

Chairman Joseph Kerber on Wednesday, October 19, 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 Slobodnik, Chuck Slobodnik, Tressa Slobodnik, Linda Harvey, Jim Harvey, Mike Lucov, Ruth Lucov, Donna Stipetic, Debbie Stipetic, Mark Petros, Elizabeth Guardasoni, Bob Janzef, Judy Janzef, Ann McWilliams, John Seanor, Tom Watkiss, Tom Lord, Dan Augustine, Frank Sever, Chip Payne, Chris Couchenour, Clyde Bittner, Jim Halt, David P., Anthony Casoni, Sandy Dull, Kevin Hartner, Rick Halvey, Janet Schork, Zachary Kansler and Erika Horvat.

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

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

We finished mowing along the roads and the mower has been put away for the season. We did some repairs on Lily and Andrew Street. Paved High Point Lane and Dutchtown Road. We did some hot patching on Cool Springs Road. Curb repair was done on Oak St., Limerick St. and Markle St. with the help of MSATS. This was damage that was done because of sewage and MSATS paid for the materials. We mulched Hutchinson, Lowber and Crabapple Playgrounds. We are now getting the trucks ready for snow. On Oak Street we replaced three catch boxes and forty feet of storm pipe.

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

##### **Crabapple Pool:**

- Pool final winterizing will be started the week of October 24 as the baseball season is over and we can turn off the water for the ball fields, park, and pool.

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

- The Recreation Center is now open:
  - Once again spots are filling quickly.
  - All weekday evenings are filled as well as our returning morning senior groups
- We will again partner with Jump Start Sports to offer Fall/Winter Sports Camps/Clinics:
  - Volleyball for grades 1-6, Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 running now through November 17.
  - Basketball for grades PreK-2<sup>nd</sup>, on Saturdays, Noon-2pm. From December 3 through January 21.
- Returning this year is Fit Kids Club with Laura Readal. Her program, for kids ages 3-12, will begin on Saturday, November 19 from 10am-10:45am and run through December. If the fall session is successful, we will offer it again in January to run until spring.
- Also, this year we are offering Adult Fitness and Health classes. Yoga on Mondays from 6p-7p, Tuesday, Cardio/Weights, and Wednesdays, yoga toning. Tuesday and Wednesdays classes are from 6:15p-7p. The classes are held in the "boy's locker room" on the first floor of the recreation center. Fee is \$5.00 a class.

##### **Recreation Board Activities:**

- Open Gym/Public Time will start on Wednesday, January 4 from 4:30p-5:30p.
- Our annual Rabies Clinic will be this Saturday, October 22 from 11am-1pm at the Crabapple Lake Pavilion. Shots are \$10/per animal.

**Public Comment**

Elizabeth Guardasoni lives on Shuglie Hill Road. She wanted to thank Mr. Kerber for getting the road opened. It was opened just in time because two trees were blown down across the top of the road. We would have been stuck. She asked why the junk hasn't been removed. Mr. Kerber stated that when we dispose of it, we need to make sure we have a big enough load because we have to pay to have it done. Mr. Kerber stated we will take care of it.

John Seanor lives on Yukon Road. He is asking if we still have an Ordinance Officer. Mr. Kerber stated that we are working on advertising for a new ordinance officer. Mr. Kerber stated in the meantime I take some of the calls. Mr. Seanor asked what the progress is on his situation. Mr. Kansler, the Township solicitor stated he will need a witness of the junk motor vehicle case. We can then get a court case started. Mr. Seanor asked what is taking so long. Mr. Kerber stated he has to be careful taking these calls. His job description is designated as a Roadmaster. He will need to get approval from the other Supervisors before he could take on these situations.

Michelle Watkiss lives on Slobodnik Road. She was wondering if anything was going to be done. Mr. Kerber stated that it is on the schedule and will be fixed before winter. It will be tar and chipped next year.

Paula Slobodnik also lives on Slobodnik Road. She stated that tar and chipping that road is not going to be enough. The ruts are so deep and the road is going to fall in like it's done before. When Mike was here and he helped us with permits when we built our house, he stated that my road was on the list to be chipped this year. Why was it taken off? Mr. Kerber stated he never saw his list and he will have the road fixed before winter.

Dan Augustine, the fire chief for Lowber, asked the Supervisors if they heard anything about a meeting being scheduled at the club on Sunday. Mr. Fossi stated he didn't know about it, Mr. Merdian stated he heard of a potential meeting but nothing was set in stone and Mr. Kerber stated he heard of a meeting from Bert Steban, but nothing was definite. Mr. Augustine stated that Mr. Kerber set this meeting up. Mr. Kerber stated he did not. Mr. Merdian asked if they said what this meeting is about. Mr. Augustine stated that it's about getting money for the things we need. Mr. Kerber stated he received a phone call asking him that if a meeting is scheduled would the Supervisors attend.

Chris Couchenour lives on Sixth Street. Mr. Kerber stated that he knows that there is a problem with the catch basin and they actually have this on the list to take care of tomorrow. We may have to wait for a one call. If you see the lines you will know we are held up because of the one call.

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to disburse 2015 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Sewickley Township Emergency Management as follows:

MSATS – Office Space (10/1/16 to 12/31/16)	\$ 180.00
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Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Premier Safety & Service – rescue tool	\$ 77.50
WCCC – training	\$ 500.00
Palko Truck Shop – maintenance on fire truck	\$ 2,279.08
Rampart – annual inspection and maintenance	\$ 1,029.00

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

A letter was received from Glen Wees, Sewickley Township EMA Director, stating that the Ambulance Service is requesting removal of the Air Station. He is asking approval from the Supervisors to have it relocated at Station 85, Hutchinson, taking into consideration that Rillton VFD has their own. This will give better access to the Air Stations on both sides of the Township.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to relocate the Air Station from the Ambulance Building to Station 85, Hutchinson. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 42-2016 appointing Walter Lipinski as the Deputy Director for the Township of Sewickley's Emergency Management. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to authorize the renewal of Township health insurance through UPMC Health Plan with an increase of 15%. The estimated annual premium is \$173,094.94. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution 43-2016 authorizing 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 2016-2017 will be \$810.00 and paid in January, 2017. This is an increase of \$35.00 from the previous year. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution 44-2016 relative to the procurement of professional services for the municipal Pension system sponsored by the Township based on the requirements of Act 44 of 2009. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to authorize Gibson-Thomas Engineering to submit a CDBG application. This will be for Restroom Facilities at Bruno Field. Invoices will be submitted to Regola Consulting for payment. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 45-2016 appointing Kelly Cipra to the Sewickley Township Cultural Commission fulfilling Amber Kline's term. This term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2019. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution 46-2015 authorizing the destruction of certain records in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify Susan Leukhardt to attend a CMV/CDL Records Management class on Friday, September 30, 2016 in Washington County. The cost was \$ 90.00. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to ratify Susan Leukhardt to work over her allotted hours on the payroll date of October 14, 2016. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Alan FJossi to authorize the Sewickley Township Recreation Board use of the Large Pavilion at Crabapple Park on Saturday October 22, 2016 from 11:00am to 1:00pm for their Annual Rabies Clinic. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:	Checks 8123 to 8136 - \$ 18,538.99 (9/22/16)
	Checks 8137 to 8144 - \$ 3,045.24 (9/28/16)
	Checks 8145 to 8147 - \$ 833.33 (9/30/16)
	Checks 8148 to 8165 - \$ 64,763.44 (10/4/16)
	Check 8166 - \$ 950.00 (10/7/16)
	Checks 8167 to 8191 - \$ 22,204.69 (10/12/16)
	Check 8192 - \$ 1,611.79 (10/13/16)
	Check 8193 - \$ 14,522.98 (10/17/16)
Crabapple:	Checks 4399 to 4400 - \$ 406.08 (9/21/16)
	Check 4401 - \$ 186.90 (9/30/16)
	Checks 4402 to 4403 - \$ 448.72 (10/4/16)
	Checks 4404 to 4405 - \$ 57.48 (10/12/16)
Highway Aid:	Check 445 - \$ 58,160.70 (9/28/16)
	Check 446 - \$ 8,213.47 (9/28/16)
	Check 447 - \$ 14,944.47 (10/5/16)
	Check 448 - \$ 9,905.27 (10/13/16)
Payroll Invoices:	Check 4735 - \$ 39.83 (9/22/16)
	Check 4740 - \$ 39.83 (9/28/16)
	Check 4741 - \$ 3,023.70 (9/30/16)
	Check 4746 - \$ 39.83 (10/4/16)
	Check 4749 - \$ 39.83 (10/12/16)
	Check 4750 - \$ 401.25 (10/12/16)

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

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

Employees Payroll:

(twp) 9/30/16 - \$ 10,210.75  
(pool) 9/30/16 - \$ 293.76  
(twp) 10/7/16 - \$ 12,219.08  
(twp) 10/14/16 - \$ 11,479.41  
(twp) 10/21/16 - \$ 11,522.36

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

**New / Old Business**

The Township Supervisors would like to remind residents that the 2016 Halloween Activities are as follows:

Saturday, October 29, 2016  
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

Crabapple Park will be closing for the season on October 31, 2016.

Linda Harvey asked to have motion #15 explained to her. Mr. Kerber stated that Gibson Thomas is applying for a grant for the Township and the fees from them will be paid by Regola Consulting. Mr. Merdian stated that Sewickley Township is applying for a grant to help with bathroom facilities over at Crabapple Park and Pool. In order for the application to be completed by Mr. Regola there is work that needs to be done by Gibson Thomas in terms of engineering plans and design. Those services are going to be paid for by Mr. Regola. Mrs. Harvey asked why approval was needed. The Supervisors stated that we are asking our engineer to do something for Regola Consulting. The engineering firm works for the Township, not for him.

With no further business to come before the Board, Brian Merdian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alan Fossi. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

Erika Horvat  
Secretary-Treasurer