

Chairman Joseph Kerber on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 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 Times-Sun on Thursday, December 31, 2015. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Joseph Kerber, Brian Merdian, and Alan Fossi. Also attending the meeting were Jim Balog, Tracy Hampshire, Paula Slebodnik, Jack McWilliams, Ann McWilliams, Tom Lord, J.T. Stafford, Michael Manley, Sandy Dull, Debi Pils, Steve Solomon, Janet Schork, Clair Throckmorton, and Erika Horvat.

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

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

We created a turn around on McGrogen Road because the road is still closed. The owner of the driveway we've been turning around in asked us not to anymore. Trimmed trees on Clopper Street. We worked on the slide that needed repaired on Slebodnik Road and also did some surface repairs. Fixed the berm on Dutchtown Road. Replaced catch basins on Sixth Street, Church Street, Dutchtown Road, Judy Drive and Gloria Drive. All the trucks are ready for winter.

#### **Report from Ordinance Officer, Bill Hause, given by Supervisor Merdian**

In my first two weeks as the Ordinance Officer of Sewickley Township, I have received several complaints from residents regarding violations of Township Ordinances. There have been several complaints of nuisance properties in the Township. I have followed up with certified letters being sent to the property owners. These owners have been given 30 days to comply with the Township ordinances. I have worked with the Solicitor and the Supervisors on these issues. There was a court hearing on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, concerning an ongoing "nuisance property" within the Township. Judge Christner allowed the defendant six months to get property into compliance. There have been complaints about abandoned motor vehicles within the Township. Residents have responded well and complied with our requests to remove these vehicles. Please understand that you are permitted to burn on Wednesdays and Saturdays, between the hours of 6AM and 6PM. You are not permitted to burn tires, plastics or any waste that is harmful to the environment. The Township road crew cleaned up 19 tires from the side of the roads in the Township and discarded them at Denny's tire at a cost of one dollar each.

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

##### **Crabapple Park & Pool:**

- Final winterizing at Crabapple Park and Pool has been completed. Thank you to Roger Anthony and Brad Long/Public Works for all of their help.

##### **Recreation Center:**

- I've had a steady stream of calls for gym availability with the remaining time slots filling quickly.
- However, I have reserved time on Saturdays to accommodate birthday party requests.
- Our Jump Start Basketball Camp starts on Saturday, December 3 for ages 4-9, Noon-2pm. It will run for 6 weeks until January 21.
- Our yoga/fitness class participation has started to pick up. Because the gym is booked Monday through Sunday, we hold the classes in the old boy's locker room on the first floor of the recreation center. Offered is Yoga on Monday's 6p-7p and Wednesday's 6p-6:45p with weight training and core exercises on Tuesdays from 6:15p-7p.

**Recreation Board Activities:**

- The board is in the process of planning a movie/pizza night for a Friday or Saturday in February
- Our first open gym will be on Wednesday, January 4 and run through March 29 from 4:30 – 5:30.

**Township Newsletter:**

- Starting in January 2017, the township board of supervisors will be mailing a newsletter to all residents. The purpose of the newsletter is to inform residents, through submitted articles, about activities and organizations within our community.
- Currently, the plan is to have four (4) mailings a year; January, April, July, and November.
- We will dedicate space to highlight the township boards & commissions, township departments, local sports organizations, ambulance, fire, and emergency management, and the library as well updates and event schedules for the CDC (Community Development Corporation) and the Civic and Business Association.
- We will fund the printing and mailing costs by selling advertising space in the newsletter:
  - Full page is \$400.00
  - Half page is \$200.00
  - Quarter page is \$100.00
  - Business card size is \$25.00
- Please note that political ads or commentaries will not be accepted.
- With this publication, we expect to connect with and inform our residents of activities and township news.
- If there is an organization or an issue you would like to see in the newsletter, please call the township main office number, 724-446-7202 or send to my email:  
[recdirector@sewickleytownship.org](mailto:recdirector@sewickleytownship.org)

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on September 21, 2016. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stafford asked if the issue on Church Street that he spoke about in the last meeting is going to be resolved. Mr. Kerber stated that he has been busy with a road closure but it is on the list and he will get to it. Mr. Stafford asked about the watch children signs on Oak Creek Drive. Also on Apples Mill Road there is a dip in the road and it almost caused me to go off the road. Mr. Kerber stated he looked at it and this is something that we need to come up with a plan to get fixed.

Paula Slobodnik lives on Slobodnik Road. She wanted to thank Mr. Kerber for putting the patch on her road. Mr. Kerber stated he isn't done yet. We are going to have the engineer out there and get the road surveyed. We will also be trimming trees.

Michael Manley would like to know if anything has been resolved with the insurance issue. Mr. Kerber stated that our solicitor is in the process of speaking with the solicitor and mayor for Sutersville. They are looking into coming up with an agreement.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to disburse 2015 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

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

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to disburse 2015 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Premier Service - battery	\$ 171.38
Control- battery and antenna	\$ 382.26
Webb's Service Center – maintenance on truck	<u>\$ 2,239.23</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,792.87</b>

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to disburse 2015 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Hutchinson Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Howell Rescue Systems	\$ 740.00
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Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to adopt Resolution No. 47-2016 designating and certifying the current Elected Officials of the Township of Sewickley as the owner of certain funds currently on deposit with Citizens Bank. Mrs. Dull asked if we could explain this. Mr. Kerber asked this is for the Westinghouse tax break. The money is deposited into an investment account. Erika Horvat explained the reason for the motion is to have Wanda's name removed and to have Mr. Merdian's put on. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to introduce proposed Ordinance 5-2016 establishing the Tentative Budget for 2017 as the Proposed Budget for 2017 with adoption to be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 7:00pm. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to advertise the availability of the Proposed Budget for 2017 with public inspection being made possible at the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:00am and 3:30pm beginning Thursday, November 17, 2016. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to accept the 2015 Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report for the Township of Sewickley. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to ratify the hiring of Bill Hause 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. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify Janet Schork to work over her allotted hours on the payroll date of October 28, 2016. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:	Checks 8194 to 8122 - \$ 25,946.04 (10/19/16)
	Checks 8212 to 8221 - \$ 11,858.94 (10/25/16)
	Checks 8222 to 8240 - \$ 15,062.53 (11/4/16)
	Checks 8241 to 8254 - \$ 12,770.94 (11/9/16)
	Checks 8255 to 8272 - \$ 7,229.96 (11/16/16)
Crabapple:	Checks 4406 to 4408 - \$ 284.13 (11/4/16)
	Checks 4409 to 4411 - \$ 266.27 (11/9/16)
	Check 4412 - \$ 35.00 (11/16/16)
Highway Aid:	Check 449 - \$ 53,274.93 (10/21/16)
	Check 450 - \$ 2,140.14 (10/27/16)
	Check 451 - \$ 1,800.00 (11/9/16)
Payroll Invoices:	Check 4755 - \$ 39.83 (10/19/16)
	Check 4759 - \$ 39.83 (10/25/16)
	Check 4761 - \$ 2,414.10 (10/25/16)
	Checks 4764 to 4765 - \$ 113.76 (11/4/16)
	Checks 4768 to 4769 - \$ 433.65 (11/9/16)
	Checks 4773 - \$ 32.40 (11/16/16)

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

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

Employees Payroll:

(twp)	10/21/16 - \$ 11,522.36
(twp)	10/28/16 - \$ 10,226.03
(twp)	11/4/16 - \$ 10,094.35
(twp)	11/10/16 - \$ 11,064.27
(twp)	11/18/16 - \$ 10,217.62

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

**New / Old Business**

Sewickley Township Light up Night will be held on Saturday December 3, 2016.

The Supervisors would like to remind everyone to have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

With no further business to come before the Board, Brian Merdian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alan Fossi. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.