

Chairperson Wanda Layman on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Sewickley Township 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 12, 2012. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Wanda Layman, Joe Kerber, and Alan Fossi. Also attending the meeting were Brian Merdian, Kathy Kerber, Sharon Cerne, Alan Samulski, Ann McWilliams, Jack McWilliams, Paul Rupnik, Jr., Stacey Federoff, Mike Stafford, Shane Stafford, Jim Barlock, Janet Schork, Dean Zimmerman, Paula Alcott, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mrs. Layman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 AT 2:00PM TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.

Report from Road Master, Joe Kerber

In the last three weeks, we finished paving Highberger Road which turns into Beacon Light Road. They are both done. We finished paving the short section of Grace Lane and we also did a base coat on a large section of Firehall Lane. We repaired a storm pipe on Harris Drive. We built a catch basin on Wilps Drive. We are now prepping Main Street Alley for paving. We did a little bit of work on the salt shed. We also repaired a storm pipe on Markle Street and cleaned a ditch on Reservoir Road.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Fitness and exercise classes have resumed at the Recreation Center and are held on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The Recreation Board is having their annual Christmas Party on December 2nd from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. They will have refreshments, a magician, and a "Special Guest". This is free of charge. Public Time has started on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:30pm to 6:00pm and Wednesdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The CPR class was held at the Recreation Center with four people in attendance. A first aid class will be held on January 26th with a cost of \$10.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman

The last month has been what has become a fairly routine pattern. He had complaints about folks burning on the wrong days, keeping junk vehicles, overgrown properties, and building permits. We also had a couple properties that he investigated because the County emergency management department had notified us that those properties had incorrect addresses and that issue was taken care of. Additionally, we had another chicken problem which should be resolved no later than early spring. He has continued working on some of the long term problem properties. A few of those will probably be heading to District Court either by the end of this year or early next year. One repeat offender has already gone back to Court and another one is very close to being taken back. He knows that there are folks in the Township that feel he has been moving too slow in some of these cases or that he is afraid of the offenders and that is why those cases have not been prosecuted yet. The reason there are offenders that he has not filed complaints on yet is because he wants to be sure that when he gets in front of the Judge, he has a solid case. He wants to give them every chance possible to come into compliance. With regard to the District Court, he currently has eight open cases. He had ten but one was found not guilty because he had come into compliance and Mr. Zimmerman withdrew one this morning because the property has been sold. He will start the process all over again if the new owner of that property does not make progress soon. The original four arrest warrants are still active and he now has two more warrants that have been issued. One case involves a company headquartered in California so he doesn't expect them to be brought to justice anytime soon. The warrant in the other case was just issued last week and is the repeat offender he mentioned earlier. Of the two remaining cases, one is scheduled for a Summary Trial on December 19th and the other one is still pending.

Public Comment

Brian Merdian spoke on behalf of MSATS regarding a house on Church Street Alley with the owners being Ray and Betty Lou Spalla. A crack was discovered in the house and is taking on water. Mr. Merdian proceeded to give the background of the situation. The couple submitted quotes to the Sewage Authority for the repair and was brought down to a settlement of \$1,250. It is completely uncertain as to when this happened; either when the sewage was installed or when the paving was done. Mr. Merdian is asking the Township to split the settlement with each paying \$625 each. The Spalla's are accepting of this and we can get this behind us.

Mr. Kerber asked if this would settle this situation. Mr. Merdian stated that they have customers sign off and notarize a form stating that this is a final settlement. The Township could do the same.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to pay Ray and Betty Lou Spalla \$625.00 to settle a complaint regarding a crack in their foundation as long as a form is signed stating that the Township is released from any further settlements regarding this matter. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Shane Stafford spoke about his Eagle Scout Project at Crabapple Park by mulching and planting a tree. He listed prices that he received from Grandview Nurseries for the tree, landscaping fabric, and mulch.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to have Shane Stafford do his Eagle Scout Project at Crabapple Park and to pay for any invoices that may arise from the project. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Samulski spoke of the Zoning Hearing that was held last month. He stated that there were approximately twelve people in the lobby that evening that were told that the hearing was closed and they weren't allowed in. A letter was sent to the Township Supervisors questioning the ethics and legality of not allowing everyone in to a public hearing. Mr. Samulski then read an excerpt from a response letter from Dan Hewitt, Township Solicitor, stating an apology for any apparent misconception regarding the attendance of the Hearing itself and then went on to explain three instances where either Mr. Hewitt or the Township Secretary had to leave the Meeting Room and ask for consideration in limiting the noise and talking as there was a Hearing going on.

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

Premier Safety & Service, Inc.	replacement radio battery	\$ 270.00
Gary's Truck Repair	service on rescue truck	\$ 1,599.10

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to disburse 2011 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Scott Electric (3 invoices)	electrical supplies	\$ 1,564.77
Lowe's	lumber & lights	\$ 1,318.08
Beacon Supply Co., Inc.	water & gas line supplies	\$ 675.35

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to disburse 2011 EMS Tax funds on behalf of the Sewickley Township Ambulance Service as follows:

HC Global	motorola ignition cable	\$ 35.99
HC Global	replace antenna	\$ 16.76
HC Global	repair radio	\$ 153.98
HC Global	motorola radio	\$ 200.11

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to disburse 2011 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Emergency Management as follows:

Fleet Equipment (ratify)	20' container	\$ 3,450.00
Protection Services, Inc.	barricades & signs	\$ 1,052.00
Premier Safety & Service, Inc.	service on eagle compressor	\$ 418.28
HC Global	tower work quote	\$ 7,404.20
Paul Rupnik, Jr.	gas cans & fuel	\$ 56.78

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to adopt Resolution 34-2012 establishing the real property taxes for fiscal year 2013 at 10 mils for general Township purposes and 2 mils to support ambulance, rescue, and other emergency services on each dollar of assessed valuation of property located within the Township of Sewickley. This is not an increase from the previous year. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to introduce proposed Ordinance 2012-7 establishing the assessment for the cost and expense of the maintenance of street lighting in the Herminie, Rillton, Lowber, and Sutersville Light Districts of the Township for fiscal year 2013 at the following rates (this is not an increase from the previous year):

Herminie
Improved Property – Eighty-Four cents per front foot
Vacant Property – Twenty-One cents per front foot

Rillton
Improved Property – Fifty-two cents per front foot
Vacant Property – Thirteen cents per front foot

Lowber
Improved Property – Ninety-two cents per front foot
Vacant Property – Twenty-three cents per front foot

Sutersville
Improved Property – Sixty-four cents per front foot
Vacant Property – Sixteen cents per front foot

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to introduce proposed Ordinance 2012-8 establishing the Tentative Budget for 2013 as the Proposed Budget for 2013 with adoption to be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 7:00pm. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to advertise the availability of the Proposed Budget for 2013 with public inspection being made possible at the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm beginning Thursday, November 15, 2012. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to authorize the Solicitor to advertise for consideration at the meeting of December 19, 2012, a Comprehensive Stormwater Management and Earth Disturbance Ordinance as recommended by the Township Engineer. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to adopt Resolution No. 35-2012 appointing Wanda Layman as the Sewickley Township delegate for the Act 32 EIT committee. Alan Fossi and Scott Sisteck will be alternate delegates. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to return ownership of property located at 2 Medic Street, Herminie to the Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service in the amount of \$1.00 pending the viewing of the most recent audit. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Estimates were received for installation of a new roof, soffit, fascia, and gutters for the pumphouse at Crabapple Pool. They are as follows:

Gemini Contracting, Inc.	\$ 13,700.00
Joe Gardner General Contractor, LLC	\$ 17,812.00
Rich's Roofing & Remodeling	\$ 19,117.34

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to award the installation of a new roof, soffit, fascia, and gutters for the pumphouse at Crabapple Pool to Gemini Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$13,700.00. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter has been received from Mr. Edgar Fink regarding his quarterly invoice from Veolia Solid Waste of PA, Inc. Mr. Fink is requesting that the Township Supervisors waive his garbage service and all bills relating to garbage pickup through Veolia due to him owning a piece of property located at 121 Springhill Road which produces no garbage.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to waive Mr. Edgar Fink's resident garbage service and all bills relating to garbage pickup through Veolia Solid Waste of PA, Inc. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to advertise for a part time position to be filled in the Township Office at the rate of \$9.00 per hour. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to close the Township Office at noon on Friday, December 21, 2012 and to pay the employees their regular wages while they attend their annual Christmas Party. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:	Checks 4894 to 4919 - \$ 41,621.47 (10/26/12) Check 4920 - \$ 1,950.50 (10/31/12) Checks 4921 to 4934 - \$ 6,937.92 (11/1/12) Drafts 150065 to 150066 - \$ 792.76 (11/1/12) Checks 4935 to 4952 - \$ 12,118.77 (11/7/12) Checks 23986 - \$ 404,300.00 (11/7/12)
Crabapple:	Check 3926 - \$ 184.00 (10/26/12) Draft 40 - \$ 208.94 (11/1/12)
Highway Aid:	Check 415 - \$ 24,380.64 (11/1/12) Check 416 - \$ 4,148.08 (11/7/12)
Payroll Invoices:	Draft 90147 - \$ 645.64 (10/18/12) Checks 2809 to 2812 - \$ 2,458.22 (10/26/12) Draft 90148 - \$ 9,463.76 (10/26/12) Check 2815 - \$ 1,444.24 (10/31/12) Check 2816 - \$ 68.24 (11/1/12) Check 2819 - \$ 68.24 (11/7/12)
Turnback:	Check 1012 - \$ 109,008.57 (10/23/12) Check 1013 - \$ 1,021.38 (10/23/12) Check 1014 - \$ 43,441.86 (10/25/12) Check 1015 - \$ 528.57 (11/7/12) Check 1016 - \$ 53,561.02 (11/7/12)

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

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

Employees Payroll:

10/26/12 - \$ 10,377.94 – checks 2807 to 2808 , drafts 23009 to 23021
11/2/12 - \$ 9,618.71 – checks 2813 to 2814 , drafts 23022 to 23034
11/9/12 - \$ 11,787.75 – checks 2817 to 2818 , drafts 23035 to 23047
11/16/12 - \$ 10,603.70 – checks 2820 to 2821 , drafts 23048 to 23060

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

New / Old Business

With no further business to come before the Board, Joe Kerber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alan Fossi. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer