

Chairperson Wanda Layman on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 7:35pm 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 Jon Turik, Frank Globosky, Jr., Vic Harvey, John O'Connell, Tracy Hampshire, David Hampshire, Kathleen ???, Angie Slobodnik, Matthew Slobodnik, Ruth Lucov, Mike Lucov, Sandy Mireles, Betty Anzur, Linda Harvey, Robert Davis, Bob Lasser, Cliff Smith, Marianne Errett, Kathy Kerber, Micki Patterson, Marie Houth, Jim Barlock, Jennifer Feltes, Lori Ray, Gilbert Ray III, Thomas ???, Connie Crossen-Bosko, Ann McWilliams, Jack McWilliams, Scott Ponitz, Walter Ponitz, Janet Schork, Dean Zimmerman, Paula Alcott, Dan Hewitt, and Susan Leukhardt. Others may not have signed in and some printing was illegible.

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

### **Report from Road Master, Joe Kerber**

Volk Road is now reopened. All work is completed and looks good. We finished paving Willow Street for the Sewage Authority. We replaced all storm pipes and are presently paving Highberger Road. We have had the crew out patching three days and fixing equipment.

Sandy Mireles asked when we are going to pave some of Herminie. Mr. Kerber stated that we have approximately \$90,000 left and believes that once we do Firehall Lane and Grace Lane, we will go back to Herminie. The reason he isn't doing Herminie yet is there is a temperature control with any money that comes from PennDOT. The weather has to be 40 degrees or above to use any PennDOT money.

A resident then asked about Apples Mill Road. Mr. Kerber explained that is put off until next year due to storm pipes that need replaced on that road. There is a 6 foot culvert that needs replaced. The dw endwall has not been made as of yet. A conversation began regarding Chevron on roads in that area.

A resident then asked about Grace Lane. She asked if we are going to fix it. Mr. Kerber responded that it will be fixed in the area that the Township owns, not the private part.

Marie Houth asked when the area behind her house will be fixed. Mr. Kerber stated that it isn't on the schedule. Mr. Fossi stated that there isn't a simple solution to the problem.

Jon Turik informed Mr. Kerber that there is a catch basin collapsed at the corner of Wilps. It's about a foot and a half into the ground.

A resident asked if the Township has ever considered using rumble strips in certain areas. Mr. Kerber stated that if he is talking about in front of the Recreation Center, we can't do any there due to it being a County road.

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

The Recreation Center is now open and running through May 18<sup>th</sup>. It looks like it will be another good year for rentals. There are a few slots available in early afternoon weekdays. The new Bruno Field sign was installed on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. We have been receiving a lot of positive feedback on it. The area under the sign will be fixed up in the Spring. Thank you to everyone involved in getting this done. Safety Awareness Day was held on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. We had approximately 200 people in attendance. CPR Classes from the Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service will be offered at the Recreation Center on November 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The cost is \$10.00. A resident asked if there is an age limit on this class. Mrs. Schork replied no. Public Time is at the following days and times: Monday through Saturday from 7:00am to 9:00am, Mondays and Thursdays from 4:30pm to 6:00pm, and Wednesdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Yough Youth Fall Baseball is finished. Turned out to be a great season. Tracy Hampshire thanked Mrs. Schork for putting the girls soccer team on the sign.

**Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman**

Last month, he reported that we had a couple instances of roofing materials being dumped along our roads. A few days after the meeting, a citizen provided us with a delivery slip he found in the materials on Rodebaugh Road. Mr. Zimmerman was able to trace that delivery to a roofer in North Huntingdon who happens to be a family member of the man he had in Court earlier this year for the Cool Springs Road dumping of roofing materials. However, the North Huntingdon roofer has either changed his phone numbers or gone out of business and he was unable to contact him. Legally, he could not get a conviction in District Court based solely on that paperwork as his evidence. At this point, that issue is dead. We still appreciate any help he can get from Township residents with dumping or any other problems. The complaints he has responded to this month have been mostly for junk vehicles, overgrown properties, and burning on days other than Wednesdays and Saturdays. He has addressed the burning issue before and he believes it was mentioned in the paper. However, folks still are doing it either because they are ignorant of the Ordinances or just don't care about them. He is trying to come up with a way of getting the word out better as to when and what residents can burn. He had the trial on the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month concerning a burned duplex house and overgrown property. Both owners of the property were found guilty and each was fined \$1,000.00 plus Court costs. The Judge did tell the two to file appeals with Common Pleas Court for them to have additional time to bring the property into compliance. If they get the house demolished and the property cleaned up by the time those Summary Appeal Hearings are scheduled in Common Pleas Court, Mr. Zimmerman will withdraw the complaints. He now has one trial scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup> and three more waiting to be scheduled. The four cases that had warrants issued previously still have those warrants outstanding. He recently went to the Sheriff's office to check on them and was told that they have approximately 8000 active warrants in the system. Consequently, the folks that are wanted for not cutting their grass or picking up their rubbish are not at the top of the priority list. He still has confidence that our four people will make a mistake somewhere down the road that will lead to them being arrested on the warrants.

**Public Comment**

Connie Crossen-Bosko asked if they change the zoning for one business, are the Supervisors going to change the zoning for every business that comes along. Mr. Hewitt stated that under the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, anyone at any time is allowed to submit an application to request a zoning change. If someone asks, we have to have a hearing and go through the process. The Supervisors have to address it. She stated that two Supervisors sat on the steering committee for the Zoning and now everything is not fine.

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

Williams Ace Hardware	plumbing and	\$ 433.87
Williams Ace Hardware	electrical conduit	\$ 45.90
Williams Ace Hardware	for new	\$ 57.62
Williams Ace Hardware	fire station	\$ 52.44

Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; 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	battery for minitor	\$ 56.70
HC Global	minitor repair	\$ 113.69
Stan's Transmission (ratify)	rebuild transmission	\$ 3,143.64

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

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve Ordinance No. 2012-6 to amend the Code of the Township of Sewickley to reflect a change in Zoning applied to parcels of property located therein and to direct the same be amended upon the Sewickley Township Zoning District Map. Voting: Mr. Kerber, no; Mr. Fossi, yes; Mrs. Layman, yes. Motion carried.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to authorize an agreement between Sewickley Township and the Westmoreland County Transit Authority to provide public transportation within the community. Based on population, population density, and the number of trips within the community, the share assessment for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 will be \$ 658.00 and paid in January, 2013. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to authorize the submission of the CDBG application for the 2013 calendar year. There will be two applications. First application will be funding for the Sutersville-Sewickley Municipal Sewage Authority. Second application will be for paving streets in Sewickley Township. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve a Bridge Inventory and Inspection Activity Reimbursement Agreement for Federal-Aid Highway Projects with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation. This agreement provides funding for the inspection of the Township's locally owned bridges. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve Resolution No. 31-2012 authorizing the Chairperson of Sewickley Township to sign the Bridge Inventory and Inspection Activity Reimbursement Agreement for Federal-Aid Highway Projects with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to renew Township Property, General Liability Insurance, and Workers Compensation Insurance issued by Amerihealth Casualty Services through Rupp-Fiore Insurance Management, Inc. The premium for the Workers Compensation Insurance is \$38,435.00 which is an increase of \$5,303.00 and the premium for General Liability Insurance is \$34,788.00 which is an increase of \$6,633.00 from last year. Voting: Mr. Kerber, yes; Mr. Fossi, abstain; Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to revise the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the non-uniformed pension plan to \$3,109.00 and incorporate the amount into the 2012 General Fund budget as the State Aid Pension Payment and the Township payment to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System when received by the Office Manager. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve Resolution No. 32-2012 appointing Berkheimer, Inc. to serve as the Tax Collector for the Local Services Tax and other Act 511 taxes imposed by the Township of Sewickley. Agreement is for the term through 12/31/13 for a charge of 2.05% of the collections received. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to approve Resolution No. 33-2012 appointing Berkheimer, Inc as the Tax Hearing Officer for the Township of Sewickley under the Local Taxpayers Bill of Rights Act. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to change the regular monthly meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors for the month of November. This was originally to be held on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 and is now to be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:	Checks 4832 to 4846 - \$ 15,007.05 (9/26/12)
	Draft 150063 - \$ 615.70 (9/26/12)
	Checks 4847 to 4866 - \$ 18,958.51 (10/3/12)
	Draft 150064 - \$ 24.01 (10/3/12)
	Checks 4867 to 4870 - \$ 31,958.44 (10/5/12)
	Checks 4871 to 4893 - \$ 25,348.36 (10/12/12)
Crabapple:	Check 3921 - \$ 741.72 (9/26/12)
	Draft 38 - \$ 184.13 (9/26/12)
	Draft 39 - \$ 181.99 (10/3/12)
	Checks 3922 to 3925 - \$ 393.50 (10/12/12)
Payroll Invoices:	Checks 2794 to 2795 - \$ 1,793.63 (9/26/12)
	Draft 90145 - \$ 9,448.46 (9/26/12)
	Draft 90146 - \$ 524.18 (9/27/12)
	Checks 2798 to 2799 - \$ 284.43 (10/3/12)
	Check 2805 - \$ 68.24 (10/12/12)

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

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

Employees Payroll:

9/28/12 - \$ 9,208.23 – checks 2792 to 2793 , drafts 22957 to 22969
10/5/12 - \$ 9,406.38 – checks 2796 to 2797 , drafts 22970 to 22982
10/12/12 - \$ 13,340.05 – checks 2800 to 2804 , drafts 22983 to 22995
10/19/12 - \$ 9,287.26 – check 2806 , drafts 22996 to 23008

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

### **New / Old Business**

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to appoint Victor Harvey to the Municipal Sewage Authority of the Township of Sewickley. He will fulfill the term of Joseph Ponsi which shall expire on the first Monday of January, 2016. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Township Supervisors would like to thank all of the Sewickley Township Emergency Responders for their help on Safety Day held on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to working with them again next year to make this event even larger and more successful.

Susan Leukhardt thanked the local businesses for their generosity in supporting the Sewickley Township Recreation Board.

The Township Supervisors would like to remind residents that the 2012 Halloween Activities are as follows:

Saturday, October 27, 2012  
12:30pm – parade line up at VFW  
1:00pm – parade begins at VFW and ends at the Herminie Firehall for judging,  
treats, and prizes  
3:00pm to 6:00pm – Trick or Treating

With no further business to come before the Board, Joe Kerber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alan Fossi. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt  
Secretary-Treasurer