

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 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 Brian Merdian, Amber Kline, Eric Kline, Tracy Hampshire, Av Mayers, Tom Byrnes, Dave Hoey, Marlene Hoey, Gene Suskalo, Marianne Errett, David Boettner, Bill Errera, Brad Tomko, Tom Bonner, Charles Wackenhuth, Norm Vinsick, Sandy Dull, Linda Harvey, Jim Harvey, Joe Marincic, Brian Kardos, Dan Augustine, Tom Lord, Ed Coffey, Ruth Lucov, Bill Dull, Mike Volpe, Dean Zimmerman, Janet Schork, Dan Hewitt, and Susan Leukhardt.

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

Report from Public Works Director, Mike Volpe

Finishing up some of the fall projects before moving into winter. We are working on Van Kirk putting in all the storm pipe and catch basins. Scott Haven has been by El Grande. Victor Paving got McGrew Hill done and hoping to at least get binder on Curry, Cool Springs, and Reservoir. Salt and anti skid are here. All the equipment is on the vehicles. The bridge inspectors found some issues with the Shaner Road bridge and had to be shut down. We are trying to work on a plan to at least get it open to one lane with a three ton weight restriction.

Dan Hewitt followed up regarding Victor Paving. Their bonding company has been put on notice due to their deadline of completing the project has passed. There is a per diem penalty they are facing.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman

Complaints I have received in the last month have been the usual junk motor vehicles, property maintenance and burning on the wrong day and/or time. I do want to remind folks that the winter season is approaching. The road crew has already had to do some salting in the last couple days. We are requesting that residents be mindful that the snow plow trucks need room on the streets and roads to do a proper job with snow removal. Earlier this year the Board of Supervisors amended Chapter 15 of the Sewickley Township Code to permit the Township to have vehicles which hamper snow removal or road maintenance towed at the owner's expense. That of course would be our last resort and we are hopeful we will have the cooperation of all of our residents in allowing the road crew to do their work.

On October 21st and 22nd I had the four summary trials in District Court that I had reported about at the last meeting. Of the three on the 21st, two were continued for one month to allow those individuals to come into compliance and the third was granted a six month continuance. Those hearings are now scheduled for December 3rd and April 7, 2015 respectively. At the Trial on the 22nd, the resident had done enough in bringing his property into compliance that the Judge was satisfied and he dismissed the charges with the understanding that if the property is not maintained properly I will re-file the charges. I also have a Summary Trial for a person who had an arrest warrant that is scheduled for December 11th and I was notified this morning that I have another Summary Trial scheduled for a repeat offender on December 18th.

Speaking of warrants, I had a meeting with Westmoreland County Sheriff Jonathan Held last week. He conducted meetings throughout the County with Municipal Code Enforcement Officers to discuss arrest warrants and sheriff's sales. I felt it was a productive meeting and hopefully better communications between us will mean better results concerning those two issues. At the present time I still have three cases with outstanding arrest warrants.

Gene Suskalo asked about the junkyard on Scott Haven. Mr. Zimmerman will follow up on it.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Crabapple Park & Pool

- In spite of the poor summer weather, for the first time in recent memory the pool ended in the black (\$243.93). We are very proud of everyone involved that made this possible. We are hoping next year will be just as good if not better!
- We are offering a Holiday Special at Crabapple Park & Pool:
 - 10% discount off 2014 prices
 - Include family, senior, individual passes
 - 5 and 10 admission passes
 - Evening Splash Parties
 - Effective December 1 through January 31
 - Application forms available online, recreation center, township office (cash or check only)
- Christmas Greens Sale Fundraiser
 - Alan has generously donated his skill and time for our Crabapple Park fundraiser
 - We will be selling Fresh Christmas Greens, Door Pieces, Cemetery pieces, Decorative Bows
 - Crabapple Park
 - This Saturday, November 22 and Sunday, November 23
 - 10am-2pm
 - All of the greens used in the pieces have been harvested from the park and all proceeds go directly to fund Crabapple Park Projects

Recreation Center:

- Everything going well at the recreation center.
- Recreation Board Activities:
 - Our first Open Gym was last Wednesday. We had 35 kids attend.
 - The Annual Community Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 14 from 1pm-4:30pm
 - Recreation Dances:
 - January 31, February 28, March 28, April 25
 - Upcoming activities for middle school and high school ages – tentative:
 - Ski/tubing Trip to Boyce Park, Date TBD
 - Dodge ball Tournament Date TBD
 - (2) Pirate Trips, one in May and the second in July/August
 - Sports Clinics:
 - Volleyball – final session is tomorrow
 - We had 10 Youth Signups
 - Basketball clinic for ages 4-9 starts on Saturday December 6 from 10am-Noon. Clinic is 6 weeks through January 17
 - The basketball clinic will be followed by a soccer program. Again on Saturdays from 10am-noon, January 24 through February 28. Ages 3-6.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting held on January 6, 2014 as reviewed. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Dave Hoey asked Mr. Volpe what further work will be done on Van Kirk. Mr. Volpe stated again what he had in his report earlier and in the spring they will do paving. Scott Haven still needs millings and driveway transitions.

Gene Suskalo thanked the Supervisors for the paving of Scott Haven. Has anyone inspected the road? The engineers and Mr. Volpe was out to inspect. Mr. Suskalo also brought to his attention were the drop-

offs between the side of the road and the fields. Mr. Volpe stated they will be filled with millings. One last question, when will the drainage situation from Denny Lane be addressed? Mrs. Layman stated that our engineer was out after the last meeting. It is up to standard. Mr. Volpe will go out and check it again.

Charles Wackenhuth read a lengthy statement about the Limerick Hill dumping. DEP has been notified and hoping that this can be fixed once and for all.

Sandy Dull spoke about a conversation she had with the County Redevelopment and that we aren't eligible for any money because we just want to do the sidewalks for just the businesses. Mrs. Dull stated that they want to do all of Main Street... from Pike Street to the end. She was also told that the money is tied up for three years. Mrs. Dull is upset because she thought they would be entitled to something. Mrs. Layman stated that it is a three year application and a letter was sent to her asking exactly what area they were looking at. There are specifics that need to be met. Percentage of low income and residential area.

Mr. Wackenhuth asked why the income surveys were being done. Mrs. Layman stated that if an area is designated low income, the Township can use CDBG funds in that area.

Tom Lord asked for an update on Falls Road Bridge. Mr. Volpe stated that we just got all the permits to put the pipe in. As soon as a couple projects are completed, we will be on it.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to disburse 2013 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. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to ratify the disbursement of 2013 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Hutchinson Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Kaza Fire Equipment Co. – tool boards & shelves on engine (2 invoices)	\$ 7,961.36
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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 reimburse Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service from their 2013 EMS Tax funds for the purchase of a 2014 Ford E350 Type II Ambulance. This will be in the amount of \$9,671.18. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to adopt Ordinance 2014-3 for the Township to guaranty the refinancing by MSATS of up to \$371,000 with PNC Bank representing the final balloon payment due under the 2010 Revenue Obligation Note. Board Comments: Mr. Kerber asked if it is self-liquidating. Mr. Hewitt responded yes. We got the certification from the Engineer. MSATS adopted their resolution last night. This is the final step. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize the Solicitor to advertise Ordinance 2014-4 to continue the Township's participation in the PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Law. Solicitor Comments: PSATS has amended the Unemployment Comp Trust earlier this year. We have been participating in this for years. We have to reauthorize our participation. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to release the financial security for constructing the onsite sewage system for K-Vays Restaurant. This has been in place since 1998 to guarantee its compliance. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to adopt Resolution No. 26-2014 establishing the real property taxes for fiscal year 2015 at 10 mills for general Township purposes and 2 mills 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. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to introduce proposed Ordinance 2014-5 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 2015 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. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to introduce proposed Ordinance 2014-6 establishing the Tentative Budget for 2015 as the Proposed Budget for 2015 with adoption to be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 7:00pm. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to advertise the availability of the Proposed Budget for 2015 with public inspection being made possible at the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:00am and 3:30pm beginning Wednesday, November 19, 2014. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the Ruozzi Plan located on Freeman Road. This plan divides Lot 1 consisting of 2.0 acres containing an existing dwelling with well water and on-lot septic from the residual Lot 2 containing 5.264 acres. The property is in an A-1 zoning district and Lot 2 carries a Planning Waiver and Non-Building Declaration. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Draft 163 - \$ 460.45 (11/13/14)
Draft 164 - \$ 518.90 (11/13/14)
Draft 165 - \$ 201.79 (11/13/14)
Draft 2549 - \$ 2,549.03 (11/13/14)

Payroll Invoices: Check 3692 - \$ 49.26 (10/22/14)
Draft 90217 - \$ 638.67 (10/27/14)
Checks 3694 to 3695 - \$ 3,256.57 (10/29/14)
Draft 90218 - \$ 12,108.96 (10/29/14)
Check 3696 - \$ 49.26 (10/30/14)
Draft 90219 - \$ 766.86 (10/31/14)
Checks 3705 to 3706 - \$ 420.48 (11/19/14)

Turnback: Check 1023 - \$ 566.68 (7/29/14)

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:

10/24/14 - \$ 8,823.29 – check 3691 , drafts 24416 to 24427
10/31/14 - \$ 8,939.75 – check 3693 , drafts 24428 to 24440
11/7/14 - \$ 13,346.58 – checks 3697 to 3698 , drafts 24441 to 24453
11/14/14 - \$ 10,206.46 – checks 3699 to 3701 , drafts 24454 to 24465
11/21/14 - \$ 9,672.74 – checks 3702 to 3704 , drafts 24466 to 24477

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

New / Old Business

The Township Office will be closed on Thursday, November 27, 2014 and Friday, November 28, 2014.

An Executive Session was held at 7:35pm to discuss legal matters.

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

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer