare and advertise an Ordinance to update the Code Book to correct errors and admissions noted by the Township Engineer. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Report from Public Works Director, Brian Nicholls... given by Chairman Alan Fossi

Guiderrails were placed on a bridge in Turner Valley as requested by the State. The Road Crew put stone on Church and Second Streets, Rodebaugh, and McGrogan Roads. Stone was also put in the alleys off of Medic Street, alley near Irwin Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets, as well as Iris Street in Lowber. Catch basins were clean on Apples Mill Road. The Road Crew put two (2) catch basins, 15" pipe, and stone on Greenhills Road to stop a water problem that was damaging the road. Roads were plowed on March 25, 2013. We fixed the loader and an exhaust leak on the #10 truck. We are rebuilding the door on the Mack truck. General maintenance work was done on the sweeper to get it out on the road. The sweeper has been out for a couple weeks. Lowber is done and is working through Herminie now. Also, we used the broom on roads in and out of town areas. Seventeen roads have been done with the power broom. We replaced and repaired several signs, cold patched several roads, and put up weight limit signs. We installed a french drain (approx 150' of 6" pipe) at the baseball fields. Parts for the roller have been shipped out and back and the roller is being put back together. At the Park and Pool, we have got the water turned on and repaired leaks. A leak has also been repaired at the baseball concession stand. We worked on a catch basin behind the fire station in Hutchinson. He contacted PennDOT about a catch basin on Seventh and Sewickley that needs repaired.

Amber Kline asked where the stone was put on Church Street. Mrs. Layman will check with Mr. Nicholls to see exactly where the stone was put.

Bert Steban asked if this job was advertised and if Mr. Nicholls has a CDL. Mr. Fossi answered that the job was advertised and Mr. Nicholls does not have a CDL currently, but will be working on getting one.

Chris Reuss asked why there is such a concern for the alleys in the Township. Her road is a mess. Mr. Kerber stated that the alleys were done with County money. These alleys were completely washed away down to just stone. This would then plug up our catch basins.

A resident asked about Circle Drive. That road is a mess. Mrs. Layman stated that it is a private road. Mr. Kerber stated that Oak Creek Drive is a Township road, but after that, it's private. Mrs. Layman stated that they received a petition to have the Township take it over, but there are a lot of steps to make that happen.

Pam Courie asked if the Township has any future plans to put guiderails or large boulders on Kangaroo Hill Road. It is dangerous when passing big trucks on that road. Mrs. Layman will have the Public Works Director look into it.

A resident asked how to find out when roads will be paved in the Township. She lives on Sunnyside Drive. Mr. Fossi stated that we do not have a five or ten year comprehensive plan for the paving of our roads as of yet. We are working on that and would like to get that accomplished. Right now, we do it from year to year and it depends on our Liquid Fuel Tax money and if we can get grants from the County. Mrs. Layman stated that we do the worst roads first.

Chris Reuss asked how the gas well money is being used. Can we use it on the roads and other important projects in the Township? Mr. Fossi stated that we have not used any of the funds at this point. It is in a separate account and we have 13 different uses for that money. Mrs. Reuss asked when does the Township plan on using that money and how long has it been sitting there? Mr. Fossi stated that we got it at the end of the year. Mrs. Reuss asked if it will be used for pet projects. The Supervisors stated that the State determines the 13 different ways for it to be used. She asked for a copy of the Act 13.

Public Comment

Mr. Fossi made a statement regarding Public Comment for this meeting. Any Public Comment that is not related to the Ambulance situation, this is the time to speak. Mr. Hewitt added that here will be an opportunity later on the agenda to comment on the Ambulance service.

No General Public Comment

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

S & T Bank – mortgage payment	\$ 602.25
Scott Electric – generator for station	\$ 189.83

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

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

Lander's Service, Inc. – repairs to rescue	\$ 1,215.60
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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 approve the Ali-Domonkos subdivision located on Greenhills Road. This plan divides the property into Parcel 3-A containing 11.28 acres and Parcel 3-B also containing 11.28 acres. This land is zoned A-1 and both parcels are designated non-buildable agricultural land. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the Ilich, Jr. subdivision located on Greenhills Road. This plan divides Parcel 1-A containing 12.24 acres, Parcel 2-A containing 12.24 acres, and Parcel 1-C containing 18.47 acres. All parcels are non-buildable, agricultural lots zoned A-1. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to purchase a 2013 John Deere 325D Skidloader at a cost of \$47,980.00. This is included in the loan through First National Bank that has already been approved. Solicitors Comments: Mr. Hewitt stated that the approved paperwork from the Department of Community and Economic Development was received by him yesterday and he delivered it to the Township this evening. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to hire Xycom Technology Group, Inc. as our IT computer company. The hourly rate will be \$105.00 per hour. I-Tech Solutions, our former company, went out of business on April 1, 2013. Board Comments: Mrs. Layman checked prices... another company came in at \$115.00 per hour. This new company will meet our needs in the office. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to set the rates for the following positions for the 2013 season at Crabapple Pool.

Pool Manager	\$ 9.00
Asst Pool Manager	\$ 8.50
Head Lifeguard	\$ 8.25
Senior Lifeguard	\$ 7.75
Second Year Guard	\$ 7.50
First Year Guard	\$ 7.35
Concession / Gate	\$ 7.35

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize a \$30.00 fee for three (3) hour private use of the pavilion at Crabapple Pool for birthday parties. Currently, there is no fee for this service which displaces daily patrons from the pavilion. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize the Sewickley Township Recreation Board to hold the following events at the locations indicated and to waive any fees that may be involved.

Saturday, May 4, 2013	Annual Rabies Clinic at the Crabapple Large Pavilion
Saturday, August 17, 2013	Back to School Splash Party at Crabapple Pool starting at 7:30pm

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize the use of the large pavilion at Crabapple Park on Thursday, May 23, 2013 for the annual Candlelight Vigil from 7:30pm to dusk and to waive any fees that may be involved. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize the Herminie Boy Scout Troup 259 use of the large pavilion at Crabapple Park at no cost each Thursday evening from June 6, 2013 through September 5, 2013 from 5:00pm to close. In lieu of payment for facility use, the Boy Scouts will be doing volunteer community service during two weekends in April to help Park Maintenance perform Lake and Park cleanup. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize the use of Crabapple Pool by the Herminie Boy Scout Troup 259 to run Camp Swim Tests on Thursday, June 27, 2013, Thursday, July 4, 2013, and Thursday, July 11, 2013 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm each night. They will provide their own lifeguards. 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:	Checks 5348 to 5388 - \$ 68,954.13 (4/16/13)
Crabapple:	Checks 3946 to 3950 - \$ 575.72 (4/16/13)
Payroll Invoices:	Checks 2909 to 2912 - \$ 3,783.45 (4/16/13)
	Draft 90161 - \$ 862.46 (4/2/13)
	Draft 90162 - \$ 615.04 (4/2/13)

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:	4/12/13 - \$ 12,982.88 – checks 2906 to 2908 , drafts 23300 to 23314
	4/19/13 - \$ 10,926.27 – checks 2913 to 2915 , drafts 23315 to 23328

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

Mr. Fossi read the following statement before Public Comment

At the last Township meeting, we decided to choose Jeannette Ambulance Service as our selected carrier and provider. At that time, we had asked the Sewickley Township Ambulance Service to vacate the building effective May 31st. That decision has been made. We have signed the legal forms to make that happen and basically that decision has been completed. Jeannette EMS will provide two ambulances in the Township on a 24/7 basis so you will have ambulance service in the Community. Sewickley Township Ambulance Service has run a subscription plan and Jeannette EMS will honor those subscriptions. Those residents will be considered honorary members for the first year. They will have the same privileges as they would've had through Sewickley Township Ambulance. We have asked Sewickley Township Ambulance to turn over their subscription money to the Jeannette EMS. They have not given us a determination on that. Also, to clear the air a little bit, it is beneficial to review the history of the 2-mil tax. It's something that has been quite commonly misunderstood in the Township. The EMS tax was passed on a referendum in 2005. On April 4, 2006, an emergency medical service contract between Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service and The Township of Sewickley was signed for one year. In 2006, the total amount of 2-mil collected and disbursed to the Ambulance was \$91,539.99. In 2007, the total amount collected and disbursed to the Ambulance was \$ 92,507.24. According to the minutes of the June 18, 2008 meeting, there was a unanimous vote taken by all three Supervisors, John Costanza, Joe Kerber, and Wayne Jones, to consider a request by the Ambulance, Rescue, and other emergency providers for distribution of the 2-mil. In 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, the 2-mil has been split equally between the fire departments, ambulance, and emergency management. From 2010 to date, there is no advisory board. Invoices or purchase orders are presented to the Supervisors. If they meet the guidelines of the referendum, they are approved and a check is issued as long as there is still funding in their account. The total amount each receives is approximately \$14,000.00. The Ambulance Service for the first two years received approximately \$91,000.00 per year. We are seeing the results from the changes. Mr. Fossi didn't have anything to do with those prior decisions so he can't make an excuse for this. All he knows is that he has been elected into a position where he has to do what he feels is right for this Community. It is a life matter and we understand how serious it is. Two (2) Supervisors at the last meeting decided to go with Jeannette EMS. That was Wanda Layman and Alan Fossi. This is our decision. We understand the consequences. We understand how serious this is and, quite honestly, this is a situation that we inherited and we feel we have to try to correct the situation. We feel that is what we have done.

Public Comment regarding Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service

Amber Kline presented to the Supervisors over 1,000 signatures from the Community speaking on behalf of Sewickley Township.

Mrs. Layman stated that she had a lot of people call saying they were told by the people that brought the petition to their homes that the ambulance had to come from Jeannette. They were never told that the ambulance was going to be stationed in the Township. Mrs. Kline said that she did go door to door to a lot of houses. She did tell them that the Ambulance would be housed in Sewickley Township even though it will be a Jeannette Ambulance. Mrs. Layman clarified that there will be two housed in the Township and Mrs. Kline agreed.

Mrs. Kline went on to state that these are your residents. These are people that work in the community. The Supervisors really need to take that into consideration.

Lisa Dimon read a prepared statement. This included stating gratitude towards the Community for their support the past few weeks. She then explained how healthcare costs have played a dramatic role in reshaping the industry. She stated that the partnership with Rostraver-West Newton Emergency Services is a cautiously, optimistic endeavor. She reinforced that the Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service will remain an independent service dedicated to Sewickley Township and Madison Borough. The combined efforts of both services will ensure that the Community will receive optimal emergency and non emergency care by many qualified individuals. This partnership is providing stability in financial and administrative ways. She respectfully asked the Supervisors to reconsider their decisions regarding Jeannette EMS and listen to their plan for the future.

Solicitor, Dan Hewitt, stated that she talked about this partnership and affiliation. We understand that Sewickley remains separate, but there is some operational agreement. Have you ever gotten a written consent from the Board of Supervisors for that? Ms. Dimon responded no.

Dr. Schwartz was asked to speak on the clinical performance of the Sewickley EMS. He does not comment on the operational issues that do not fall under his domain. His domain is medical care. He is the EMS Medical Director for Forbes Regional Hospital, full time EMS physician, and a board certified emergency medicine trained in EMS. He holds the strictest standards from his medics. He has never had any problems, concerns, or significant questions regarding the medical care that Sewickley EMS has provided.

Mrs. Layman stated that the medical care was never an issue. It has always been the financial situation that they are afraid would not be able to put fuel in their tanks.

Marty Ponebshek is a full time paramedic with Sewickley Township Ambulance. He grew up in the area. He asks the Supervisors for the well being of the residents to reconsider their action of decertifying Sewickley Township as the ambulance service and going with Jeannette EMS. He goes on to speak about how well everyone works together with group cohesion. This reinforces their ability to work together in emergency situations to care for the residents of the Township. People are staffing the station when they aren't even on duty. They are staffed 24/7. Extra people mean an extra ambulance. This decision will affect their jobs. He then asked the Supervisors to sit down not only with the management staff, but also with the workers. There has been a drastic change since the partnership with Rostraver/West Newton EMS. They had a very close call to where the Supervisors should be concerned but in the last six weeks, he believes they are doing better than ever.

Gary Moore, Jr. represents both STCAS and Rostraver/West Newton Emergency Services. He proceeded to give his extensive background with both ambulance services beginning in 1998. Since the time of the partnership agreement, in combination of both services, they have twelve licensed advance

care units. The Township residents have access to wheelchair van transports. They have in-house water dive rescue team, tactical rescue team, firefighter rehabilitation support team, plus in-house centers and staff to address issues as they come up. They also have car seat safety programs. An educational facility is also there for many different types of training. In 2005, thirteen volunteers from Sewickley approached the Supervisors asking for advice and direction since Rescue 8 was pulling out of the Township. Those Township Supervisors said for the volunteers to come up with something which was the 2-mil tax. This tax was supposed to go to the Ambulance for a period of four years. After the four years, there would be different options for that tax. He stated that there over 1,000 people that were willing to put their name in writing to keep Sewickley Ambulance here. Since the beginning of the partnership between the two ambulance services, they have been able to maintain coverage for this Community and Madison. He then asked the Supervisors to please reconsider your decision to go with another provider. He will not speak ill of any other provider and asks them to consider a probationary period before going with another company.

Mrs. Layman asked for the date of the partnership that he referred to between Sewickley and Rostraver. He replied February 28, 2013.

Greg Cominsky read a prepared statement. He is a paramedic in addition to being the Business Office Manager for Rostraver/West Newton. He has been employed there since 2000. He also owned and operated an ambulance company named Liberty Ambulance through the 80's and 90's. He continued with his extensive background in public service, including being a police officer, that began in 1979. He has a good understanding of how government works. He lives in the Crabapple area. He is amazed and confused by the decisions of his Supervisors. Rostraver has had a relationship with STCAS for many years which included mutual aid agreements, backing one another up, and also through billing and bookkeeping services which has been in place since 2009. Sewickley Township is our neighbor. Sewickley has many talented and caring people that provide excellent free hospital care. The people of our Township are very fortunate to have Sewickley Ambulance. It takes money to provide effective emergency coverage. The guidelines set forth by the state and federal governments are constantly changing. STCAS current state of financial distress does not have any one cause. It's a multitude of problems. They have invested in the Community by buying the best equipment that they could to service the people of this Community. Half of their debt is a result of that investment. STCAS has a high level of delinquent accounts which Mr. Kominsky presented to the Supervisors. The total is \$250,000 in delinquent accounts. These accounts have been placed in collections. When they do get reimbursement, it just does not cover the costs. Being a sole ambulance provider, they have to staff accordingly, which makes their payroll not cost effective. STCAS came to Rostraver asking for assistance which was given to them with no hesitation. They are two separate companies, but share many resources... insurance contracts, purchasing, communications, billing and bookkeeping just to name a few. This is very cost effective. A management team has been put in place which is motivated and knowledgeable to oversee the finances. Let the paramedics and EMT's do what they do best... take care of the people.

Amber Kline read a prepared statement. She is a concerned resident and mother of three. She has been approached by many residents with the same concerns she has... why Jeannette? Why not go with a closer ambulance company around us? She feels the decision was made without taking the feelings or consideration of the residents. Their voices were good enough when voting them into office, but their voices aren't good enough now. STCAS is trying to resolve their problems financially while still providing excellent care. She asked where the financial backing will be coming from for Jeannette EMS. Are taxes going to be raised? She commended Joe Kerber for his decision at the April 4th meeting to give STCAS a year and table the decision. She then asked Alan Fossi and Wanda Layman to reconsider the decision they made on April 4th and give STCAS more time to prove that their plan can work for the good the residents on our Township.

Mike Stangroom is the Director of Operations for Rostraver/West Newton. This organization has over 70 employees, run over 10,000 calls per year, and is very successful. He is considered an expert in EMS and has been asked to testify in the court of law. He is also a volunteer at STCAS. In February, STCAS came to him saying they had administrative problems. They now have an administrative plan and it is working. Tough decisions had to be made. 95% of the people are behind keeping STCAS. The Supervisors reacted without having all the facts. Be a part of the solution, not the problem. They welcome the Supervisors to serve on their Board of Directors. They will open the books and files. With Mr. Stangroom's leadership, Dr. Schwartz's medical, and the Supervisors' political, they can go far. He has put hundreds of hours in to make this work. He asks the Supervisors not to throw it all away.

Mrs. Layman stated that tonight is the first time she has heard the date of February 28th for the partnership and she is a Supervisor. This plan could've been brought to the Supervisors since they met on February 15th. There was a lot of time that the plan could've been produced. Mr. Stangroom responded that it is a plan in motion. She would like something in writing.

Sandy Dull is a business owner in Sewickley Township for thirty years. She has watched STCAS ups and downs. Mrs. Dull asked Mr. Fossi if he ever served on the 2-mil advisory board. He said no. She asked if the agreement with Jeannette is here. They would like to see it. Mr. Fossi responded that Jeannette will have two ambulances in the Township 24/7 and will provide us with our emergency service. Mr. Hewitt stated that the contract is available upon request at the Township Office like any other written contract the Township has. She then asked how much money from Sewickley Township will be given to Jeannette EMS. What are the financial terms? What will the residents have to pay for them? Mr. Hewitt stated that his recollection is that there is no payment for the service. They are going to do billing just as Rostraver and STCAS does. Mrs. Dull then asked why the Supervisors picked Jeannette. Mrs. Layman remembers having an executive session with all three Supervisors talking about different ambulance services. Adamsburg, Elizabeth Township, and Jeannette were brought up. A lot of checking was made to make this decision. Mrs. Dull believes the Supervisors are putting our resident's health and welfare at risk by bringing in Jeannette.

Chris Reuss is a mother of four sons and lives in Herminie. She explained how her son, David, has needed Sewickley Township Ambulance much more than most in a lifetime with the last time being on Easter Sunday. She then stated her past involvement in the Community; working with the Library, Recreation Board, Business Association, Youth football teams on all levels, and helped other organizations. She then stated how the individuals at STCAS are also involved with these various organizations on many different levels. They are always there for her and her son with any medical assistance she needs. Without their support, her son could be dead. The Supervisors need to look objectively at the Ambulance Base which has been here since the early 1970's. Why would they think about bringing in Jeannette when you can take extraordinary efforts to keep a service here that is working? According to the Second Class Township Code, Section 607, it lists the duties of the Supervisor. She then quoted this section of the Code. It is the Supervisors responsibility to support the local entities and organizations. It is a disservice to the Community by pondering the thought of having an outside service come in. This is not the way working officials of the Township are expected to conduct business. She then asked for the resignations of Wanda Layman and Alan Fossi at that time.

Holly Boettner was born and raised in the Township. She gave dictionary definitions between a merger and a partnership. Sewickley's plan is not to merge with Rostraver/West Newton, but to form a partnership in order to fix what has happened, to form a stronger alliance. Her parents along with many volunteers reorganized Sewickley Township Ambulance with \$800 along with an ambulance that nobody thought would run. They can come back from this. She went on to speak about their volunteer service. She then asked how they think that two ambulances from Jeannette can cover sometimes the three ambulances that are needed. What if one of our residents lose their life? This will be on your hands. This decision is about the residents, not the Supervisors. Mr. Joe Kerber is the only leader she sees at the table. It should be the people's decision, not the Supervisors.

Linda Harvey is the Tax Collector for Sewickley Township. She has some questions and concerns regarding the 2-mil tax. The 2-mil years ago was supposed to keep this ambulance service here in Sewickley Township. If you make a decision to go with Jeannette, make sure you let everyone know who is going to be their provider. Where is the 2 mil going? The question is not about the service STCAS provides. They do a great job. How are you going to keep it going? Can the Supervisors guarantee that Jeannette won't be in the same situation that STCAS is in now financially? Put the politics aside and everyone come together and get this worked out. Issues need addressed. People want to feel protected. The people thought when they voted in the 2-mil, Sewickley Ambulance would stay.

Jonathan Jobe is the Paramedic Supervisor and Station Manager for STCAS. He has been with the company since 2006. He has been in EMS for fourteen years. He then listed his experience in EMS. He has a wealth of information in this area. He is humbled by the response and thanks the people for coming out and supporting STCAS. He gave a walk through with health care. In 2008, unexpectedly, STCAS began only receiving a portion of the 2-mil tax, not the whole thing. Since that time, they have been struggling. He listed some natural disasters in the Township that they assisted in and how they got through it. These services are all free of charge. He then listed some community events that they do stand-by for. They do that because of the love they have for the Community. He is very fortunate for the staff that they have. He wants to see this continue. He asked the Supervisors to delay their decision with Jeannette EMS. Give STCAS six months to review their books and meet with them. In thirty days, they've made great strides so far.

Denise Manley has lived in the Township for 21 years and volunteered and been a part of Sewickley Ambulance since 1983. That's almost 30 years. When this happened, she felt it was her responsibility to help. Most of the staff are very young. They don't have the financial background to run a household, family, or business. Kids make mistakes, but they took the initiative to fix it themselves. They asked the Supervisors, but then they went out on their own to get help. In the ambulance industry, she's been on the Westmoreland County EMS Council since 1993. She has been paid and volunteered to teach and work on an ambulance. The one thing that is necessary in an ambulance service is the cohesion and working relationship they have with the services and fire departments around them. If something major happens right now, they need to rely on their surrounding communities. Jeannette is not a surrounding community. She went on to explain how all our emergency services work together and come together when people are in need. They are a family. She fears someone is going to die because the ambulance can't get there.

Leanna Wetzler spoke about January 4, 2010. Her son was almost six months old. She explained how her son was vomiting uncontrollably, went pale white, cold, and was unresponsive. They called 911 immediately. Within two minutes, Sewickley EMS personnel were in their house reviving their son. They also comforted her. Had they not been able to respond in two minutes, she's not sure that her son would be standing with her today. He is now a healthy almost a four year old boy. It is unfathomable to her that two of the Supervisors would vote to leave the lives of 6,000 plus residents in the hands of a service over ten miles away, a service that is barely better off financially. She didn't have any idea that this was being considered until it was already done. Financial problems can be fixed with proper organization and management, but lives are too precious to wait more than two minutes to save. She will not vote for anyone who values money more than life. She thanked Mr. Kerber for voting in the interest of your neighbors, friends, and residents.

Mrs. Layman stated again that it was always intended that two ambulances would be stationed here 24/7.

Stephanie Fulmer was born and raised in Sewickley Township. Her and her husband are like members of Sewickley Ambulance. She asked what will happen to the building. A lot of hard work and hours went into that building. Will the new service be housed there? What will happen to the ambulances that we do own? Will they be farmed out to other service or will they stay here? Our tax dollars paid for them. We were in this position when Rescue 8 came in.

Tom Comini is concerned about the amount of debt outstanding by the Ambulance Service. He questions whether the Township followed proper protocol in voting in Jeannette EMS.

Holly Sinnamond has been an EMT for a little over a year. She goes to Yough High School and attends a technical school for training. She goes to the ambulance base four days a week for training and follow them on calls. She would not be the EMT she is today without the help of Sewickley Ambulance. She has worked alongside some of the best Paramedics and EMT's. She depends on Sewickley Ambulance to remain here for her to finish her Coop program. They are like her second family. She is giving back to the Community. She is young and new to politics. The Supervisors are supposed to take the best interests of the Community to heart. She feels they are making a big mistake.

Dan Landini has been in the fire service since 1957. He listed the companies he has worked with. He stated that with the 2 mil tax, everyone was a member. No matter if it was just a hang nail, they would have to take you to the hospital. Will Jeannette EMS be at all the Community events that Sewickley goes to? Our Ambulance Company is a very proud group. A lot of the group is from right here in Sewickley Township, not Jeannette or Greensburg. You will be paying people outside of the Township to work when you can residents inside the Township to work for you. Jeannette is already in trouble money wise. Did we go to anyone else like, Rostraver or Adamsburg, to see if they wanted to pick up Sewickley Township? Where will the half way stand by point going to be?

Linda Knor is from Herminie and came this evening to gather facts on exactly what was going on. She asked Mr. Kerber if he was a Supervisor when the 2 mil changed in 2008. He responded yes. She then asked what was the reasoning behind it. Mr. Kerber stated that the contract had changed. Walt Lipinski changed the wording in the contract and gave it back to the Supervisors without letting them know that he changed it. We honored it for the second year and then that was the end of it. The contract was between the Ambulance and the Township for the 2 mil money. Mrs. Knor asked what the referendum actually read. Mr. Kerber stated "emergency services". The original agreement was before his time. Mrs. Knor stated that when the Ambulance Service goes from \$91,000 to \$14,000 per year, that has to be part of their financial situation. Mr. Kerber then added that Walk Lipinski was offered the third year to go with the original contract with the full 2 mil and he refused.

Tom Byrnes then came up to the table to clarify. He was a Township Auditor for six years. He clarified that they got the money for two years. The Ambulance Service would not let them look at their books. We spent \$1,300 unnecessarily to get a lawyer to get a look at their books. The Auditors couldn't straighten out their books and were impossible to audit. Mr. Byrnes stated they told them that if they wanted the 2 mil money, they would have to be audited. Mr. Lipinski didn't want them auditing their books so they didn't get the money. Mrs. Knor asked how it is handled now. Mrs. Layman stated that they have to submit a purchase order or receipt before they would get it paid. Mr. Byrnes then asked STCAS, as an Auditor, how are you paying the people if you don't have money coming in. Mr. Hewitt stated that they have past due accounts in the amount of \$221,085.38. Mr. Byrnes asked how are they going to collect that. Mr. Stangroom stated that they are in collections right now.

Linda Knor asked if anyone ever looked at maybe giving STCAS a larger percentage of the 2 mil as compared to the other emergency services.

Jim Bower from Madison stated you won't get any better than Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service. Why would you go anywhere else?

Joe Kerber made a motion to delay the agreement with Jeannette EMS, Inc for six months and retain Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service for the duration of those six months. There was not a second. No vote taken.

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to send bulk mailing to Sewickley Township residents at a cost of approximately \$1,100.00 which includes printing. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

New / Old Business

A representative from Dollar General will be at the Yough School Board Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 7:30pm for a presentation regarding purchasing the Monsour Medical Center Building for a Dollar General store. Yough School District is encouraging residents of Sewickley Township to attend the meeting so Dollar General can address any concerns.

With no further business to come before the Board, Wanda Layman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Kerber. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer