

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, January 16, 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. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Alan Fossi, Wanda Layman, and Joe Kerber. Also attending the meeting were Ann McWilliams, Jack McWilliams, Marianne Errett, Linda Harvey, Kathy Kerber, Hank Kuzmkowski, Tom Bonner, Tracy Hampshire, Dave Hampshire, Jim Barlock, Lisa Maskowitz, K. Waryanka, Sandy Mireles, Ruth Lucov, Joy DeClaudio, Bob Lasser, Tom Comini, Stacey Federoff, Paula Alcott, Janet Schork, Dean Zimmerman, and Susan Leukhardt.

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

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

The fitness classes are going strong with about 27 participants. Our gym rentals are going very well with even filling some of the afternoons. Some of the high school sports teams are asking to use the Recreation Center. The Recreation Board's Reorganization Meeting was held January 8th. Christie Royer was re-elected as Chairperson, Rob Romano as Vice-Chairman, and Susan Leukhardt as Secretary. The Board is hosting a dance this Saturday, January 26th from 7:00pm to 10:00pm with ages from Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman

Things have been relatively quiet since his last report in part due to the holidays. Junk motor vehicles and property maintenance have been the majority of the complaints he has received as well as a couple people burning on the wrong days. We had a vehicle that someone had been pulling with a tow strap abandoned on the Lowber Road near the sewage plant. After it sat for a few days, one or more fine folks decided it would be a good idea to take a concrete block to it which resulted in all the windows being smashed out and other damage being done. We had the state police respond and they had the car hauled away. He reminded everyone that this is the season that residents need to keep our snow plow drivers in mind when parking in the Township. If the men are out in the middle of the night plowing snow, or even just salting the roads, it can be difficult to maneuver those trucks around parked vehicles, particularly if the visibility is bad. He called the District Court this morning and all seven arrest warrants remain outstanding. He had a trial last Thursday involving violations that have been ongoing for a long time. That individual was found guilty and fined \$500.00 plus court costs. He does have the right to appeal that conviction to Common Pleas Court if he chooses and he will have 30 days to file that appeal. Mr. Zimmerman has two more cases he is preparing for Court and should have those complaints filed by early next week at the latest. One of those cases he has had in Court once before and is going back for the same violations.

Sandy Mireles asked when the signs are being put up on Sewickley Avenue. Mr. Zimmerman responded that they are ordered and will be put up as soon as we get them.

Public Comment

Tracy Hampshire spoke about receiving a letter from Dean Zimmerman, Township Ordinance Officer, dated Monday, January 14th stating that a recent visit to their area showed private vehicles parked in the alley at the front of their property and blocking it. The letter also stated that the alley is a public roadway and must be kept open for vehicle passage. Mrs. Hampshire then stated that they have lived at that property for 13 years and have never been penalized. They were given permission by the Ordinance Officer in 2000 and a sitting Supervisor in 2003. She also has a signed, dated, and notarized affidavit stating this. She asks why this letter was sent to them after 13 years of no complaints and no penalties. There is absolutely no set back from the alley in front of her house to her front porch. It is a safety issue.

Dave Hampshire added that they even inquired about it before they signed for their mortgage. People have been parking there for as long as he and his neighbors can remember. Why is it that all of a sudden it is a problem? Mrs. Layman asked for a copy of the letter. Mrs. Hampshire has an affidavit. The Supervisors will talk to the Solicitor once they see the document.

Lisa Maskowitz stated that she does not agree with the decision to not reappoint Connie Bosko to the Zoning Hearing Board. She knows all the laws, taken the required classes, and carried out her duties without bias. She hopes you gave a copy of the zoning laws to the new person that was appointed and a list of the classes that are required to be completed within six months of being on the Board. She then went on to read a prepared statement saying that she strongly recommends Mr. Kerber, after the actions taken at the Reorganization Meeting, take action against Ms. Layman and Mr. Fossi. Another alternative is to have 5% of the electors signatures with a letter and send to the Court of Common Pleas. The type of politics going on lately is not good for this Township.

Mrs. Layman stated that there was an Executive Session held on January 3rd which was shown on the agenda. This was a taped meeting where this was discussed. This meeting did not happen just hours before the Reorganization Meeting

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to disburse 2011 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Creator Customs LLC – mandatory reflective tape	\$ 597.73
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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 2011 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Beacon Supply Co., Inc. – water & gas line supplies	\$ 126.20
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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 adopt Resolution No. 23-2013 reappointing Debra Costanzo and Belinda Derr to the Sewickley Township Cultural Commission each with a term of four (4) years. These terms shall expire the first Monday of January, 2017. Also in this Resolution, appointing Amber Kline to the Sewickley Township Cultural Commission with a term of two (2) years. Mrs. Kline's term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2015. 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 5096 to 5144 - \$ 67,742.46 (1/15/13)
Crabapple:	Checks 3935 to 3936 - \$ 318.94 (1/15/13)
Highway Aid:	Check 417 - \$ 16,155.19 (1/15/13)
Payroll:	Checks 2850 to 2851 - \$ 347.77 (1/15/13)

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

