

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 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, January 1, 2015. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Alan Fossi, Wanda Layman, and Joseph Kerber. Also attending the meeting were Carole Barner, Sean Barner, Jim Balog, Av Mayers, Thomas Roymes, Rick Critchfield, Linda Harvey, Jim Harvey, Tracy Hampshire, Elizabeth Guardasoni, Kathy Kerber, Bruce Totin, Bobbi Heinl, Brian Merdian, Tom Lord, Bob Janzef, Judy Janzef, Lori Jones, Mrs. Dull, Jack McWilliams, Ann McWilliams, Janet Schork, Mitch Gross, Mike Volpe, and Erika Horvat.

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

Report from Public Works Director, Mike Volpe

I provided the Board with a full detailed report. Major activities on the shop end, getting the equipment ready for the upcoming winter season and getting the salt spreaders on the trucks. We did a week of crack sealing on six major roads. Curb repairs were taken care of. The remediation project at the Township building was completed. The Wilps paving project was finally completed today. The water company with the water line issues had the finishing of this road on hold for about five weeks. Tresco was able to finish the road today. We are making our punch list of things that need to be taken care of. Items for discussion, the report provided to the board by Erika from Gibson Thomas Engineering about Korpar Lane. The bucket truck is also up for discussion by the Board. The ariel part of it will not pass inspection. The outfit that does certification cannot get the parts so I recommend that we put it up for auction on Municibid. Last year we discussed taking the ariel device off and looking for a replacement part for the bucket but for the limited use of the vehicle and the cost, we could go out and rent a man lift.

Sandy Dull then asked Mr. Volpe if the Christmas Lights are going to be able to be put up due to the issues with the bucket truck. Mr. Volpe stated we could rent a man lift or hire an outside contractor. Mr. Fossi stated we would get her needs met. He asked if they had banners also and asked if we could do the banners and lights at the same time. Mrs. Dull stated yes. Mr. Fossi asked how many banners and lights need put up. Mrs. Dull stated ten banners and ten lights. The banners will go up between the lights.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Mitch Gross

Since our last meeting I have been handling the usual complaints of junk motor vehicles and garbage on various properties around the township. We have had some success with one of our bigger problem properties along Limerick Road. I have been in talks with the person responsible for the upkeep on the properties and I believe that we finally have a reasonable plan to get the properties brought into compliance. Last Month I had some news from the Redevelopment Authority which wasn't all pleasant, but I can say that we still have three properties that are up for bid through the demolition program: One in Keystone, Clay Pike, and the property at the corner of Pike/Sewickley Ave. Hopefully we'll have these places brought down soon. Mrs. Layman asked if we are still looking at December for some of the properties. Mitch said we are still waiting on the Historical Compliance.

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 Mike Volpe/Public Works for all of their help.

Recreation Center:

- The recreation Center is now completely booked. I have reserved time on Saturdays to accommodate birthday party requests.
- Our Basketball Camp starts on Saturday, December 5 for ages 4-9 on Saturdays, noon-2pm. It will run for 6 weeks until January 16.
- Our first open gym will be on Wednesday, December 2. To accommodate our Fit Kids Club, the time will be from 6:30pm-8pm. Once the club concludes, the open gym will start at 6pm on December 30 and continue through March.

Crabapple Park Lake:

- Boy Scout Troop 259 worked on Saturday, November 14 to dam up the gaping hole on the creek side of the lake.
- 10 boys and 3 leaders spent the afternoon loading and dumping wheelbarrows full of dirt/clay mixture into the hole. We then tamped down the clay to create, we hope, a barrier to any additional runoff.
- We still have to backfill the area from the dam to the creek to reinforce the wall that was built. I'll be working with the scout leaders to find the next available day to finish the job. I'm hoping the Saturday after Thanksgiving.
- The lake level has been steadily rising since the repair.
- I can't say enough about our boy scouts. They have been a huge help in beautifying our park area with not only their Eagle Scout projects but also their volunteer service hours for litter cleanup, gardening, and projects like the lake repair. Thank you to our boy scouts and their dedicated leaders.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on September 16th, 2015 as reviewed. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Jim Balog would like to thank Mr. Volpe and his crew for doing a fine job on fixing the curb issue. It was greatly appreciated and professional of you to discuss the issue before you finished it.

Linda Harvey wanted to reference number thirteen's motion to advertise the selling of three underlying lots next to the public library. Are these lots part of litigation that's ongoing regarding zoning? Mr. Fossi stated that there is no litigation involving the lots. That we are not in any litigation involving the lots. Linda Harvey then asked how you would market it because the zoning is still questionable. Mr. Fossi stated we would have to refer to Mr. Hewitt the Township solicitor. Linda Harvey then asked how someone would be able to purchase this. Mr. Fossi then explained it's the highest bidder. Mrs. Harvey then asked if it is a sealed bid. Mr. Fossi stated it is sealed and we really don't know who puts in the bid. That's why we have a bid opening. Mrs. Harvey then asked if this will be determined at the next meeting. Mr. Fossi stated the bid opening is on the day of the meeting. Mrs. Harvey asked how we will be advertising this. We will advertise it in the legal journal that we have to advertise in. Mrs. Harvey asked if anybody wants

to bid on the property do they need to send a letter. Mr. Kerber stated if there is a bid packet you come up a pick up a packet. Mrs. Harvey stated that these are things we need to know and sometimes the agenda items are not explained well. Mrs. Harvey also stated her concerns over the zoning issues and if someone wants to put something up commercial. Mr. Fossi stated that would be the concern of the person who is buying the lots. Linda Harvey asked if we had map numbers. Erika Horvat stated she could get those for her.

Tom Boner has a concern with the gas line they put in on Pinewood Drive. They shut the road down for two weeks. Who gave them the authority to do that? He asked if the new apartments will be tapping in to those. Mr. Kerber stated that would be the gas company's decision. Mr. Boner stated they shouldn't have been allowed to shut the road down for two weeks.

Mrs. Guarasoni lives on Shuglie Hill Road. She is here again expressing her concerns over the condition of her Road. There was an article in the Trib that said in 2014 there was a 15 million dollar grant for dirt and gravel roads. How much of that did Sewickley Township get? The Board of Supervisors went on to explain that we do not meet the qualifications to apply for the grant. You have to have so many miles of dirt and gravel roads in the Township to be able to qualify and we do not. Mrs. Guarasoni appreciates the top of the road being fixed but the road is not opened. When it snows it is hard to get out because of it being closed and sometimes you can't get out at all. Mr. Fossi went on to explain that the cost is too great to open the road back up.

Bruce Totin was wondering what the engineer had said about Korpar Lane. Mr. Fossi went on to explain we have an engineer's report stating what needs to be done. Our next step is to sit down with you and explain what you are going to have to do to get the road up to Penn Dot specs and we would consider taking it over. Mr. Totin then asked how long it's been since Mr. Kerber has been up there. Mr. Kerber explained he is very familiar with the road and it has been about a year since he has been there. He went on to explain it is a private road. You will be responsible to bring the road up to Penn Dot specs before we can take that road over. Once it is taken over then it's ours. Mrs. Layman stated the biggest problem you will have is the width of the road and the drainage. The minimum width of the right away must be 33ft. and the minimum width of the road must be 16ft., has to be mud free and there must be a turnaround. Mr. Totin asked about Clinton Road not having a turn around. Mr. Kerber explained that road was grandfathered in. Mr. Totin asked to bring it up to standards we must do it. Mr. Kerber answered yes and explained any roads before the early 1960s was grandfathered in, anything after that must follow the Penn Dot specs.

Tom Lord asked about the Honor Roll missing from the cannon in Cowensburg. Mr. Fossi said he had called Jared Filapose and Jared said there was no grant and the state does not give grants out for less than \$5000. Mr. Lord asked if we could apply for a grant. The board went on to discuss if there were any grants available to apply for. Mr. Fossi suggested to see if the Veterans could help.

Lori Jones wanted to make an announcement for the Business Association and the Cultural Committee. We are sponsoring a Christmas Decorating contest during light up night. She went on to explain the rules, registration and prizes for the winning participants.

Sandy Dull asked who the three lots for sale are owned by. Mr. Fossi answered that Sewickley Township does. She asked if we owned to the post office. The board members answered no. Mr. Fossi explained the piece of property for sale is right next to the Recreation Center. Mrs. Dull asked how there could be three lots there. The board explained that is how it was mapped out.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to disburse 2014 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

S & T Bank – mortgage payment \$ 602.25

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to adopt Ordinance 2015-4 establishing the General Fund Budget for the Township of Sewickley for the fiscal year 2016. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-5 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 2016 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 Wanda Layman to accept the proposal of the Westmoreland County Board of Assessment Appeals to designate the Barner parcels on Ringneck Road as Sewickley Township Tax Map Parcels. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, if the property will be appraised, seconded by Wanda Layman to advertise for sale the three underlying lots of record adjacent to the public library and part of Tax Map No. 58-07-11-0-165. Bids to be received and opened prior to the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to accept Marianne Erret's resignation from her position on the Planning Board effective immediately. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to ratify the acceptance of Janet Shork's request to go from Full Time to Part Time effective November 2, 2015. Mrs. Schork will work up to 25 hours per week at the rate of \$12.75 and still remain as the Recreation Director. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to ratify the change of Yvonne Shawl's position from Part Time Pool Manager to Part Time Assistant Recreation Director effective November 2, 2015. Ms. Shawl will work up to 15 hours per week at the rate of \$10.00 per hour. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to ratify the approval of a lease option for a DM125 postage machine through Pitney Bowes in the amount of \$135.00 per quarter for 60 months. This includes a new machine, warranties and updates. This is a slight increase of \$8.64 per quarter from last year. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to ratify the relocation and installation of a new cable system for the phones and fax machine. The amount is not to exceed \$1,200.00. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to approve Janet Schork to work over her allotted 25 hours on the payroll dates of November 13, and November 20, 2015. This is due to training. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to approve Erika Horvat to attend a Right to Know and Sunshine Act Webinar on December 3, 2015. The cost is \$30.00. The seminar she was to attend on September 23, 2015 at the Unity Township Building was cancelled. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to close the Township Office at noon on Friday, December 18, 2015 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 Wanda Layman to approve the following bills for payment.

General Fund:	Checks 7390 to 7412 - \$ 28,926.47 (10/27/15)
	Checks 7413 to 7416 - \$ 33,297.64 (10/29/15)
	Drafts 150129 to 150130 - \$ 848.41 (11/2/15)
	Check 7417 to 7434 - \$ 64,620.99 (11/5/15)
	Checks 7435 to 7462 - \$ 23,010.19 (11/13/15)

Crabapple: Check 4273 - \$ 86.99 (10/27/15)
Draft 69 - \$ 453.12 (11/2/15)
Checks 4274 to 4275 - \$ 139.54 (11/5/15)

Light Districts: Draft 187 - \$ 3,110.13 (11/2/15)
Draft 188 - \$ 561.77 (11/2/15)
Draft 189 - \$ 633.11 (11/2/15)
Draft 190 - \$ 246.21 (11/2/15)

Turnback: Check 1032 - \$ 3,404.00 (11/6/15)
Check 1033 - \$ 1,575.00 (11/13/15)

Highway Aid Check 434 - \$ 5,494.23 (11/1/15)

Equipment Fund Check 101 - \$ 6,300.00 (11/6/15)

Payroll Invoices: Checks 4213 to 4214 - \$ 217.50 (10/27/15)
Draft 150133 - \$ 581.40 (10/30/15)
Draft 150134 - \$ 875.90 (10/30/15)
Draft 90247 - \$ 2,174.24 (11/3/15)
Draft 90248 - \$ 10,038.85 (11/3/15)
Checks 4219 to 4220 - \$ 1,991.26 (11/5/15)
Check 4227 - \$ 41.20 (11/13/15)
Draft 150135 - \$ 636.41 (11/18/15)

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

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

Employees Payroll:
(twp) 10/30/15 - \$ 9,044.73 – checks 4209 to 4212, drafts 25033 to 25043
(twp) 11/6/15 - \$ 9,021.44 – checks 4215 to 4218, drafts 25044 to 25054
(twp) 11/13/15 - \$ 13,413.78 – checks 4221 to 4226, drafts 25055 to 25065
(twp) 11/20/15 - \$ 8,869.94 – checks 4228 to 4232, drafts 25066 to 25075

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

New / Old Business

Effective January 6, 2015, Waste Management will be moving residential garbage pickup from Tuesdays to Wednesdays. Mrs. Layman asked if they are going to notify the residents of the change. Mr. Fossi stated that they are responsible for notifying the residents and they stated that this should run smoothly this way because you are going from Tuesday to Wednesday.

The Township Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26, 2015 and Friday, November 27, 2015.

With no further business to come before the Board, Joe Kerber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wanda Layman. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm