

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, September 17, 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 Amber Kline, Henry Kuzmkowski, Irene Kuzmkowski, Av Mayers, Tom Byrnes, Linda Harvey, Jim Harvey, Brian Merdian, Lori Jones, Wayne Jones, John Fedorko, Norm Vinsick, Marianne Errett, Dave Hoey, Marlene Hoey, Jim Barlock, Sandy Dull, Tom Lord, Brad Tomko, Steve Solomon, Janet Schork, Dean Zimmerman, and Susan Leukhardt.

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

### **Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman**

Since my last report, I have continued to work on the junk motor vehicles in the Rillton area and well as Clopper Street, Hutchinson, and a number of other places in the Township. I have had a couple complaints for illegal burning and high vegetation. I have been in touch with a couple property owners in the Herminie area about high vegetation but as of today, those folks have not begun to work on their properties. We had a load of the composite lumber and other trash dumped on Railroad Street this morning. Fortunately, this time we had a witness and were able to track down the company owner. He said it was one of his workers who has only been with him a couple days and he has no idea why the man would dump along the road. The gentleman said he will have the materials cleaned up tonight. I had the Summary re-trial on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and that gentleman has cleaned up the majority of what he was supposed to. He gave the Judge his word that he will finish what he needs to with the understanding that if he fails to do so, I am to file a new complaint against him. At the Summary Trial on the 11<sup>th</sup>, which was a man that had an arrest warrant out for him for a long time, the Judge gave that man 30 days to come into compliance because two of the three violations on my complaint have been taken care of. That hearing has been rescheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

I still have three trials scheduled for tomorrow as I reported last month. I had a fourth one that was supposed to be tomorrow also but that one has been rescheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>. One of the trials tomorrow is for a man that has had an arrest warrant out for him since April of 2012.

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

#### **Crabapple Park:**

- Our pavilion rentals remained the same this summer as last at 14.

#### **Pool:**

The pool was challenging this year due to the poor summer weather. But there were some positives:

- We provided Swim Lessons to 51 children
- Pool Parties, Birthday Parties, and Season Pass Memberships were all increased this year.
- Wednesday Live Music night swims were once again very popular
- Everyone loved the new slide and sand volleyball court.
- 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.

#### **Recreation Center:**

- All commitment letters/emails have been sent out allowing last year's renters to reserve their day/time again this year. They have until October 1 to hold their date.
- After October 1, the remaining days will be open to general public. The available times/days will be posted on the sign and the website.
- Roger Anthony, our Maintenance worker, has started painting the gym interior until he has to return to pool to finish winterizing. We hope to get at least from the floor up to around 10 feet completed all around the gym done before we open. The two sections completed look amazing and clean.

- Recreation Board Activities:
  - We had 140 swimmers attend our Back-to-School Pool Party on August 23 at Crabapple.
  - Open Gym/Public Time will start either on Wednesday, November 12 or November 19th from 6pm-8pm. We will decide at our next monthly board meeting.
  - Will have our monthly Dances, starting in January
  - Our Annual Christmas Party will be December 14

## Public Comment

Lori Jones asked what the CDBG money will be used for. Mrs. Layman stated that the grant money that was approved last September is to be used on roads that are covered under the grant. She doesn't have the list in front of her. The application for this year has not been submitted as of yet. Mrs. Jones stated that at the January 31, 2014 Redevelopment Meeting, Mrs. Layman said she would look into using some of that money for ADA purposes on the sidewalks in Herminie. Mr. Fossi stated that a regional meeting was held here at the Township Building about six weeks ago with a number of Townships explaining the CDBG process. We have not finalized any plans on how we are going to use that money. Mrs. Jones asked if there are any plans to use any of that money to help improve the sidewalks in Herminie. Mrs. Layman says it needs to be presented to the Supervisors. We also have to see if it fits in the criteria. Mrs. Layman stated to present to them what sidewalks they are looking at. What areas are you looking at?

Wayne Jones spoke to Mrs. Layman and Mr. Kerber about a Sewage Board meeting in November, 2011 where Mr. Fossi asked Mr. Jones to fight with him out in the parking lot. During the June, 2014, Mr. Fossi again asked him to fight with him. There obviously is an issue and he thinks anger management classes would be good for the Chairman. Mrs. Layman stated that she remembers that meeting and feels that Mr. Jones was out of control also. Mr. Jones stated that if he is threatened again, he will file a lawsuit.

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
Susquehanna Fire Equipment – freight on (3) sets of personal protective equipment previously approved (ratify)	\$ 178.75

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

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

Premier Safety & Service, Inc. – annual maint on air packs	\$ 880.89
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Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Out Specialty – aerial lift inspection on ladder truck	\$ 3,048.04
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Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to adopt Resolution No. 25-2014 accepting Oak Creek Drive, Longview Drive, and Circle Drive into the Public Highway System of Sewickley Township and authorizing the delivery of same to the Westmoreland County Courthouse and to PennDOT for recording purposes. Board Comments: Mr. Kerber asked if there is a cost to the Township. Mrs. Layman stated that the Residents are going to take care of the cost. The Township will not pay anything to make these roads come into compliance. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the Bell Rock Development, LLC Plan of Subdivision subject to the following: (1) execution of a Developer's Agreement with the Township; (2) DEP approval for sewage facilities; and (3) MSATS approval and, if necessary, agreement for construction of the sewage line. The developer has granted a 90-day extension to the time requirements of the MPC to facilitate these conditions. Board Comments: Mrs. Layman stated they have to complete all of the above for it to move forward. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, 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 2014-2015 will be \$737.00 and paid in January, 2015. This is an increase of \$47.00 from the previous year. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter has been received from John Kramer regarding the waiving of garbage service at 247 Maple Street, Rillton due to him recycling any little bit of garbage he may have.

Motion to waive Mr. John Kramer's residential garbage service and all bills relating to garbage pickup through Waste Management. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the renewal of Township Property, General Liability Insurance, and Workers Compensation Insurance issued by Companian through Rupp-Fiore Insurance Management, Inc. The premium for the Workers Compensation Insurance is \$46,152.00 which is a decrease of \$3,394.00 and the premium for General Liability Insurance is \$46,094.00 which is an increase of \$3,745.00 from last year. Voting: Mr. Fossi, abstain; Mrs. Layman, yes; Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried.

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 2015 plan cost, or the Minimum Municipal Obligation, requires an estimate of the 2014 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 2015 bill for the pension plan that must be paid by December 31, 2015. 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 \$3,835.00 and incorporate the amount into the 2015 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. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to advertise in The Times-Sun for Budget Workshops to be held at 2:00pm on the following dates:

Thursday, October 2, 2014  
Thursday, October 9, 2014  
Thursday, October 16, 2014  
Thursday, October 23, 2014  
Thursday, October 30, 2014  
Thursday, November 6, 2014  
Thursday, November 13, 2014

Board Comments: Mr. Kerber stated that with the way he is working, he probably will not be able to make these meetings. There really isn't any time that is better either. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Multiple applications have been received for the position of Road Crew Equipment Operator. They were narrowed down by CDL qualification and experience using the equipment. The final three applicants are as follows:

Charles Long  
Thomas Mignogna  
Bradley Tomko

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to hire Charles Long as a Road Crew Equipment Operator at the rate of \$17.72 per hour for a 90-day probationary term. Board Comments: Charles Long had the most experience and certifications in different areas. The other two should be considered in the future. Mr. Kerber asked why are we hiring another employee. Mrs. Layman that we need the extra guy to keep everything going. Mr. Kerber asked how much asphalt was put down this year. Mrs. Layman stated that is just a small portion of what we do here. Voting: Mr. Fossi, yes; Mrs. Layman, yes; Mr. Kerber; no. Motion carried.

Wanda Layman made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi, to advertise for a full time Public Works Director with experience preferred. Board Comments: Mr. Kerber asked where the savings is by hiring a full time Public Works Director. He thought that was the reason they release him from the position. Mrs. Layman feels that this is the way to go. Voting: Mr. Fossi, yes; Mrs. Layman, yes; Mr. Kerber; no. Motion carried.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to accept Paul Rupnik Jr.'s resignation as Sewickley Township Emergency Management Coordinator effective September 17, 2014. Board Comments: Mr. Kerber would like to send him a Thank You letter for everything he has done for the Township. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to appoint Dan Augustine as the Acting Sewickley Township Emergency Management Coordinator effective September 17, 2014. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Saturday, October 25, 2014

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. 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 6490 to 6518 - \$ 51,129.81 (8/28/14)
	Drafts 150103 to 150104 - \$ 819.10 (9/4/14)
	Checks 6519 to 6539 - \$ 21,131.68 (9/10/14)
Crabapple:	Checks 4134 to 4139 - \$ 2,976.41 (8/28/14)
	Draft 59 - \$ 745.48 (9/3/14)
	Checks 4140 to 4147 - \$ 2,223.79 (9/10/14)
	Checks 4148 to 4152 - \$ 1,457.09 (9/17/14)
Lights Districts:	Draft 150 - \$ 2,626.14 (9/3/14)
	Draft 151 - \$ 472.42 (9/3/14)
	Draft 152 - \$ 532.49 (9/3/14)
	Draft 153 - \$ 207.08 (9/3/14)
Payroll Invoices:	Draft 90211 - \$ 1,235.96 (8/25/14)
	Checks 3652 to 3654 - \$ 2,571.01 (8/28/14)
	Draft 90212 - \$ 15,974.95 (9/3/14)
	Draft 90213 - \$ 667.91 (9/8/14)
	Check 3670 - \$ 84.60 (9/10/14)

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)	8/29/14 - \$ 8,824.50 – check 3636 , drafts 24318 to 24329
(pool)	8/29/14 - \$ 2,595.45 – checks 3637 to 3651 , draft 24330
(twp)	9/4/14 - \$ 7,549.77 – check 3655 , drafts 24331 to 24341
(pool)	9/4/14 - \$ 714.94 – checks 3656 to 3662 , draft 24342
(twp)	9/12/14 - \$ 7,830.22 – check 3663 , drafts 24343 to 24353
(pool)	9/12/14 - \$ 783.11 – checks 3664 to 3669 , draft 24354
(twp)	9/19/14 - \$ 9,559.09 – check 3671 and 3673 , drafts 24355 to 24365
(pool)	9/19/14 - \$ 516.93 – check 3672 , draft 24366

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

## **New / Old Business**

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 7:28pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt  
Secretary-Treasurer