

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, September 16th, 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 Marianne Errett, James Balog, Kathy Kerber, Tom Byrnes, Jack McWilliams, Ann McWilliams, Elizabeth Guardasoni, Av Mayers, Tracy Hampshire, Ralph E. Fulmer, Judy Janzef, Robert Janzef, Sandy Dull, Lori Jones, Daryl Dermotta, John Labuda, Linda Labuda, Christina Reuss, Gerald Miller, Jack and Marie K., Robert Hugo, Jim Barlock, Robert Nova, Nathan Small, Mitchell Gross, Janet Schork, Mike Volpe, Dan Hewitt, Erika Horvat.

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

An Executive Session was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 7:55pm, to discuss legal matters.

Alan Fossi brought to attention the sign from the River Plunge he attended. He wanted to thank those who donated. We were able to raise over \$4000.00. The money was put into Crabapple Park and was used towards the butterfly garden. Mr. Fossi then put out a personal invitation or challenge to Mrs. Dull and Mrs. Jones who run the Business Association. He would like them to meet him on January 1st 2016, at 9am in Connesville, to participate in the River Plunge. If their donors are able to raise more money than he can, he will write a check for that amount and donate it to the Business Association. Mr. Fossi stated that he looks for this to be a positive thing. If they can't raise more money than he can, they keep their money for the Business Association. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Dull accept the challenge.

Report from Public Works Director, Mike Volpe

Mr. Volpe provided the Board with a copy of his full detailed report. Some of the major highlights for the month are the storm replacement project was completed on Highland Avenue. We are in the process of completing the storm project on Wilps to solve the ice problem. There are two major utility projects going on in the Township. The water company is replacing water lines on Wilps Drive, McCune Drive, and Wineland Drive areas. The gas company is installing a new gas line along Pinewood Road. We had Robinson Pipe Cleaning flush out numerous lines on Oak Street, Renyolds Street, Lee Street, Highland Avenue and Sixth Street. I've attended the yearly MS-4 meeting with Gibson-Thomas Engineering and the Board of Supervisors. The light replacement project is almost completed at the Township building for the office and the shop. They have a punch list and a few items that need to be taken care of and that project will be complete. We did some road repairs on Rose Street, Kubic Street, Balentine Road, Highland Avenue and Third Street. We completed these road repairs in between doing pipe jobs and trying to get potholes and major sink areas taking care of.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Mitch Gross

Since our last meeting I have been responding to the usual complaints of high grass, junk motor vehicles, and garbage in people's yards. I have responded to four separate dog complaints, and have been dealing with blocked alleyways throughout the Township. Out of some of the problem properties in Herminie, owned by out of state companies, I have gotten into contact with two of the property owners, so hopefully these owners will cooperate and bring their properties into compliance. I have had no court cases since our last meeting, but I do have three separate private complaints that are waiting on a court date. So hopefully these cases will be resolved soon and with positive results.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Recreation Board Events:

- Our final event of the summer was on Saturday, August 22nd. 118 attended the Back to School Splash Dance Party at Crabapple Pool. All went well and many thanked recreation board members for their dedication and commitment to offering fun activities for the community children. And, I concur wholeheartedly.
- All commitment letters/emails have been sent out allowing last year's Sewickley Township Resident renters to reserve their day/time again this year. They have until October 1st to hold their date.
- After October 1st, the remaining days will be open to general public. The available times/days will be posted on the sign and the website.
- No change to the rental rates. Rates will remain the same as last year (2014)
- Open Gym/Public Time will start either on Wednesday, November 18 or November 25th from 6pm-8pm. We will decide at our next monthly board meeting.

Bruno Field Sign:

The Sewickley Township Recreation Board voted to streamline/update the Bruno Field Sign Message Request Policy.

Pool:

- Even though the pool season start was discouraging with all the rain, attendance in July and August boosted the pool financially to our best year in pool history. I attribute this historical milestone to the dedication and hard work by all at the pool and the township.
- Additional positives were:
 - We provided Swim Lessons to 26 children
 - Evening "Splash" pool and daytime birthday party bookings were all increased this year.
 - Our Wednesday Live Music night swims were once again very popular
- Once fall baseball is over, water can be turned off and we can finish winterizing the pool.
- We will evaluate what went right and what we can do next year to improve our customer's pool experience next year.

Butterfly Garden Crabapple Park:

- Landscape fabric and mulching was completed last week at the butterfly garden at Crabapple Park. The entrance sign will be installed once the painting is completed.
- I hope to have some before and after pictures for next month's meeting. The transformation of the area from scrubby brush, dead trees, and weeds to a manicured, lovely, peaceful area is truly remarkable. Thank you again to Alan Fossi, Nicholas Schork, and the Herminie Boy Scout Troop for all of their hard work.

Crabapple Park:

- We had 21 pavilion rentals this season. Last year we had 14.
- There are (2) two more rentals this month (September).
- The pavilion will be available through October, but will be closing October 31st.

Public Comment

Lori Jones would like to point out some facts. After some investigation from the information that was printed in the Times Sun, it says that Mrs. Layman opposed our donation letter from the Business Association because the Township just received the letter two days ago, and she wanted a concrete explanation of how the money would be spent. Mrs. Jones went on to explain that the donation letter from the Grange was dated June 15th and was voted on June 17th. Mrs. Layman then stated that they requested that a year in advance. The Grange verbally came and saw us a year in advance and gave us a confirmation letter before the meeting. Mrs. Jones then asked how many times has the Business Association come and asked you to help us with our revitalization efforts, and we have been shut down each time. Mrs. Layman stated very little. Mrs. Jones then stated that Wanda has been asked to the revitalization meetings and she never shows up. Mrs. Layman stated that she has been asked once and she never knows when the meetings are. Last year the Township voted for an intern and we paid them \$860. The Township never got a report on how the money was spent and what was learned from the intern. What are you going to use to implement from that intern. These questions have not been addressed to the supervisors.

Mrs. Guardisoni asked what are we doing about Shuglie Hill. Mr. Fossi stated that he didn't think that there were any changes. Mr. Volpe stated he put down millings and rolled it in as he reported two months ago. Mrs. Guardisoni asked if we had any plans of opening it up. Mr. Fossi stated that this was discussed in the past and we don't have the funding to do that project and to open that road back up right now. Mrs. Guardisoni stated that she thought that there was state funding from somewhere. Mr. Fossi stated that he is not aware of anything. We get funding from the state that's from our fuel tax, but he is not aware of any grants. Mrs. Guardisoni asked if we get funding from gas wells. Mr. Fossi stated we do. Mrs. Guardisoni asked if we have any plans for Shuglie Hill or are we going to just leave them stranded down there forever and are you working on a solution, and if Shuglie Hill was even thought about since the last time she was here. Mr. Fossi stated that he has not, that right now we do not have the funding. I know what we need to do to open the road up, we all know, we just don't have the funding. Mrs. Guardisoni asked about widening it, that the Township was given permission to take some of the hillside. It was discussed and it never happened. Why with our men and equipment you can't come and take some of the hillside off. Mrs. Layman stated that we still have the drop-off on the other side. Mrs. Guardisoni stated that if we widen the road enough we can shore up the drop off some. When I leave here tonight you won't think about me until I come here next month. Mr. Fossi stated that he wouldn't say that. Mrs. Guardisoni stated that there is nobody important down there but I and my family but I would really like for you to do something seriously. You do not understand what it is like to worry about not being able to get out. Mrs. Guardisoni asked when we will look into it and Mr. Fossi stated next week.

Judy Janzef asked if anything was going to be done on Apples Mill Road and Hildenbrand Road. Mr. Fossi stated that it is part of this year's paving project. The Contractor Tresco Paving will be doing Wilps Drive after the water line project. Then they will be onto Apples Mill Road. Mr. Volpe stated that Hildenbrand Road has been repaired from the well traffic, they did some patching and some work. It is not on any of our paving projects. Mrs. Janzef stated that something needs done. The only part of the road that has paving on it is where it was fixed from the well traffic.

Mrs. Dull asked Mr. Fossi, since you've made this interesting challenge, can we have it in writing. Mr. Fossi stated that he wants this to be a positive thing. Mrs. Dull stated she wants to do a publicity thing. This is a great idea. We can all get together and do a nice letter and post it up and see what we can do. Mrs. Dull asked Mr. Fossi if she could do the letter, if he would be OK with it. Mr. Fossi stated that he would like to see the letter first. Mrs. Dull then stated that with all the controversy with them not getting any funding, we actually got a lot of donations from the community. Mr. Fossi then stated to Mrs. Dull that the challenge is for her to jump in the water.

Ralph Fulmer lives on Sunnyside Drive. I was here in June and was told my road was beyond being swept. I came back in July and informed the Board with the help of Mr. Labuda's machine we went down and scrapped the road and diverted the water so it ran in the creek. Now I'm back in September and I still haven't seen the Township out there. There are potholes that you run off of the road to avoid. I know the road can't be fixed overnight but I would like to hear from the Supervisors as to when the road will get fixed. Can we at least get the potholes fixed before winter? The road needs scrapped, ditches need opened and basically the road needs paved just like the majority of the roads in the Township. Mr. Fossi asked for his phone number and he will give him a call after he speaks to Mr. Volpe about the plans for his road.

Mrs. Reuss also lives on Sunnyside Drive but she would like to say something about the revitalization. We got a beautiful report from Brian Lards and he said he had sent it to you. If you did not get it I will assure you that you get one. Only because your money was well spent on how that report was done. Mrs. Layman stated what we need to know is what you learned from that report that you could bring to the board. At some point it needs to be brought to the board what you intend to do with what the intern gave you. Mrs. Reuss stated that we have not gone any further with that report because of meetings and people's schedules. There is so much that report has to offer this community that once everyone wants to work together and start the revitalization, it is going to be absolutely fantastic for this community. Mrs. Reuss stated that she has not been able to concentrate right now on the community because of her son being sick. The report is something that we can take for grants. The real reason I am here is to support my neighbors from Sunnyside Drive. You all know that David is in a wheel chair and I have neighbors with grandchildren. The road is in bad shape. Two of my sons have lost the skid plates from under their cars. David's accessible wheelchair is all beat up underneath and we had to keep replacing things. It's really just a bad road. It was to my understanding that Act 13, which is gas well money, is to be used for the health the welfare and the embitterment of the community. I see a lot of the alley ways are getting done and I know a lot of people live on the alleys but our road really needs fixed. I always have to need an ambulance or EMS at my house. Mrs. Reuss stated to Wanda that she will get her the report and she really needs to see it. Mr. Kerber stated it was done really well and he was there for the presentation. Mrs. Layman and Mr. Fossi stated they didn't know there was a presentation.

Jack who lives on Sunnyside Drive stated it would be nice if something would be done. He said the water runs from above his house, down to the road in front of his house, makes a turn and the water runs across the pavement but it never makes it to the ditch. It's always icy in the winter time. Mr. Fossi stated he would take a look at it.

Robert Novack brought up at the last meeting about the catch basins that we put in on his street by his yard. The grade level is up and the dirt level is down so the water is not going into the new basin. It's coming down into my driveway. Now they are putting in apartments next door and I have a question about the gas line being put in. Why were they letting people go through the first couple of days and now after they saw all the traffic that comes through there, they close the road. It's an inconvenience for the people on Pinewood who have to go all the way around. Is there any way to tell them to let the locals go through the road? Mr. Kerber stated that it is our road and we can tell them to keep it open to local traffic. Mr. Novak stated he was told they put the lines in first and somehow they got on top of Verizon's line so they had to take the pipe back out cut the road and put it back in. It's just as bad as the guy putting in the apartments; it's just a mess over there. There is a lot of traffic because of people taking the road as a short cut from North Huntingdon, but can we see if the locals can get through. Mr. Volpe stated that AT&T never told them there was a line and when they were in the berm of the road they busted the cable. The phone company was there for 3 or 4 days. They did get all their permits. They said they have a flagger at both ends and they were letting school buses, emergency vehicles, and residents through. He will go back down and talk to them again.

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

S & T Bank – mortgage payment \$ 602.25

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to disburse 2014 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Sewickley Township Emergency Management as follows:

Premier Safety & Service – testing and maintenance on air tanks \$ 1,629.66

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

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

Premier Safety & Service – AC Generator for Lights on Trucks \$ 1,233.19

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to approve the modifications to Chapter 14 of the Code of the Township of Sewickley setting forth regulations affecting mobile home parks within the Township. Dan Hewitt, the Township Solicitor stated that this was authorized last month to be advertised. It's part of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance update that the Planning Commission has been working on for several years now. One of the things that they discovered is that there were several unnecessary mobile home park regulations in the subdivision ordinance. So they pulled all of that out and we had to modify Chapter 14 of the code which dealt with mobile home parks to deal with the changes they made. So this is, as a result of the Planning Commission work, their recommendation. So we are looking for the approval of those modifications. A resident then asked if a mobile home was going in. The Board then explained that these are regulations just in case one wanted to come in. There is none trying to come in. The resident stated that he is a little concerned about what is coming in next to him. Mr. Hewitt stated that this would give the Township better ordinances if someone were to try and convert that to a mobile home park. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to approve the proposed revised Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Dan Hewitt, the Township Solicitor stated that this has been reviewed by the Westmoreland County Planning Department and their suggestions have been added to this. This has been advertised for consideration and we are looking for approval from the Board to update the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to approve the adoption of the Ordinance establishing provisions for mandatory connection to water services and petitions for the provisions of such services. Dan Hewitt, the Township Solicitor stated that this has been requested by the MSATS Board asking for an ordinance that provides for how individuals can request the installation of public water service and also requiring people to tap in. Residents will still be able to come to the Board of Supervisors and ask for relief from that if they have adequate water. The biggest problem that MSATS had noted is that commercial property can't come and say I don't have public water so now you can't make me do anything with public sewage. Mrs. Layman then asked if a resident did come to us and they have a water source we could still exempt them. Mr. Hewitt answered yes. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to approve the installation of a convex mirror at the location of Mars Hill Road and Slaughter Hollow Road. Board Comments: Joe Kerber asked if we have a cost on this. Mr. Volpe stated that they just need the permission from the Township that the school would pay for it. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion seconded by Wanda Layman to authorize the renewal of Township health insurance through UPMC Health Plan with an increase of 5%. The estimated annual premium is \$210,128.40. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to table the renewal of Township Property, General Liability Insurance, and Workers Compensation Insurance through Rupp-Fiore Insurance Management, Inc. The premium for the Workers Compensation Insurance is \$49,582.00 which is an increase of \$1,055.00 and the premium for General Liability Insurance is \$38,023.00 which is a decrease of \$7,090.00 from last year. Board Comment: Joe Kerber asked if we got any other quotes. Mrs. Layman stated that when they did before the prices were higher. Mr. Kerber stated that as far as he knows we haven't gotten a quote in the last four years. Mrs. Layman stated that we did last year. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mrs. Layman; yes. Mr. Fossi abstained, Motion carried to table.

Act 205 of 1984, as amended, governs the funding requirements for all municipal pension plans. The law requires the Chief Administrative Officer of each municipal pension plan to inform the "governing body" of the municipality of the plan's expected financial obligation for the coming year. This must be done by the last business day in September. This information, provided under the guidance of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, the Plan's administrator, is intended to satisfy the legal requirements of Act 205. The calculation of the 2016 plan cost, or the Minimum Municipal Obligation, requires an estimate of the 2015 W-2 wages of the employees covered by the plan. As the Chief Administrative Officer of the non-uniformed pension plan, Alan Fossi will submit the budget to the Board of Supervisors outlining the financial requirements of the pension plan and the minimum municipal obligation of the Township for the coming year. The Minimum Municipal Obligation is the municipality's 2016 bill for the pension plan that must be paid by December 31, 2016. The obligation must be met with general fund monies or with any General State Aid to Municipal Pensions to which we may be entitled under Act 205.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to accept the minimum municipal obligation for the non-uniformed pension plan of \$4,961.00 and incorporate the amount into the 2016 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 Wanda Layman, to hire for a part time Laborer/Truck Driver as needed for the Public Works Department. Must have a CDL license and be able to do manual type work. Hourly rate will be as per contract. Board Comment: Mr. Kerber stated he would make the motion as long as this position stays part time. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to ratify the purchase and installation of an Avaya IP Office Phone System in the amount of \$5,500.00. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman to approve the following rental rates for the 2015-2016 seasons at the Sewickley Township Recreation Center. These rates are recommended by the Recreation Board with no increase from last year.

Sewickley Township Residents / Teams:	\$ 25.00 per hour
Non-Residents / Teams:	\$ 45.00 per hour
Early Bird - half paid by October 1 st	\$ 40.00 per hour
Short Term, One Day Rentals:	\$ 35.00 per hour
Special Event Pricing upon Request	

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve a new Bruno Field Sign Message Request Policy. This is a recommendation from the Sewickley Township Recreation Board. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to accept the Halloween Activities as follows:

Saturday, October 31, 2015
 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

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

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

General Fund:	Checks 7259 to 7271.- \$ 17,442.13 (8/19/15)
	Drafts 150125 to 150126 - \$ 875.72 (8/24/15)
	Checks 7272 to 7284 - \$ 34,828.74 (8/25/15)
	Checks 7285 to 7295 - \$ 1,678.57 (9/2/15)
	Check 7296 to 7303 - \$ 17,647.78 (9/8/15)
	Checks 7304 to 7317 - \$ 9,508.65 (9/14/15)
Crabapple:	Checks 4251 to 4253 - \$ 2,389.08 (8/19/15)
	Draft 67 - \$ 1,702.26 (8/24/15)
	Check 4254 - \$ 694.52 (8/25/15)
	Checks 4255 to 4261 - \$ 2,297.47 (9/2/15)
	Checks 4262 to 4263 - \$ 293.95 (9/8/15)
	Checks 4264 to 4265 - \$ 132.19 (9/14/15)
Light Districts:	Draft 179 - \$ 2,982.82 (8/24/15)
	Draft 180 - \$ 538.81 (8/24/15)
	Draft 181 - \$ 607.03 (8/24/15)
	Draft 182 - \$ 236.07 (8/24/15)

Payroll Invoices: Checks 4181 to 4182 - \$ 308.13 (9/25/15)
 Checks 4183 to 4184 - \$ 154.56 (9/28/15)
 Draft 150130 - \$ 518.10 (9/30/15)
 Draft 150131 - \$ 615.22 (9/30/15)
 Draft 150132 - \$ 9,901.10 (8/27/15)
 Check 4197 to 4198 - \$ 2,296.01 (10/7/15)
 Check 4204 - \$ 321.08 (10/13/15)

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:
 (twp) 8/28/15 - \$ 9078.58 – checks 4140 to 4143, drafts 24934 to 24943
 (pool) 8/28/15 - \$ 2,536.40 – checks 4144 to 4154, draft 24944
 (twp) 9/4/15 - \$ 8,850.53 – checks 4157 to 4160, drafts 24945 to 24954
 (pool) 9/4/15 - \$ 314.22 – checks 4161 to draft 24955
 (twp) 9/11/15 - \$ 8,646.97 – check 4163 to 4166, drafts 24956 to 24964
 (pool) 9/11/15 - \$ 417.15 – check 4167, draft 24966
 (twp) 9/18/15 - \$ 12,274.36 – checks 4170 to 4173, drafts 24967 to 24976
 (pool) 9/18/15 - \$ 272.98 – checks 4174, draft 24977

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

New / Old Business

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize payment in the amount of \$1,495.00 to Pitt Industrial for replacement of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company's trash pump that was used by Sewickley Township. This motion was previously tabled on August 19, 2015. Mrs. Layman stated that the problem with her voting for it is we had a cost that was less than this and they went and purchased this at a higher cost. Mr. Volpe stated that they gave them a model number but then came and told him it was the wrong number after he had ordered it. The right model number is for a larger pump. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Crabapple Park will be closing for the season on October 31, 2015.

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 7:43pm.